

# Alvina Kincaid resigns

## With library 19 years

Without show or fanfare, Miss Alvina Kincaid resigned from the library staff Friday after nineteen years of service.

The Union Scenic Regional Library personnel presented Miss Kincaid with a gold pin with the years, 1943-62 engraved on the back. The story of Miss Kincaid's role as librarian began after she had retired from the telephone company and had moved to Union to reside with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Greenstreet.

Rev. A. W. Maack, who was on the library board and Miss Kincaid's pastor, suggested she take the job of librarian at the time that Alva Johnson resigned.

Although Miss Kincaid argued that she knew nothing about being a librarian, she accepted the job and began her work in the library, then housed in Union Memorial Auditorium.

### Brightwell headed board

Hamilton Brightwell was president of the library board, Rev. A. W. Maack was vice-president and Mrs. Rosalie Eschbach was secretary-treasurer of the board at that time.

Other members of that board were Mrs. Frank Jenny, Mrs. H.

M. Denny and Miss Helen Pautler. "In those years tthe board had to depend on private contributions and book donations to keep the library going," the attractive little Miss Kincaid recalled.

"The majority of the borrowers at the library were the children, and they always came to the library after school hours. After the youngsters once realized that the library was to be taken care of and respected, I never had any discipline problem with them."

Miss Kincaid continued by stating, "The library was always housed in the Memorial Auditorium until it was moved to its present location. Of course during the rationing period of the war, the library had to be moved upstairs to make room for the government.

### First vacation 1948

The library was open three days a week during the time when Miss Kincaid was the entire staff. She managed to take her first vacation from the library in 1948.

Miss Kincaid plans to devote part of her retirement time to continuing her hobbies of fancy work. She voices optimism about the future of the library and smiles when she states that the library will continue to be a success "as long as the children keep coming."



Miss Alvina Kincaid, who has worked in the Union Library for the past 19 years, resigned Friday. Standing with Miss Kincaid is Miss Lucy Lomax, chief librarian for Scenic Regional Library. Miss Kincaid started at the Union Public Library in 1923. (Tribune photo)