

Glass Library and Museum

AS a service to the glass industry, to the railroads and all other users of glass, the Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y., has broadened the scope of its research library and has established a museum of glass. The new Corning Museum of Glass and its associated library are to be located in a new building, the Corning Glass Center, which is to be opened on May 17, at Corning, N. Y. It is of interest that the establishment of the new center takes place in the centennial year of Corning Glass Works, which was founded in Somerville, Mass., in 1851.

Books, manuscripts and exhibits on the art and techniques of glass-making prior to 1900 will be housed in the new glass library. Books, magazines, technical reports and other forms of information regarding the advances of glass technology and economics since the turn of the century will remain in the present Corning Glass Works library in the main office building.

The usefulness of the library and museum to railroads and other industries will be enhanced by the able assistance of the library staff under the direction of Mrs. William J. Mack, librarian. Mrs. Mack joined Corning Glass Works in 1920 as secretary for W. C. Taylor, now director of manufacturing, and Dr. J. T. Littleton, now director of research. In 1932 she was appointed company librarian, and since that time she has pursued studies of the glass industry, as well as developed techniques of library work to locate

information on glass subjects. She has also taken an active part in activities such as the New York State Library Association.

Mrs. Mack's family, on both sides, has been engaged for generations in the glass industry. Her maternal grandfather was one of the first copper-wheel engravers to come to the United States. Originally from Bohemia, he learned his trade in Scotland before emigrating to America. Her father was also a glass

cutter, associated with the Hoare firm which originally cut blanks made by Corning Glass Works.

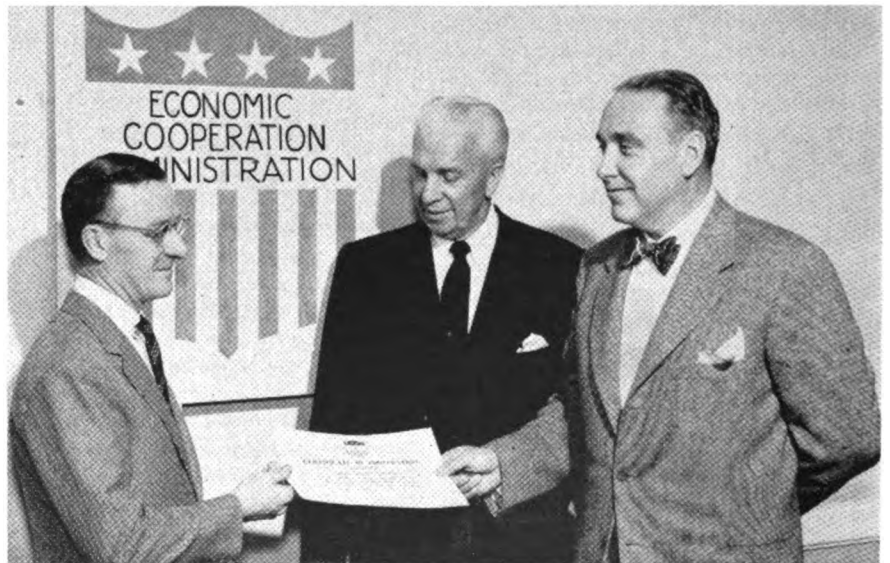
Norma Heinrich, assistant librarian, will assist Mrs. Mack in the library of the Corning Museum of Glass. Miss Heinrich is a chemist by profession and a graduate of Syracuse University. She has been with Corning Glass Works since June 1949, and is an active member of the Division of Chemical Literature, American Chemical Society.

In addition to the Library and Museum, the Corning Glass Center



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will include a complete Steuben glass manufacturing plant with visitors' galleries from which the entire process of hand manufacture of glass may be observed. It will be open to the public on a year-round basis, every day except Mondays.



Edward O. Boshell, (right), chairman of the board and president of The Union Switch and Signal Company, receives a Marshall Plan Certificate of Cooperation from John V. Murrin (left) president of council, Borough of Swissvale. Herbert A. May, (center) senior vice-president of Union Switch looks on. The certificate, signed by William C. Foster, economic cooperation administrator, was given in recognition of the technical aid and assistance given by Union Switch to groups of experts from Western European countries, visiting the United States under the auspices of the Marshall Plan.