

Southwest Iowa's Greatest Daily
CRESTON, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1981.

In contrast to the 147,477 majority which mayor in 1915.

Mrs. Phillips Wires Creston

Best wishes for a successful opening of Creston's new library, which took place yesterday, were wired former Mayor George D. Newcomb by Mrs. Frank Phillips of Bartlesville, Okla., to be read at the event but the message was delayed and was not received here until this forenoon. Mrs. Phillips gave the city \$25,000 to make the building possible and as a result it has been named the Matilda J. Gibson memorial library in honor of Mrs. Phillips' mother, a pioneer resident of Creston. The message follows:

"I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you today and participate in the dedication of the Matilda J. Gibson public library. I am most grateful to you, your administration and a large number of friends in Creston who have helped make this institution possible. I will be with you in spirit and I hope you will have a most successful opening and that this library will endure as a lasting monument to my mother for the benefit of your community in this and future generations."

Many Attend Program

The dedication program in the afternoon was exceptionally well attended. The dance and card party in the evening was described as one of the most pleasing social events of the year. Virtually all of those who attended commented favorably upon the building as a whole and attractive arrangement of the departments.

The principal address on the dedication program was delivered by Frank Miles, Des Moines, editor of the Iowa Legionnaire. (An abstract of his address was published in The News Advertiser yesterday.)

The text of a talk by Homer Harsh, president of the library board, who presented the building to the city follows:

Explains Financing

"We have come together today to dedicate our beautiful new library building made possible by the gift of \$25,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Bartlesville, Okla., and erected as a memorial to Mrs. Phillips' mother, Matilda J. Gibson. The building was first conceived by the Business and Professional Women's club, of which Dr. Theresa Burns is honorary president. Later a plan for building the library and maintaining it was worked out by our former mayor, George D. Newcomb, and his council, and the il-

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