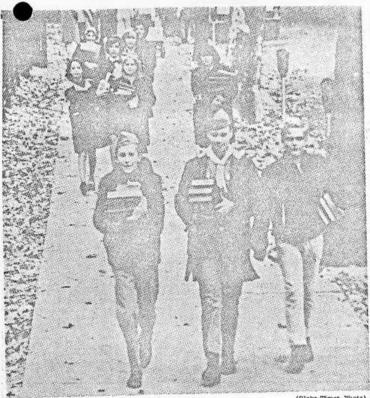
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SCOUTS moves down New Street, books in hand, during moving day operation. Hundreds of volunteers turned out to help transfer volmes from the old Mar-ket Street library to the new City Cen-ter building.

Volunteers Put Muscle Into Library Moving Day

"Operation Books" had volumes of backing today from Bethlehem residents both young and old.

At noon, 440 volunteers had registered to help transfer \$9,000 library annex be sold at public Library on Market St. to the gleaming new concrete, glass and steel structure in the new City Center complex.

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Have H. Gordon Payrow will of old Army fatigues, was recommend to city council on armong the army of volunteers lending arms, legs and muscles to the mammoth job.

Moving day at the library was stimated that vans leased by the Bethlehem Jaycees would new City Center complex.

Army of Volunteers

The remaining volumes, abut 20,000 were being carried by hand downhill on New St. by a carefree army of high school and elementary pupils.

The youth army was entrusted with many of the larger volumes which presented awkward packing problems, Mrs. Seidle

said.
The smaller children were The smaller charges were component working the component of registering, for free refreshments at the snack bar set up in the annex and statisf by MOHA Club more constanted on Page 2, Col.

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each round trip.

supervised the book carriers, library,

morning at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Seidle reported. At noon, volunteers were still reporting. Many planned to stay until the operation ended at dusk, others donated a few hours of their day.

Is staff members are anticipated, weeks later it was announced that matching gifts surpassed the publisher's gift by almost \$50,000.

When civic-minded groups and individuals proposed that the dibrary bear Adams' name be day.

Among the hundreds in the Co. band.
work force were Girl and Boy The Co. work force were Girl and Boy
Scouts, members of the high
school Key Clubs, Junior
Leaguers, and Lehigh fraternity
Side library branch. Stacks were

To the Adams' gift of \$250,000 and the public subscription, were added a \$400,000 state grant and a \$500,000 contribution

'Blg Move'

could be completed today.

"This is really a big move. Payrow It seems bigger every day."

Nov. 20 when the new library Board owns the main section. goes into limited operation, according to Miss Preston.

worn books were discarded in worth at least \$80,000. the past few months.

one - week period from Monday quarters, until Nov. 20, since that time Payrow reported that

"shop" in the new structure.

225,000 Capacity

shelving capacity. Of course office space and for book since many books are expected catalogs. Three apartments to be in circulation the actual were included.

this move, Miss Preston said, of the building can be sold If have a great many books from which to choose. The an important historical area of number will be increased the city. steadily.

Miss Preston took her 20 Adams Portrait member staff on a tour of the When the new library opens. new library this afternoon.

It was a popular easis for the five times larger than the be in a prominent spot. children, many returning after Market St. library. A total of Jaycee member Ed Beighe space is provided in the new library a reality on June 2,

Paul Horvath assisted him.

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Bethlehem and a met his challenge grant raising campaign.

Books remaining after the volunteers depart this evening will be trucked to the City Center by professional movers, it for a time as a band hall because the public library was former Bethlehem Steel Corp. declined, suggesting instead that the institution continue to bear declined and the city name.

This was fitting, he declared, because the public library was a result of community effort. for the former Bethlehem Steel a result of community effort.

installed in the early 1930s.

"We've had the same "Your guess is as good as furniture in here for 40 years," mine," Miss Preston replied to Miss Preston said, "and nothing a query on whether the move (major) has been done to the building in all that time."

had planned recommend that the Annex and The library staff, Jaycees and the main building be sold for volunteers did not have to move \$100,000 at an October council an additional 20,000 books at meeting. But he later found the present in circulation. Those city did not own the entire books are not due back until building — the Public Library

Payrow said the annex was purchased in 1959 for \$75,000. Also, about 1,000 outdated and He thinks the annex is now

The building is being sold Library patrons will be forced because the library is moving to use other resources for the into its new City Center head-

will be utilized for setting up stations would not be allowed

to bid for the annex.

According to library staff, the The new library has a 225,000 annex was used mainly for

working library volume figure Dr. Seidle said it is hoped the Annex and the main section the Annex and the main section

The building, he said, is in

portrait of Globe-Times The new library is more than publisher Rolland L. Adams will

Adams became the prime 45,000 square feet of usable mover in making the new 1965 when he pledged a \$250,000 challenge grant to the fund

> Bethlehem and area residents met his challenge and a few

To the Adams' gift of \$250,000

