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EDITOR'S COLUMN

THERE WERE 300 plus spectators on May 30th, when the new Norman F. Feldheym Central Library was dedicated. Dave Light, as the Master of Ceremonies, introduced numerous VIP's in the audience and among them was Larry B. Harvey, President of the Library Board of Trustees, who was directly responsible for founding Odyssey. When our society was started, Larry asked Chris Harris and I if he and Santa Fe Federal Savings and Loan (then his employer) could assist in financing some sort of monthly bulletin to keep our members informed of coming events. Odyssey was the result, and for the next three years Larry was responsible for funding us until we could get enough advertisers to keep going. We will never forget his help!

The beautiful new library will house over 200,000 volumes, 500-16mm films, an art gallery, microcomputer laboratory - the first of its kind in the United States - along with a 200-seat lecture hall, 2,250 square-foot meeting room, and an enlarged California Room, with newspaper microfilms, printers, viewers, etc.

Old-timers have waited for years for a library like this; watching numerous library bond issues defeated by local voters to their overwhelming dismay. It seemed like no one was interested in FREE education anymore; something a library can give better than anyone else to both young and old alike.

Now that is all in the past. The new library is here to stay and everyone will be the better for it! It is slated to open in September, 1985.

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