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Monterey residents will be assured of a better library at less cost to the taxpayer. One of the Monterey Library's treasured possessions has already benefited through the initial steps of the program. It appears have been made under Mrs. Dries' direction from the three-volume Vancouver's Voyages, published in 1798, recording early explorations of the Monterey coast. This set is one of the last books remaining. A similar set was sold recently for \$550.

LONG SUFFERANCE
Dries' private life Mrs. Edith Dries is a short, stout, middle-aged woman, with a certain enthusiasm for her chosen cause. Books, rightly handled, she insists, "can be a great part."

A native of Minnesota, where she published a newspaper for her early years and her mother was a regular contributor to the local and other national magazines. Mrs. Dries has always shown the fascination of fine printing and rare books. First a printer herself, she later served as a newspaper reporter in San Francisco, where much of her life has been spent.

After preliminary studies in book-binding in this country, where the art of book-binding could be counted on the fingers of one hand, Mrs. Dries went to England and in

many forms of design, including a modern application of gold tooling on a suitable level. Into the making of her books went only the best possible materials—leather from England, the finest linen thread and cord from Ireland. Believing that "the outward dress of a book should befit its inward spirit," she relates both material and design to the book's theme.

WIDELY EXHIBITED
Her works have been exhibited widely, winning notable awards wherever shown and finding their way into famous collections like that of the Berlin State Museum, and the private libraries of Ernest Bloch, Hiram Bingham, and the late Templeton Crocker. Mrs. Dries recently bound in Nigerian goatskin as a gift a copy of Paolo Sarpi's "Council of Trent," printed in London in 1676 for the library of William and Mary University.

During the war years, when materials became scarce, Mrs. Dries worked in the Folger Shakespeare Library, the second largest collection of English renaissance literature in the world and the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., teaching also the history of graphic arts and book-binding in the graduate school. Well-known as a lecturer before university

Relief Corps Head

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 28 (AP)—Mrs. Bernice Gates, of Vallejo, yesterday was elected president of the Women's Relief Corps, oldest and largest of five auxiliary groups of the Grand Army of the Republic meeting in conventions here. She succeeds Mrs. Edith Comyns, of San Pedro.

Other new officers are Mrs. Betty Wheeler of San Diego, senior vice president, Mrs. Helen Kleinfeld of Hanford, junior vice president, and Mrs. Hazel Downing of Laguna Beach, treasurer.

The conventions, in conjunction with the annual G. A. R. California-Nevada encampment, ended today. Only one civil war veteran, 100-year-old Theodore Penland of Vancouver, Wash., National G. A. R. commander, was able to attend. Santa Cruz was chosen for next year's convention site.

New officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic elected today are:

Mrs. Anna Volles of Los Angeles, president, Mrs. Lucetta Oakley of Sacramento, senior vice president, Mrs. Georgia Fisher of Los Angeles, junior vice president, Mrs. Mary Grownley of San Francisco, chaplain, and Mrs. Anna Jarvis of Richmond, historian.

Man's Claim as Son

LOS ANGELES, April 28 (AP)—A Folies girl's "voice from the grave" yesterday accented a man's claim that he is the son of the late W. C. Fields and entitled to a share of the comedian's \$771,428 estate.

On file in superior court are a deathbed letter written by the showgirl and letters allegedly written by Fields.

The letters are part of a deposition filed in probate court yesterday in behalf of William Revford Fields Morris, who claims to be Fields' son. His whereabouts and occupation were not disclosed.

He is represented by a Boston law firm and by Louis Thomsen, Los Angeles attorney.

A petition accompanying the deposition said statements in it were made April 16 at Onset, Mass., by Bessie Adelaide Withersell, mother of the Folies girl, Bessie Chatterton Poole. Morris filed a petition in superior court Feb. 3 to determine his share in the many-sided contest over the estate of Fields, who died Christmas Day, 1946. Morris was not mentioned in Fields' will, dated April 28, 1943.

WIFE SUES FOR SHARE
The comedian's long-estranged wife, Mrs. Harriet V. Fields, who

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