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ALLISTON
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-HOURS-

TUE. 3-6 PM

FRI. 2-9 PM

SAT. 2-6 PM

MISS ELSIE NEY HONoured FOR LONG SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Thirty years of faithful service to Alliston Public Library and to thousands of Library readers were recognized last Friday at a reception and tea in the Library Hall for Miss Elsie Ney.

Miss Ney, who took over as librarian in 1937, from Miss Jean Banting who was leaving to be married, saw book circulation increase from 70 a week to over 400 when she retired on December 31st of last year. In that same period membership was at least tripled.

Thirty years ago the Library was still operated by the Women's Institute, which had started it, and was open two afternoons a week only. (Miss Ney recalls that her first cheque, for a month, was for \$19 and she considered that a very satisfactory amount.)

Two or three years later, in 1939 or '40, the library became the Alliston Public Library and a Library Board was formed. Gradually library hours were extended to three afternoons a week and one night.

Over the years, the late Miss Myrtle Ney and Miss Sadie Ney frequently lent a hand to their sister and helped her over many a busy time.

"Any highlights that you can recall?", we asked Miss Ney, "any especially amusing happenings, any catastrophes?" "No catastrophes," said Miss Ney, but, of course, lots of funny incidents, although some of the most amusing wouldn't do to print."

Looking back, Miss Ney men-

tions how much she enjoyed the social life and the many friends she made through her library work. Always, it was her aim to make the library more welcoming, a place where people would feel at home, and free, if they liked, to just sit down and rest.



Back at the old stand

Where could there be a more suitable place for a picture of Miss Elsie Ney than standing at the door of the Library where she presided for thirty years? On Monday of this week Miss Ney helpfully agreed to pose for this impromptu picture.

(Alliston Herald Photo)