



Newly elected officers of the Waukesha Writers' Workshop, Mrs. James Gumb, president, 3301 S. Monterey Dr., and Ben Schinkel, corresponding secretary, 14340 W. Rogers Dr., both of New Berlin, congratulated Miss Alice Baker of Eagle on her latest publication, the centennial booklet for the Eagle Methodist Church. Miss Baker, 89, has written for many state publications and holds a life membership in the workshop in which she's been active since 1952.

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Library News

We wish to share with you the following article written by Mable Thomas, descendant of the first pioneer resident of Eagle, current Library Board member of the Alice Baker Memorial Library.

"The EAGLE PUBLIC LIBRARY was named after ALICE BAKER who came from a pioneer family of Eagle, WI. She was a long-time educator and started her teaching career in 1910 at the Eagleville School. After graduating from Whitewater Normal School, now known as the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, she taught at Eagleville and then Viroqua.

She then went to Montana where she was a botany teacher, and returned some years later to Wisconsin to teach at Whitewater High School, Lancaster and Eau Claire.

Her brother, Earl Baker, had gone to China in 1915 to unify their communication systems and in 1934, Alice visited him there and remained two years to teach at the Kuling School in Peking. Her students were the children of American businessmen and missionaries.

Upon her return to Eagle in 1936, she taught at the Eagleville School again, then went into substitute work. She retired in 1945 after teaching at Shullsburg.

Miss Baker was a member of the Writer's Club, and wrote numerous articles for "Landmark," the Waukesha County Historical Society's publication.

Alice Baker was dedicated to the need for a public library in Eagle and devoted much time and effort to make it possible. However, she died April 15, 1974, at the age of 91 without the knowledge that a library would be established within the next few months and that it would be named in her honor."