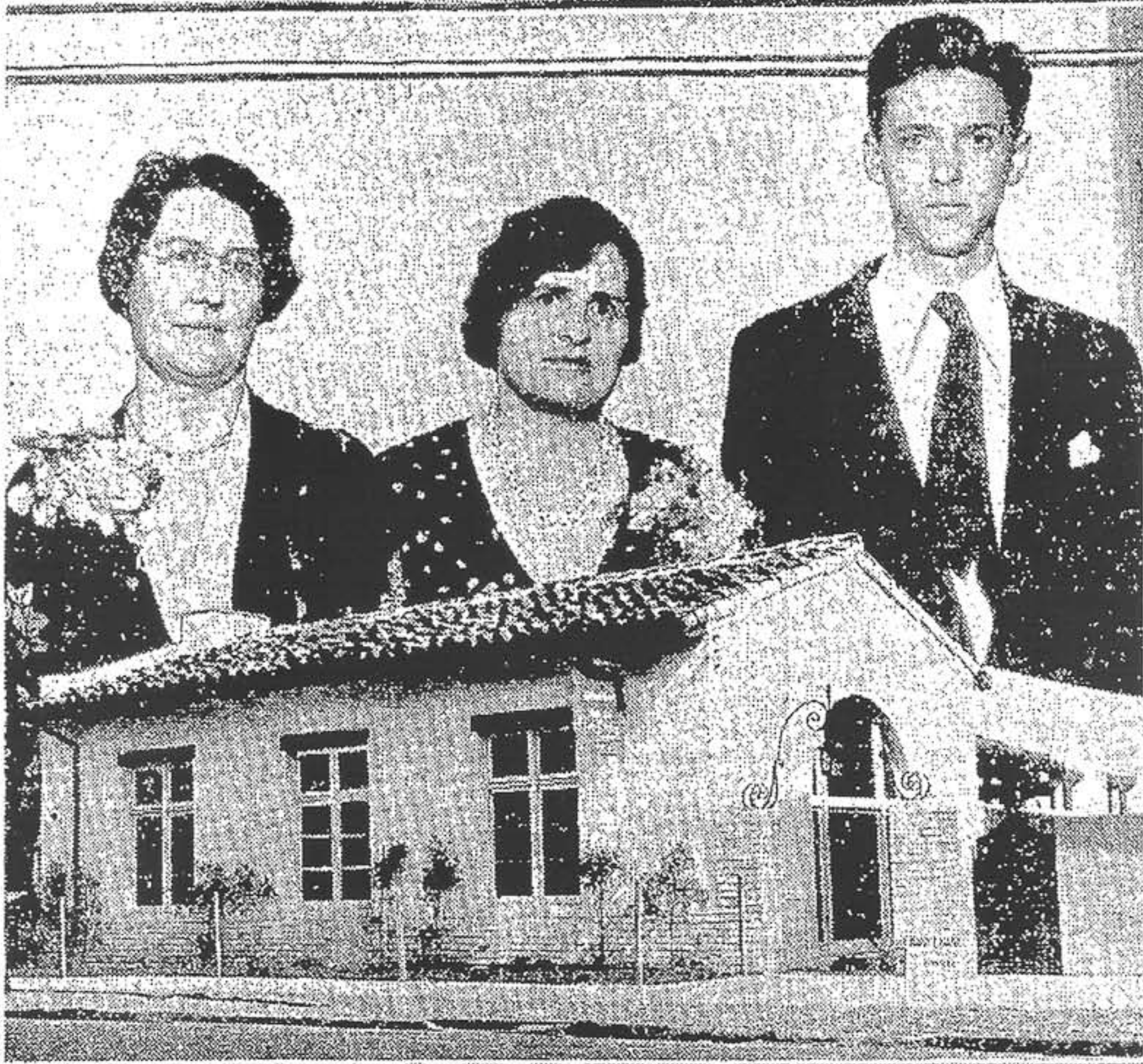


NEW LIBRARY OPENS DOORS



A view of the new Piedmont branch of the Oakland Free Library, dedicated last night in a ceremony at which public officials and others were speakers, is shown above. The building is of the Spanish architectural type and represents features of

the most modern libraries. Its shelves will be charge of Miss Katherine Gray (left), branch librarian; Miss Wilma Edsen, her assistant, at John Ranson, page.

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Piedmont Branch Library Opens With 2000 Volumes

Shelves of the Piedmont branch of the Oakland Free Library, which contain more than 2000 volumes, were opened to the public today following dedicatory exercises last night to signalize completion of the new branch structure and its addition to the Oakland library system.

The new building, which, with its lot, represents an investment of about \$15,000, is located at 160 Forty-first street, a short distance west of Piedmont avenue.

It is of the Spanish style of architecture and has every feature of the modern library building.

BUILDING LEASED.

The building has been leased by the Oakland Free Library for a five-year period and may re-lease if the library board desires.

"Our libraries occupy a definite place in community life," said Dr. W. J. McCracken, president of the library board and chairman of the dedicatory exercises. "They give our young people education and culture, and because of this are decided assets to the community. Minds of the young are broadened, the horizon of their intellects is widened, making them better citi-

zens, with more to offer to their city, state and nation."

Dr. McCracken traced the history of the public library system in Oakland from its beginning with a small literary group back in 1854 to the present day.

FIRST LIBRARY HERE.

The first library in Oakland was built with a \$3000 appropriation from the city, he declared.

A larger structure was erected in 1874 at the present site of the city hall, he said, and in 1902 the late Andrew Carnegie gave the present main library and several of its branches to the city.

Among other speakers last night were Dr. John Slavich, representing the mayor and council of Oakland; City Manager Ossian E. Carr, Mayor Oliver Ellsworth of Piedmont, J. E. Learner, Mrs. Grace LaVomme, J. S. Buckley, Rev. Thomas O'Malley, Mrs. Ralph Smith, W. Wallace Furze and Miss Katherine Gray, branch librarian, who will be in charge of the new building.

She will be assisted by Miss Wilma Edsen and John Ranson, page.

ALUMNAE PLAY FASHION SHOW

SAN FRANCISCO, March

Thirty models will show the latest gowns and hats for the spring season at the annual bridge and fashion show of the Notre Dame academy alumnae to be April 2 at the Fairmont hotel.

Alumnae and former students from all parts of the state are expected to attend. The affair is given for the benefit of Notre Dame academy, which is the oldest school for girls in San Francisco.

A committee in charge of arrangements includes Marjorie Bach, Alne Smiddy, Doris O'Connor, Clare Harney, Ray Feely, Helen Gallagher, Moroney, Rose McBryde, Ma McDaniels, Madlyn Diehl, Doran, Annette Nealon, J. Kelley, Marie Peasecke, Betty, Cecile Kelly, Alice Marie Nell O'Day, Marie Lennon, Margaret Collins, Josephine T. Mildred Lagormarsine and Mrs. Wheelan.

Patronesses will be Mrs. T. O'Connor, Mrs. C. L. Crandona, E. L. Scott, Mrs. Raymond Willson, Mrs. Anthony T'odesta, G. D. Harper, Jr., Mrs. 16