

**BELL FOUNDATION GIVES
\$5,000.00 FOR LIBRARY
AT MENTONE SCHOOL**

Mrs. Opal Tucker, trustee of Harrison township, has received a check for \$5,000.00 from the Bell Foundation, Inc., for the purchase of books for a Mentone School Library. The check was mailed to Mrs. Tucker October 15, and the letter accompanying it stated that from two to three hundred dollars would be given each year for the purchase of additional books for the unit.

Lawrence Bell, of the Bell Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo, N. Y., is a native of Mentone, and when he returned here last fall as the speaker at the formal dedication of the new gymnasium, he indicated he wanted to do something for the school. In fact, he was eager to do something for the school and the town which has meant so much to him throughout the years. Mentone is still "home" to him and "Larry" is just one of the boys as far as many of the older citizens are concerned.

Since Mr. Bell's offer last fall, local school officials have been working with Mr. Bell and officers of his foundation, but the greatest of expectations by the local officials were far exceeded when they learned of Mr. Bell's plans.

Wednesday afternoon a group of Mentone people met with Morrison Rockhill, Warsaw attorney and boyhood chum of Mr. Bell, and organized a group to administer the funds and establish the new unit in the Mentone school. Mrs. Tucker, trustee, was named chairman, with Dale Kelley, treasurer and Ruth Urschel, secretary. Other members of the board are Walter Kent and Kenneth Riner. The group will meet again Monday to further plan for the Lawrence D. Bell Library for the Mentone School. The state librarian is expected to be in our city in the near future to help with the establishment of the library, and some of the school officials are visiting other libraries to seek guidance and information. Mrs. Tucker, thoughtfully, had already provided a sum in her budget which can be used for furnishings for the library and they will be available after the first of the year.

Mentone has always been proud to claim Mr. Bell as one of its great men, and the choice of the library as a gift