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FOL Conducts First Ever Fund Raising Yard Sale

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It began June 1 while FOL volunteers were setting up the children's book sale. A member of the library staff approached George Cline, FOL president, with a request to call someone back about a donation of an estimated five thousand books. The donors wanted the books picked up as soon as possible that day, so George quickly mustered a group of workers, a trailer and more than one hundred empty boxes and asked everyone to meet over at the donor's house at 1:30 p.m. Once they arrived and assessed the situation, the group spread out to the four corners of the house and quickly began packing up the hundreds upon hundreds of books found everywhere, including the basement. By the time they were done, FOL had hauled off fifty-nine boxes of books to be evaluated for resale.

Evidently our little band of FOL volunteers impressed the owners of the house with their diligence and speed because that weekend the owners called George and asked if the FOL would be interested in conducting a yard sale of the remaining contents of their house and basement. They lived out of state and had neither the time nor resources to undertake such a huge project. They offered to give the FOL half of all proceeds. Cline conferred with a couple of FOL members and the decision was made to accept the offer.

The sale was set for 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., one day only, Friday, June 15. Preparation was one day also, the day before the sale. Our volunteers spent the better part of the day hauling out furniture, TV's, pictures, lamps, knickknacks, more books, dozens of dog toys, dry goods, kitchenware and assorted other miscellaneous items to a huge trailer in the front yard. Frank Hampson hauled 1300 pounds of old newspapers and magazines away for recycling (at .02 cents per pound). Other magazines and periodicals, mostly on gardening and horticulture, were salvaged by Mary Wright and Nola Barnett and transported to the FOL storage facility for later inclusion into a book sale. There must have been about a ton of clothing, all of which the women would later sort by condition and deal with accordingly.

Teams worked upstairs and downstairs sorting, organizing and pricing. Items were displayed in either the basement or the back yard. The outside merchandise was covered for the night and left to await the following dawn. It was a long, hot and exhausting day that ended after dark.

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