



LINDA CHANEY (left) and MERCI MARTINO, library assistants at Dickinson High School, are returning books to the shelves where they are kept in exact catalogue order in more than 23,000 slots required to hold them all.

Unusual Library

DICKINSON—There is a saying among students with a serious intellectual bent that for real academic attainment in an educational career a college must be picked that has not only outstanding professors but a library with enough resources to support extensive research. The only way such a library can be assembled is through a plentiful supply of money coupled with long years of collecting since old periodicals and books that are out of print often cannot be bought regardless of price.

What holds true for colleges holds equally true for high schools, and in this respect the Dickinson High School Library can boast of some envious statistics. It houses over 23,000 volumes in one central location which includes reading and study areas. Into the selection of these volumes has gone the help of professional guides and the advice and requests of students, teachers, administrators, and citizens of the community.

The library has been in existence since the 1930's and

its collection of periodicals dates back even before that time. Interested citizens through the years have given private collections of magazines to the library and these have been bound so that its supply of magazines actually dates from 1918 to the present time. These magazines have proven to be one of the library's most valuable sources of reference. By using the ABRIDGED READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE articles in these bound volumes of magazines can be located with a minimum of effort. At present the library subscribes to every magazine listed in the ABRIDGED READER'S GUIDE and has them bound twice a year.

Local and government funds have enabled the library to purchase more than just basic needs in the reference field. Technical sets of encyclopedias and dictionaries provide an abundance of detailed information for the students; and special indices on various subjects are easy guides to reviews of books, lives of authors, poetry, plays, etc. Sets of hard-bound books available for classroom use have also been provided by the library.

With its unusual collection the Dickinson High School Library feels it can take care of the needs of all its students. For the studious, serious-minded boys or girls the resources are always available to match the requirements of their intellectual talents.

The Dickinson High School Library encourages citizens to use its resources for material that is not available at public libraries. Gifts of books are also encouraged because a book which a housewife might decide to discard could be on the high school reading list.