

Finest In Furnishings In New Bell

The new Lawrence D. Bell Mentone School Library (four views shown below) cannot be classified as spectacular as far as size is concerned, but for beauty of design, selection of furnishings and examples of expert craftsmanship, it will rank among the best. Finished and furnished in light oak, and beautifully decorated, every citizen of the area should make it a point to be present for the open house and dedication program to be held on the evening of April 20th, 1955.

The library was made possible by a \$5,000 grant by the Bell Foundation, and through the efforts of a local committee and the assistance of Mrs. Royse Tucker, former Harrison township trustee; teachers and citizens, the library has been in use by the Mentone school students for some time.

Lawrence D. Bell, president of the Bell Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo, New York, was born in Mentone, attended school here, and since leaving to engage in various phases of the aircraft business, has never lost contact with the town and his many

friends here. Inspired by the enthusiasm and accomplishments of the Mentone people while he was here as a special speaker for the dedication of the new high school gymnasium, Mr. Bell expressed his desire to do something more for the town. The grant for the new library is the result of that desire.

Other features to be unveiled at the dedication will be a large painting of Mr. Bell, done especially for the new library by Toni Sisti. It is reported this is the first painted portrait ever made of Mr. Bell.

Twelve large pictures have been received by the school from Mr. Bell and each of them is a fine photograph or drawing of some of Bell's famous airplanes. They show planes that are known in every corner of the world.

The local committee has been greatly assisted in the organization of the library by Miss Carolyn Whiteneck, state school librarian.

When all the present planned purchases are completed, there will be about 2,500 new books on the shelves of the new library.

A special invitation has been extended to pilots of the Civil Air Patrol, librarians and school officials of the area to attend the dedication services and open house.

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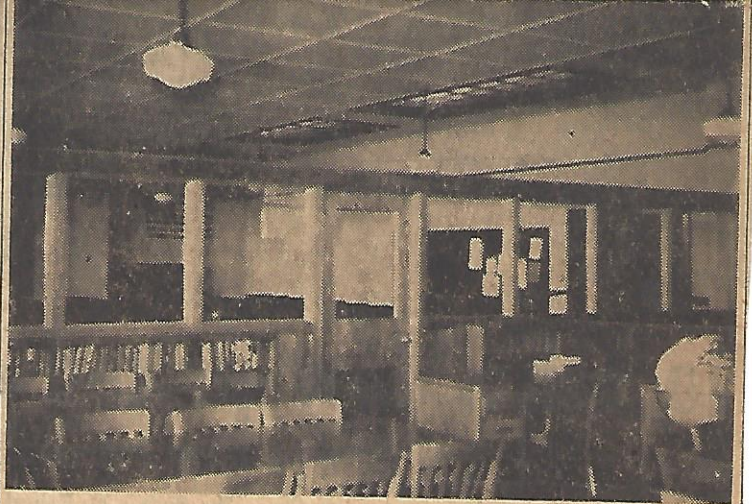
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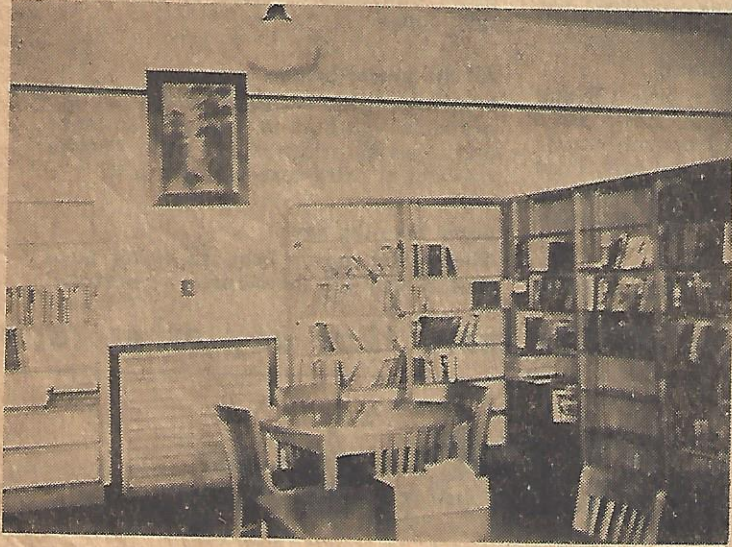
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