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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 forencon. Mrs. Phillips gave the city \$25,000 to make the building possible and as a result it has been named the Matilda J. Gibson mem-orial 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 adminis-tration and a large number of Triends 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 atatternoon was exceptionally well at-tended. 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 de-partments. partments.

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 Advertiger yesterday.) The text of a talk by Homer Harsh, president of the library board, who presented the building to the city follows: The principal address on the

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Explains Financing.

"We have come together today to dedicate our beautiful new library building made possible by the gift of \$15,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Hartlesville, Okia., and eracted at 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. Thereis Burns is honorary president. Later a plan for building the library and maintaining it was worked out by our former mayor, George D. Nowcomb, and his council, and the li-

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of England, pictured here as he arrived in New York from London. Norman, a power in world finance, was expected to discuss the plan with international bankers in Wall

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(Continued from page 1.) brary board, which was appointed by Mayor Newcomb. The council levied a tax of three and one-half mills which has completed the building, will provide for mainten-ance and will furnish a fund to buy books.

"The lot cost \$10,000 and the building complete as it stands cost \$25,444.01 making a total amount expended for library and grounds with \$35,444.01. I think you will agree old. with our library board that one of our dreams has come true and that we have a library of which we may be proud. It will be a fine addition to our public school system which has taken a place among the better school systems of the state. As some of you may know, it will remove a black spot from the state map for Creston and Union county as we were one of the four or five counties in the state without a dibrary.

Free Of Dobt. "At this time on behalf of the library board I would like to thank all who have donated so many fine books, money, fixtures and time to the library. Your library board consisting of Mrs. D. Davenport, Mrs. A. R. Maxwell, Mrs. E. D. Arnold, Mrs. J. M. Thomas, Dr. Theresa Burns, Supt. George DeWolf, Rev. George Mitchell and Father Wise, have met many nights and days and their time has been given willingly. Our building and grounds commitmpany, tee, Mrs. Arnold, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Thomas has worked unceasingly the last month and has raised around \$1,000 to buy books. finish the building and landscape our grounds.

"Your board has had one thought in mind since we started to plan the building, and that was to finish the building without any debt, and we are proud and happy to be able to turn our library over to the city, free of debt, ready for our librarian, Miss Bella Alderson, to

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