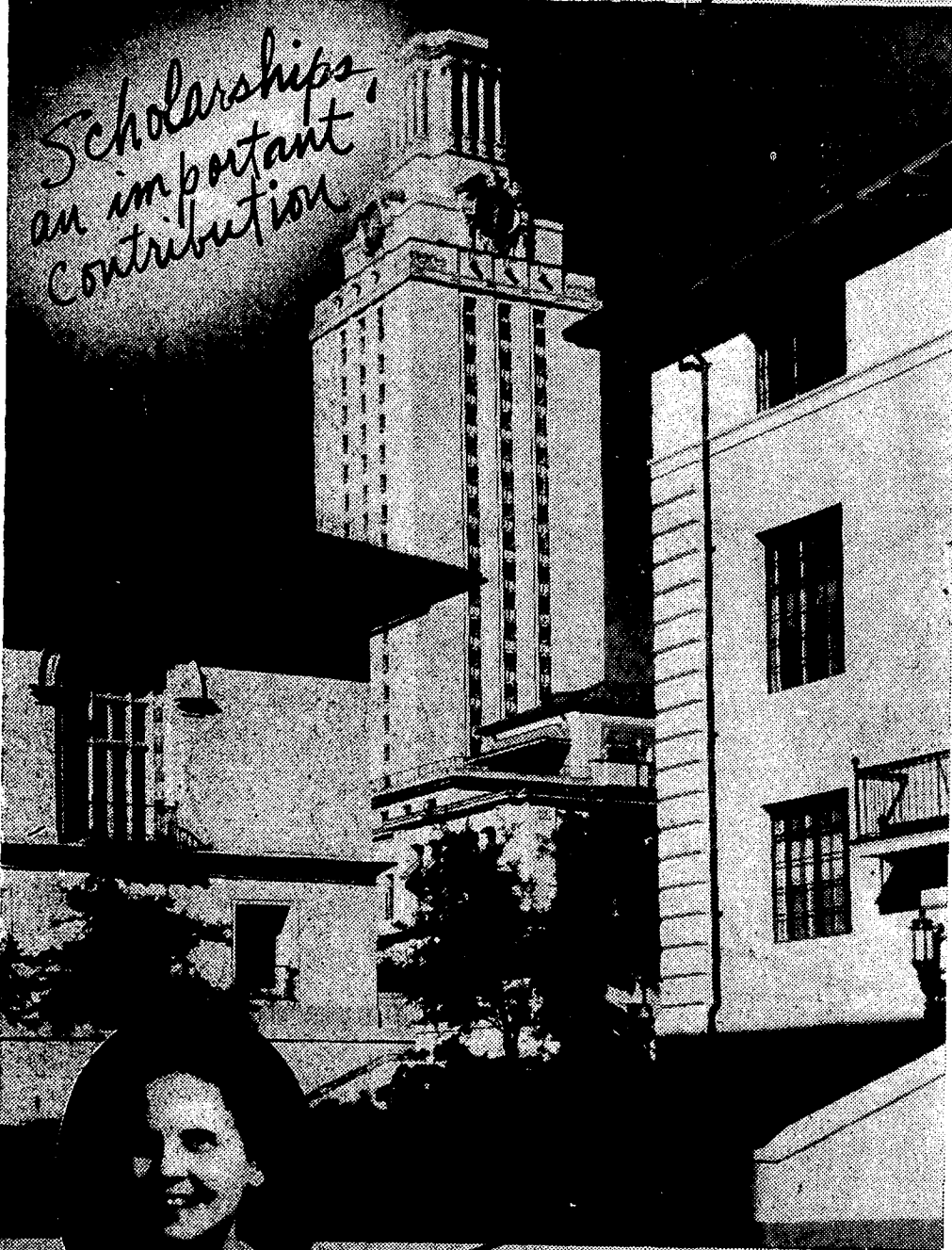


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Austin, Texas, Sunday, February 3, 1963



*Austin Community Nurseries*



*Scholarships  
an important  
contribution*



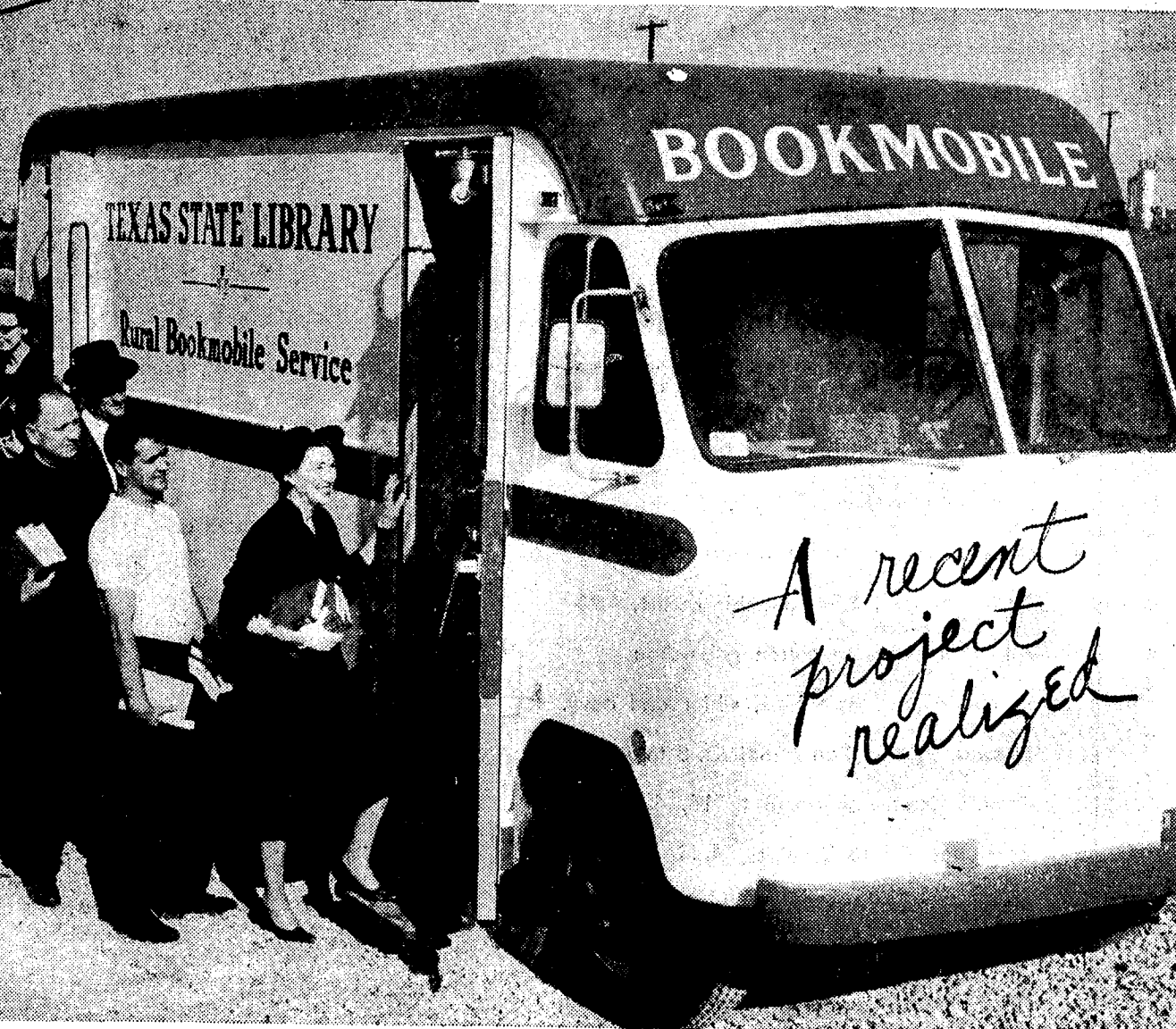
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1948-49



Mrs. F. B. May  
1959-60

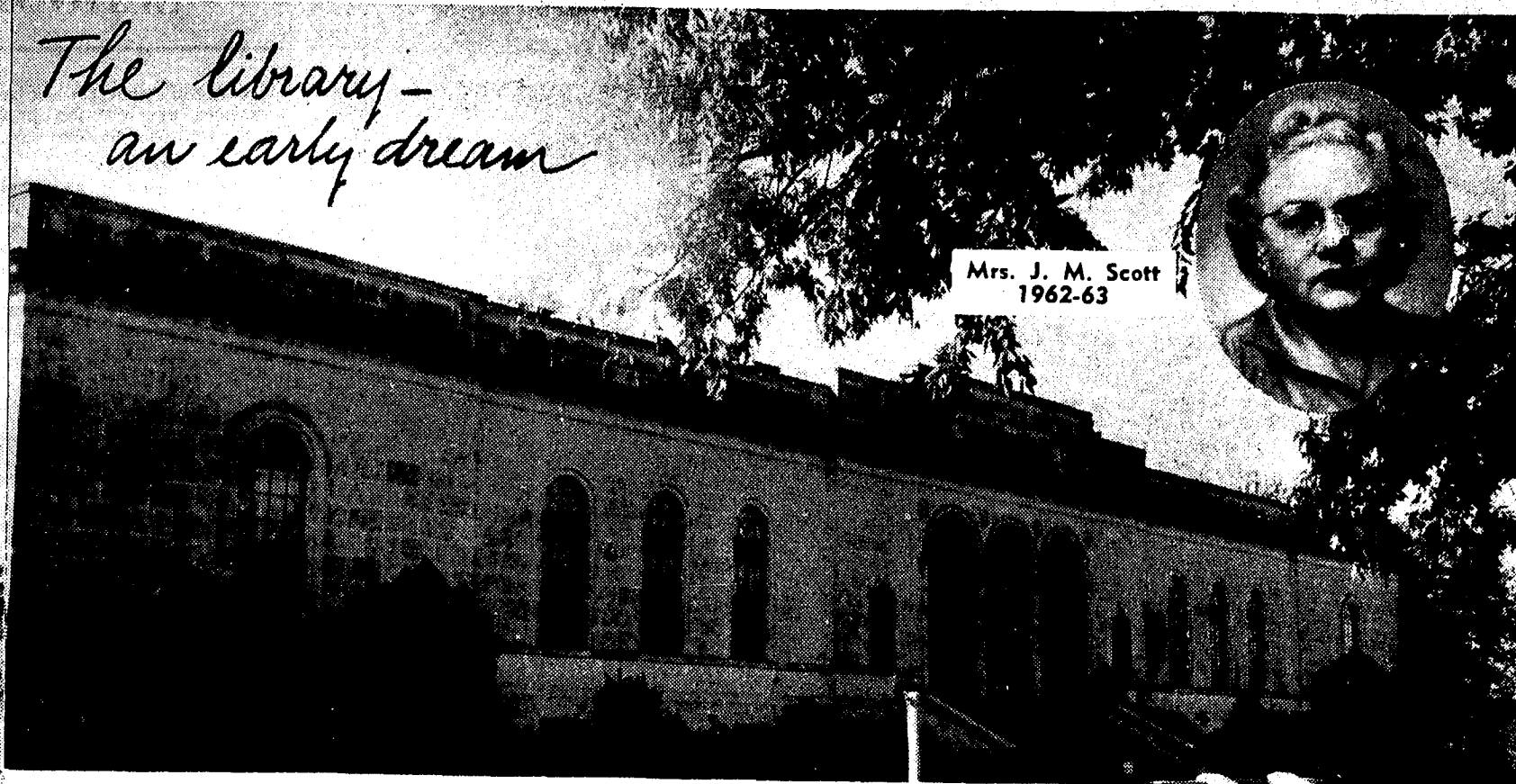


Mrs. R. V. Baker  
1956-57



*A recent  
project  
realized*

*The library -  
an early dream*



Mrs. J. M. Scott  
1962-63

## AAUW: 40 Years of Service

By Mary Ellen Harvick

It was 1923, just a few years after women got the vote and before Austin had a library.

Seventy women, all with college degrees, organized the Austin Branch, American Association of University Women. They had big ideas—raising standards of education, enlightening women on civic affairs, raising the status of women, and promoting the study of human relations among cities, states and other countries.

This year marks their 40th anniversary. The Austin Branch, more than 200 strong, can look back at solid accomplishments in community improvement—and forward to the challenge of the space age.

The club's first project was to beautify the city. Next, members worked for a public library, and by 1926 a total of \$1,800 and 500 books had been collected to open a library in an upstairs room in the Slaughter Building on Congress Avenue. Twenty-five years later members pitched in to get a bookmobile for Travis County—the library would go to the people.

In the meantime, AAUW started other concrete civic projects—the Well Child Clinic, now an agency of the United Fund; the Chalmers Nursery School, now known as the Austin Community Nursery School, also a UF agency; a series of dramas for children, and scholarship and fellowship programs.

For the members, study groups were organized—international relations, writers, recent graduates, professional women, Spanish, foreign cuisine and customs, conversational French, arts, mass media, social and economic issues, book reviews, bridge, current literature, sewing, and education. Social events, such as the Christmas tea, have become traditional.

Members have proved their civic responsibility in other fields—in education, government, business—and, always, as informed contributing members of society.



Mrs. J. L. Love  
1949-50



Mrs. Addison Lee  
1950-51



Mrs. C. E. Browning  
1951-52



Mrs. L. P. Speaker  
1952-53



Mrs. T. A. Hodges  
1953-54



*There was no  
U.T. tower  
in 1923*