New York Times article on Truman Library

in First Year of Operation -Increase Is Predicted

Special to The New INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Sept. 27-In its first year of operation, the Harry S. Truman Library here was visited by 101,-

The visitors included 15,145 lica of the formuschool children on organized study in the Whittours and men and women from Dr. Brooks St. tours and men and women from all forty-eight states and sixty foreign countries. More than 80 per cent of them were from outside the Kansas City metropolitan area, They included visitors from such places as Sarawak, Cambodia, Nigeria Sarawak, (

dential papers are being arranged and books are being purchased and catalogued to build up a reference library on the history of the Presidency in general and the Truman Administration in particular.

Documents Sorted

The Archives Services, which is operating the library, is also sorting the tens of thousands of documents to remove, temporarily, classified occuments and others that might embar-rass living Americans. Because the library is now the property of the United States Govern-ment, officials were careful to

point out that this st being taken out of consider tion for Republicans

Under the terms of the lioperation, all children Attracted 101,530 Visitors under 12 years of age and the street of the s ted free. students on pay 50 cents. All others. organized tours. The fees are used support the library

Among the most popular ex-hibits the first year were the jeweled swords given President Truman by the King of Saudy y the King of Saudi Arabia, a rug from sented to the battleship souri by this state and

exhibits would be that the Presidential would be ready for selspring of 1959.

Many Student Visitors

Although the library Dr. Philip C. Brooks, the library's director, expects that the crowds during the second year, which began Sept. 16, will be eyen larger. "Efforts are being made to have the library shown on road maps," he declared.

Another factor will be the opening of source material to scholars. Currently, the Presidential papers are being armade government."

dedicated on July 6, 1957, it was not completed and opened to the public until Sept. 16. "The library staff is especially pleased by the large number of educational tours," Dr. Brooks said. "Since the major objective of the library is to one on material to scholars. Currently, the Presidential papers are being armade government." dedicated on July

Most of the visitors, he said, also want to see the Truman home at Truman Road and home at Truman Road and North Delaware Street in Inde-

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