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Message from the O L A President

On a dark and unholy night early in June fire broke out in the temporary quarters which have for several years housed the library of the Oklahoma City University. When the firement eventually brought the flames under control and Frances Kennedy could take stock of her tragic situation she discovered the loss of the 100s, 200s and 300s of the basic collection, a splendid group of Bibles in various languages, as well as other precious materials serving the faculty and student body of this great university of our largest municipality. This is not the first great library in Oklahoma to be damaged or destroyed by fire. It will, unfortunately, not be the last of our library collections needlessly to go up in smoke unless we face this problem of the unsuitability of frame buildings as repositories for books and other library materials. Surely, the inconvenience to the students and faculty, the cost of replacement, the loss of irreplaceable items and other factors dictate fireproof housing for our precious libraries. There is, perhaps, not a librarian in the State today who at some time or other has not been called upon to place whole collections in some former barracks building, an abandoned gymnasium, or in some other frame building and fire-trap. It would astonish us to know how much library material in our private and public institutions of Oklahoma is stored in frame buildings, unpatrolled and unworthy of our faith.

None of our tears or regrets now can lure back a single charred volume lost in the O. C. U. fire. Our sympathies go out to Frances Kennedy, to the faculty and student body which she and her associates so graciously serve, and to which several distinguished librarians once gave much of their own time and strength. But we can, perhaps, derive some benefit from this tragedy if we will cause administra-tive attention throughout the state to be focused on all of our materials housed inadequately and in danger and bring about the removal of this material at the earliest moment to safe quarters where fire and water cannot reach them.

O L A Officers

Officers of the Oklahoma Library Association elected by the membership in annual meeting at Norman on March 17 are as follows:

President—Dr. Gaston Litton, Archivist, University of Oklahoma Library
1st Vice President — Eugenia Maddox, Librarian, University of Tulsa Library
2nd Vice President — Elizabeth Gels, Librarian, Emerson Junior High School, Enid
Secretary—Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, Librarian, Art Library, University of Oklahoma, Treasurer — Willard Watson, Assistant Cataloger, University of Tulsa Library

Meetings Scheduled


October 11-12, 1951. Oklahoma Education Association annual Convention at Oklahoma City. Headquarters at the Municipal Auditorium. Library Section speakers will be Edmon Low, Mrs. R. E. Christian, and Miss Viola Jane.

For other meetings scheduled, consult the Library Journal.
Legislation is enacted in our own or any state capitol when the legislators see substantial evidence that the electorate favors passage. Such evidence was not placed in the hands of our Senators in regard to the bill known as S J R 11.

Senator Thompson of Ardmore, who introduced the Resolution in March, found almost no one in the State Senate who had any information concerning the Resolution or who had been requested by his local librarian or local library board members to support the Resolution.

Any library legislation which may be introduced in future sessions of the legislature will fail unless we get in the necessary spade work in the local community.

If we want to insure introduction and passage of similar legislation in the next session, there is no time to lose. The first step is to study our copies of the bill till we are sure we understand it well enough to explain it to our deputies in the Senate and House, our library board members, and organizational leaders in the community. Be prepared to make the need, and the permissive legislation required to alleviate the need, graphically clear to all who can help to bring about passage. This is our job and no one at the Capitol or elsewhere can do it for us.

Postal Rate Bill

Congressional action is tentatively scheduled for July 8 and 14, on H R 2982, the Postal Rate Bill. The A L A Washington office urges librarians to write their Senators and Representatives in support of the Murray Amendment, proposing to freeze the book rate at its current level.

Frances Kennedy

Library Service Bill

Librarians have been watching and waiting for some months for the introduction of federal legislation to stimulate state and local interest in improving library service. On May 9, 1951, Senator Lister Hill (Alabama) introduced the Library Service Bill (S. 1452) for himself, Senator Aiken (Vermont), and Senator Douglas (Illinois). ALA Washington office has summarized the bill briefly as follows:

Purpose. To stimulate state library agency programs for the strengthening of already existing inadequate services and the extension of library services to people without such services, primarily in rural areas, by such methods as each state agency feels will utilize funds to the maximum advantage.

2. To provide means for studying methods of extending library service to rural areas most effectively.

Provisions: 1. State library agencies will submit to the U. S. Commissioner of Education plans for the use of federal funds for the extension of library service primarily in rural areas. Each state plan will be designed as it sees fit for maximum use of funds.

2. Funds will be available on a matching basis to each state. The bill provides an initial grant to each state of $40,000 a year for five years, with additional funds available under a variable matching formula based on rural population and per capita income. The total cost of the program, not to exceed seven and one-half million dollars per year for five years, will depend on how rapidly states move to take advantage of the program.

3. The U. S. Commissioner of Education is authorized to make necessary studies and reports as to values, methods, and results of the various plans used for the extension of library services to rural areas and to make them available periodically for those interested in library development.

Mrs. Margie Malmberg, Director of the (Continued on Page 15)
Role of the Librarian in the 1950's

Editor's note: It was our original plan to review in this issue the highlights of the OLA convention held March 16-17 in Norman. We have relinquished this plan in order to print as much of Mr. Milam's stirring convention address as space permits.

"... my point is that the United States and the other western democracies are not reactionary, as they are painted by the communist propagandists; that they are, on the other hand, the leaders of a great revolution which will last as long as men have aspirations for human dignity, individual freedom, and religious liberty.

"The modern American library is a product of the American dream, to use James Truslow Adams' phrase... You will remember that Mr. Adams said of the Library of Congress, as he might have said of libraries in general, that it 'has come straight from the heart of democracy... and I here use it as a symbol of what democracy can accomplish on its own behalf.'

"It was believed by the library pioneers, as it is by us, that universal diffusion of knowledge is essential to the preservation of freedom; that everybody should have free access to the tools of self-education and culture—in post school years.

"The democratic origins and spirit of the American library are further confirmed by the progressive liberalization and extension of service over the past 75 years. The library has indeed come straight from the heart of democracy.

"Now, what are the implications of such a national and institutional heritage for library work in the 1950's?

"First, we believe that it is the duty of every library to awaken interest and stimulate reading and discussion on crucial problems; indeed librarians may well consider whether and how they can make it difficult for intelligent people in their communities to remain ignorant about and apathetic toward such problems.

"Although librarians must never tell people what to think, they can and I think should do much to determine what the people of their community think about.

"To say that ours is a permanent revolution is, I suppose, another way of saying that the job is not done, that we are always trying to improve our way of life...

"All agree, I think, that the great issue of our generation is the struggle for men's minds between the Western democracies and Russian Communism.

"Obviously we librarians must try to understand the issues ourselves. We must be bold enough, with such help as we can get, to select for emphasis those issues which are most important at any given time and in any place. Having selected the problems, then we must get as generous and varied a supply of printed materials as resources permit, and be ingenious and aggressive enough to get them used.

"I have some understanding—though I'm sure it is imperfect—of the limitations of budget and time, and of the pressures on most of you, particularly in the smaller libraries, to keep up your stock of current fiction and other best sellers, to give readers what they want.

"May I tell you how I think I would try to meet that situation, if I were librarian in a small city. (I've never been one, and my observations may not be very sensible; but I've done a lot of observing and listening.)

"First, I would try to get my board to approve a few general principles, such as those set forth by Robert D. Leigh in The Public Library in the United States. This, as you know, is the general and final report of the "Public Library Inquiry" conducted by the Social Science Research Council at the suggestion of the

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Children's Books of this Region

An ever increasing awareness of the importance of and the need for more children's books with a regional background is reflected in each season's output of new books for younger readers. These books, rich in the flavor and color of a particular state or region, are more effective than any history or geography text in developing an understanding and appreciation of one's own state and its folkways as well as an acquaintance with sections of our country so remote as to seem almost like foreign countries.

Oklahoma librarians scanning the fall and spring lists of children's books will be interested in several recent titles of particular value for regional background. The need for more children's books laid in Oklahoma and in Indian Territory is still far from satisfied, however, and we cannot but envy fellow librarians in Texas when every publisher's season brings not one, but several fine stories filled with the romance and lore of early-day Texas.

Perhaps the outstanding Oklahoma item for addition to children's collections this year is The Thankful People* by Althea Bass of Norman. Mrs. Bass, who is the author of several books for adults, combines writing and teaching and divides her time between Oklahoma and Illinois. The illustrations by Richard West, head of the art department at Bacone College, are in perfect keeping with the story of the present-day Seneca Indians in Oklahoma. The contrast between modern ways learned by little Emmeline (Ya-le-wannoh) at school and the traditions followed religiously by the family at home are well handled. The winter-telling legends woven into the story lend just the right touch of enchantment to this book, which is both a distinguished addition to any Oklahoma collection and a thoroughly enjoyable story certain to delight the reader.

Two general books on Indians have special interest in this state. The First Book of Indians by Benjamin Brewster contains information and illustrations covering many of the tribes now living in Oklahoma. Based on information supplied by the Indian Service and the Bureau of Ethnology, the book is authoritative and the text is easy enough for third or fourth grade readers. The author has succeeded in including a surprising amount of information in this slender volume.

The Big Book of Indians by Sydney Fletcher is quite general, but the portion devoted to the Plains Indians has local interest. The brilliantly colored illustrations and the simple text describing customs, games and equipment in this oversize picture book make it useful for almost any age.

Phyllis Fenner's Indians, Indians, Indians is an exciting collection of Indian stories but only one story, a chapter from Armstrong Sperry's Wagons Westward, in which the Pawnees attack a wagon train on the Santa Fe Trail, has pertinence for an Oklahoma collection.

Two easy books about Will Rogers are the only biographies to add to the Oklahoma collection from the publications of the current season. Both Will Rogers, Young Cowboy by Van Riper and Will Rogers, The Boy Roper by Donald and Beth Day emphasize Rogers' early life and serve as an introduction to the longer biographies for young people by Garst and Keith. The Van Riper title has easier text, but, as is the case with most of the Childhood of Famous American Series, the information included is so slight that it is hardly more than a teaser to the longer volumes. Donald Day, collaborator

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Teachers and teacher-librarians who would like to fulfill North Central certification requirements should be able to do so without leaving Oklahoma. A recent survey of library science courses given by correspondence, extension and in summer school show that nine four year colleges are giving two or more courses this summer and that Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and the University of Oklahoma are giving six and nine courses, respectively. The University and A. & M. are the only ones reporting correspondence courses, each offering two. None of the schools listed extension courses at present although Southeastern State College has given one in the past. Central State College at Edmond "offers a few hours in Library Science, but has never attempted to qualify students for certification." Phillips University, Enid is currently teaching English 252, a two hour course in Library Science.

The courses most frequently listed are:
School Library Administration, Cataloging and Classification, Book Selection including Adolescent, Children's and Adult reading, and Reference. Courses less frequently offered are three in Audio-Visual Materials—one at O. U. and one course and a workshop at A. & M.—and at the University a course in Adult Book Selection and one in Public Library Administration.

Oklahoma A. & M.'s library science courses serve teacher education in three important ways: (1) A minor is offered students who wish to qualify for the school librarian's certificate; (2) appropriate required courses are offered for elementary and secondary school teachers; and (3) both undergraduate and graduate students may elect courses in this field which are designed to deepen their understanding of the place and functions of the school library and to develop skills in the proper use of library facilities. Courses are designed as an undergraduate introduction to the subject and serve as a basis for graduate work in the field. The training meets all requirements of the North Central Association for libraries in the Oklahoma public schools.

O.U.'s courses also meet North Central requirements as well as those of the American Library Association for accredited library schools. Qualified students may in one school year or four summer sessions complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts with Library Science as a major or earn credits toward other degrees such as a Master of Education. The second Bachelor of Arts is counted as a Master's degree by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. All work toward a degree must be taken in residence but the correspondence courses count toward certification requirements.

Following are the courses listed for summer school:
Benedictine Heights, Guthrie. Cataloging and classification, General reference. If demand justifies it, the following can be taught: Children's literature, Adolescent literature.
East Central State College, Ada. School library administration, Cataloging and classification.
Langston University, Langston. School library administration, Classification and cataloging.
Northeastern State College, Tahlequah. Reference and bibliography, School library administration, Book selection, Classification and cataloging.
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater. Audio-visual education, Children's literature, Cataloging and (Continued on Page 13).
Arizona

The Arizona State Library Association celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1926 at the annual convention held in Tucson at the University Library on March 30-31, 1951. Over one hundred members from all over the state were present, as well as exhibitors and guests. Highlights of the meeting included an outstanding panel discussion, "Can We Afford Comic Books?" featuring a librarian, a lawyer, a child psychologist, a comic book distributor, and Mrs. Jerrold Beim, well-known children's author, and Dick Calkins, cartoonist and originator of Buck Rogers. The program was tape-recorded and later broadcast over the University Forum to a statewide audience.

A barbecue dinner at which many of Tucson's famous authors were guests, and section meetings followed by a business meeting concluded the two-day conference. Special guests were Mr. Edmon Low, President, Southwestern Library Association, and Mrs. Charlotte Gaylord, outgoing president of the New Mexico Library Association. The Arizona group voted to meet jointly with New Mexico at Las Cruces, New Mexico, in 1952.

New officers of the Association for 1951-52 are: President, Miss Marie Siedentopf, Librarian, Maricopa County Free Library, Phoenix; First Vice-President, Mr. Jackson Carty, Reference Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson; Secretary, Miss Gertrude Thayer, Cataloger, Maricopa County Free Library, Phoenix; Treasurer, Mrs. Lou E. Key, Librarian, Monroe School, Phoenix; A L A Councillor, Miss Gertrude James, Supervisor, Phoenix Elementary School Libraries, Phoenix. Miss Patricia Paylor, Assistant Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, begins the second year of her two-year term as Editor of the Arizona Librarian.

Filling a long-felt need in the state is the formation of a Friends of Arizona Libraries group, the first unit being in Tucson. Since its organization in February 1951 it now has over 200 paid members in the Tucson area. Plans are being laid to conduct a campaign throughout Pima County in the fall of 1951 to secure funds to purchase Arizona's first county bookmobile.

Legislation introduced into the Twentieth State Legislature in the winter of 1951 to provide an appropriation for the Extension Agency authorized in 1949 failed to pass. The Association continues to place this item at the top of its 1951-52 agenda, and plans are already under way for the next in a long series of campaigns to activate library extension service throughout the state.

Arkansas

La Nell Compton, Editor Arkansas Libraries, reports, "We are not doing spectacular things here, although we can see a steady progress, sometimes too slow. Announcement was made recently that two more counties (Columbia and LaFayette) had joined forces for a regional setup. Three brand new modern library buildings—Garland County at Hot Springs, Mississippi County at Osceola, and Jackson County at Newport—have been our pride and joy in recent months. Besides these, older buildings have been reclaimed and revamped for adequate library headquarters housing in some counties. Our state library consultants have cooperated in four regional (sectional) state meetings for librarians and trustees in various towns held the second week in May."

New Mexico

Two bills which represent important steps in New Mexico's program of library development were passed by the recent legislature. The first bill permits bonds to be voted for county library buildings as well as for jails, courthouses and hospitals. The second allows combinations of municipal, county and state funds for county or multi-county library service.

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From the Four Corners

NEWS OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIES

ARDMORE, Carnegie Library—OlI p o rtraits of Ardmore's first librarian, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, who founded and served Carnegie for forty years, and Dr. Charles Evans, early day superintendent of Ardmore Public Schools, who assisted Mrs. Jones in her efforts to start a library, were hung in the Reading Room during the past year. Dr. Evans is the present secretary of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

CLAREMORE, Will Rogers Library—The first extensive repairing and redecorating of the library since it was built has recently been completed.

Through the courtesy of the Ruskln Art Club of Tulsa the library is displaying paintings by Tulsa and state artists. These exhibits are changed every few weeks.

ENID, Carnegie Library—The Library Board is working on the joining of the Garfield County and Enid Carnegie Public Libraries. It is hoped that the project will be completed and approved before the new fiscal year.

A popular exhibit consists of the prize winning photographs in the Enid Camera Club's monthly contest.

GOODWELL, Panhandle A & M College—A new library building is being constructed on the campus. It will constitute approximately 15,910 square feet of floor space and will have a total stack capacity of 80,000 volumes. Featured in the construction will be two reading rooms, an audio-visual auditorium, and sound-proofed rooms for typing and listening to recordings. Current plans call for its completion by the beginning of the fall term.

GRANDFIELD, Public Library—A gift of $600 has been received from the County Commissioners for books and equipment. The Chamber of Commerce gave $50 and several other clubs of the community made donations.

HENRYETTA, Public Library—A preschool story hour, using a projector and films, has been initiated. It is conducted under the sponsorship of the 20th Century Study Club. The organization gives an annual library benefit, presenting the Flying L Quartet this year.

HOBART, Public Library—In November the auditorium, which covered about two-thirds of the basement, was converted into a Junior library. The north end of the room houses two memorial shelves, the Boy's Memorial Shelf and the Dorthea Dale Shelf; also the fiction and non-fiction books for grades seven to ten. The south end is set aside for the first to fifth grades.

LAWTON, Carnegie Library—A $9,500 bond was voted and passed by the citizens of Lawton for improvement and redecoration of the library.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma — A valuable addition was made to the collection of materials on the origin and development of Oklahoma libraries by Mrs. Dean Barnett of the Okmulgee Public Library. She gave the Division of Manuscripts an early minute book of the Civic Improvement Club of Okmulgee. This woman's club collected books and opened a reading room out of which grew the present fine library.

An index to 1950 Oklahoma items appearing in the Daily Oklahoman has been completed by the Reference Department. It is in the same form as the indexes prepared for 1947, 1948, and 1949.

The Gore Library, now in the Uni-
university's collection, is the private library of the late senator Thomas P. Gore. It consists of about 1,300 volumes including many works in the fields of political science and political leadership.

*Books Abroad*, published by the University, gives to the library the publications it receives. Approximately 90 titles in Spanish, Italian, German, French, Swiss, and Polish are given. Every field of learning is represented. A list of these magazines can be found in the Spring 1950 issue of *Books Abroad*.

An alphabetic index to Rex F. Harlow's *Makers of Government in Oklahoma* has been made by Mrs. Sue Harrington of the Reference Department.

The Periodical Department has compiled a list of the holdings of state historical society magazines in the library, the Phillips Collection and the Oklahoma Historical Society Library. Magazines from 41 states are represented.

**OKEMAH, Public Library**—Serving the county of Okfuskee, the library will have checked out a record number of 50,000 books by the end of the fiscal year.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City Libraries**—A mechanization of processes is rapidly taking place. The Addressograph equipment for speedy duplication of order and catalog cards has arrived and is now in operation. Its use has meant a complete revision of the order and cataloging procedures.

As a further step in this reorganization, the Catalog Department has ventured on a division of the old dictionary type catalog into a subject catalog and an author-title catalog.

Use of model furniture and equipment magnetized to stay in place on the floor layout makes it possible for staff to visualize better the possible alternative arrangements of personnel and departments in the two buildings to be constructed as a result of the successful bond issue election last year. Mean-
each Monday night during the spring semester.

OKMULGEE, Public Library—The library has acquired a projection machine and 25 books, a gift of the Jane Phillips Sorority.

A fifteen minute radio program designed to stimulate community interest in the Okmulgee Public Library, will be broadcast every Saturday morning at 10:30 from Station K H B G.

PONCA CITY, Public Library—The Museum Room, containing valuable Indian and historical articles, attracted many visitors on Cherokee Strip Day. The collection was viewed by different groups and individuals throughout the year. Five new glass exhibit cases were recently purchased.

New patrons registered during the past fiscal year numbered 1,032. This is an average of more than three new patrons a day. The active card holders number 9,303, which is 46% of the population.

The Story Hour, held each Saturday at 10 o'clock, attracts many children. The children themselves dramatize the stories and contribute to the program with readings and musical selections.

Myrtle Clements, assistant librarian, celebrated 25 years of library service in the Ponca City Library on February 1.

SAPULPA, Carnegie Library—The Federated Women's Clubs had the library auditorium redecorated; the first floor walls and furniture were varnished without cost to the city. New lighting fixtures were given by the Woman's Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

James A. Boyd, pioneer resident, provided in his will that $100 be spent for new books to be given to the library. His family selected volumes dealing with Oklahoma history and Indians as a memorial.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College—The Reserve Library was moved to the third floor of the new Student Union building. It was formerly located in Quonset 20, that location having been taken over by the Army Air Forces training program.

A recent student opinion poll shows that the Browsing Room is the most popular and frequently used place in the Student Union. Books and magazines, offering a wide range in variety, were selected by the college library staff.

TAHLEQUAH, Carnegie Library—Hospital Library Service has been extended to three days a week. Books are brought to the hospital patients on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Carver Branch Library for Negroes is now open two afternoons each week.

TULSA, Public Library—The newest branch in the library system opened January 29 in Brookside. This branch is an outstanding example of successful adaptation of an old building to library purposes. Located in the heart of a thriving suburban shopping area, the branch has enjoyed a substantial patronage since the first day.

The Technical Department has completed a bibliography entitled Corrosion, which may be purchased from the library for fifteen cents, stamps or coin. The bibliography is made up of three parts, pipe line, production, and refining. Compiled by Sam Smoot and Mrs. Grace King, this comprises No. 32 of the series of bibliographies of petroleum engineering and allied subjects prepared by the library.

The Children's Department has been completely refurbished by members of the Junior League. The final touches will be completed when the Alpha Rho Tau art sorority completes the murals depicting familiar children's stories.

TULSA, University of Tulsa—Fifty-eight librarians from nearby towns attended a dinner given by the library staff in the University's Student Activities Building April 13. Librarians from the
following colleges and universities were present: Oklahoma A & M College, Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Oklahoma Military Academy. Public and school librarians from Pryor, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Claremore, and Okmulgee attended. The Oklahoma Library Commission was represented by its secretary, Elizabeth Cooper.

WARNER, Connors State Agricultural College—The new $175,000 Library-Science building is scheduled for completion during the summer of 1951. Articles on the building appeared in *Oklahoma a Teacher*, February '51; *Library Journal*, March 1, '51; and *Educational Screen*, January '51.

Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, librarian, is assisting in the assembling of book titles to be included in the *Junior College Booklist* which is being compiled under the A L A, Junior College Division, and the American Association of Junior Colleges, headed by Frank J. Bertalan, Washington, D. C.

WEATHERFORD, Southwestern State College—The library now has a mending room where mail and packages are received and books are repaired. Another new addition is a listening room available for students using the library’s record collection.

WOODWARD, Carnegie Library—The library has received a collection of books from the estate of Mattie Collins, among them many first editions. Mrs. Collins was the first woman resident of Woodward, coming at the opening of the Strip.

The annual Vacation Reading Club opened in June and will continue until August 15. It is conducted under the direction of staff members with the assistance of the library aides who have served as representatives of the Junior and Senior High Schools.

The annual Elementary Training Class for aides will be held during the summer. This year students who are entering college will be included.

**Letters to the Editor**

Dated June 2, 1951, the following letter from Frances Kennedy, Librarian, Oklahoma City University, was regretfully received:

“... I am resigning as coordinator. I was leaning toward that decision, but our disastrous fire of yesterday convinced me that I shall have no time for anything except salvaging books for some time to come.

“If you have ever watched a library burn, you will know something of the heartache I felt at 5:45 A. M. yesterday. It is too soon to tell yet just how many volumes are destroyed, but the blackened ruins at the north end of our library do not look very hopeful. Fortunately, the firemen were successful in confining the blaze to that area, which housed the books from 000 through 331; the workrooms, storage areas, material to be sent to the bindery, some fiction, bound periodicals, duplicate exchange, etc. Thanks to the wonderful work of the firemen, many of whom have attended O. C. U., we shall have no damage from water, although the damage from smoke will be extensive.”

Editor’s note: Press dispatches estimate damage at $50,000 with 13,500 books valued at $40,000 destroyed. Damage to the building estimated at $10,000. Oklahoma City Fire Chief O. R. McAlpine said the blaze started in a janitor’s closet from spontaneous combustion.

Dated April 24, 1951, and signed “R. R. Douglass, Director, Library School, University of Texas,” the following letter was received by your editor:

“In today’s mail I received a letter from a school librarian in your State who stated that at the recent meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association, some librarian told her that a holder of a B. S. in L. S. degree could complete requirements for the M.L.S. here with only twelve additional hours of work. I suspect that her informant may have heard of the plan announced last year by Texas...” (Continued on Page 17)
CARL H. MILAM was born in Kansas but reared in Oklahoma. He attended the university of the Sooner State, graduating in 1907. He studied at the New York State Library School, and worked at the John Crerar and Purdue University libraries. From 1909 to 1913 he was secretary and state organizer of the Public Library Commission of Indiana. In 1913 he became librarian at Birmingham, Alabama.

During the first World War Dr. Milam was also assistant director of the A L A Library War Service. He was remarkably successful in getting books to our servicemen here and overseas. In 1920 he became Executive Secretary of the American Library Association. Under his leadership A L A headquarters staff and building were enlarged, and membership jumped from 4,464 to 14,804. A L A's income was increased from $32,000 to $731,000 and an endowment of two million was secured.

In 1948 Dr. Milam was appointed Director of Library Services for the United Nations. He served in this position until early this year.

ALLIE BETH MARTIN is in charge of the Children's Department of the Tulsa Public Library. Mrs. Martin worked in various departments of the library before succeeding Miss Anna Anderson as head of the Children's Department in 1949. Before coming to Oklahoma she worked in the Arkansas State Library Commission.

Mrs. Martin is a veteran member of publications committees, having worked on the editorial staff of Arkansas Libraries for a number of years, served as news notes editor on the first issue of the Oklahoma Librarian, and carried on as contributor with the present staff.

RUTH SPALDING is Assistant Professor of Library Science at the University of Oklahoma. She taught in high school and junior college and worked in the circulation and reference departments at Texas Technological College. Miss Spalding has a B. A. from Baylor College and a B. S. and M. S. from the University of Illinois Library School.

RAYMOND PILLER is Junior Reference Librarian at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. After serving two years with the United States Marines he attended Texas Technological College and received a B. A. degree in technical journalism. Following graduation he was on the editorial staff of a Texas newspaper. As a free lance feature writer his articles and stories have appeared in several newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Piller attended the University of Texas Library School before coming to A & M, and plans to return to Austin this fall to complete work for the Master of Library Science degree. He has been in his present position at A & M since September, 1949.

LOUISE TOWNSEND is the Librarian of the Mangum Public Library. For a number of years, Mrs. Townsend was a free-lance writer, contributing feature material to the Daily Oklahoman, Daily Ardmoreite, and Farmer-Stockman. She has written stories and articles for children and young people for several magazines and for six different religious publishing companies.

Mrs. Townsend has a B. S. and an M. A. from Sul Ross State College and received library training at Texas State College for Women. She has taught high school English and has been in libraries in San Diego, Ardmore, and Mangum.
O C W Library Dedicated

The Oklahoma College for Women library was completed in 1950 at a cost of $367,934 for the building. The cost of furniture and library installations was $28,523.47. It is a three story structure of buff brick to harmonize with the other buildings on the campus. It blends with them architecturally, yet it has its own individuality. An unusual feature is that the entrance, from the second floor level, is an open-air stage.

The building has 31,716 square feet of floor space including the stack area of 7,617 square feet. There are four tiers of stacks with capacity of 75,000 volumes. Within the stack area there are forty carrels placed along a glass brick wall which provides natural light. There is special shelving in one section of the stacks for the many volumes of bound newspapers. Above the main reading room and of the same size is the reserve reading room. This room has a glass enclosed section where students may type notes from reserve books without taking them from the reserve room. There is also a recreational reading room attractively furnished with sectional divans of brown, blue and gold leather. A book review or lecture room is furnished as a lounge with sectional divans of fabric and with tables and lamps. Adjoining this is a kitchenette. There is also a record room, a conference room and an archives room.

On the ground floor is an art exhibition room with fabric covered walls and special lighting.

The building is air conditioned throughout. Plaster ceilings, fluorescent lighting and Venetian blinds are also used in each room the elevator and book lift serve all floors.

The library was dedicated on April 22, 1951, when the open-air stage was used for the first time. John Rogers, a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, made the main address, and Dr. M. A. Nash, Chancellor, dedicated the building. There were more than 1,000 in attendance including visitors from Kansas, Texas, Missouri, and New Mexico. Among those present were Edmon Low, librarian of Oklahoma A & M and President of the Southwestern Library Association, Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission, and representatives of many state and denominational colleges, public libraries and the Tinker Field Library.

The visitors were welcomed and introduced by Dr. Dan Procter, President of Oklahoma College for Women.

Certification

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classification, School library administration, Reading guidance for adolescents, Audio-visual workshop.

Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College, Goodwell. Organization of school library materials, School library administration.

Southwestern State College, Weatherford. School library administration, Cataloging and classification.

University of Oklahoma, Norman. Classification, Cataloging, Public library administration, School library administration, Book selection (adult), Adolescent reading, Reference, Audio-visual materials.

Correspondence courses given are:

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. School library administration, Reading guidance for adolescents.

University of Oklahoma. Children's literature, Adolescent reading.

Elizabeth Cooper, Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission, announces the appointment of Richard Covey to replace Mrs. Elsie D. Hand in the Division for the Blind, on July 1.

Miss Cooper has received a letter from Darthula Wilcox, Librarian, Library Service Library, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y., requesting to be placed on the mailing list of any library for any library publications, except annual reports.
WHO'S WHERE

NEWS OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIANS

ENID, Carnegie Library—James D. Meeks came to the library as director in March. He formerly worked in the public library systems of Kansas City, New York City, Denver, Brooklyn, and Yonkers, and for the United States Information Library in Calcutta. Mr. Meeks attended the University of Kansas City (B.A. '41), the University of Denver (B.S.L.S. '46), and Columbia University (M.S.L.S. '51). Lucille V. Milton remains in the position of librarian.

HENRYETTA, Public Library—Mrs. Grover L. Bynum has been appointed librarian to succeed Mrs. Edna Hall, who recently resigned.

Ann Campbell, High School student assistant, enrolled at the University of Oklahoma as a freshman in June. She plans to major in library science. Shirley Sills is the new assistant.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma—Bobbie Hopkins was appointed head of the Order Department. She was library assistant in the Cleveland Public Library from 1948 to 1951. Miss Hopkins graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1947, receiving a B.A. and a B.A.L.S. degree.

Mrs. Jenny Locke Fitzgerald resigned her position in the Reference Department to join her husband in Washington, D. C. Mr. Fitzgerald is executive assistant to senator Mike Monroney.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City Libraries—Mrs. Ruth Craig, formerly librarian of the Oklahoma Historical Society, has joined the staff as assistant reference librarian.

Emmit Cameron, formerly with the Cooke County (Texas) Public Library, is now out-service assistant.

Mrs. Anne Lockett Gravelle, formerly order librarian at the University of Oklahoma, has joined the staff as assistant librarian in charge of the Production and Processing Section, and will have charge of the new Addressograph equipment.

Mrs. Orda Harville, former staff member, has returned as secretary in the Acquisition Division.

Elizabeth Billingsley, former librarian of Wright Branch, has left to serve as librarian at the Post Library, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma State Library—Hollls Haney joined the staff July 1. She has been junior cataloger at Oklahoma A & M.

OKMULGEE, Public Library—Mrs. O. H. Orbison, a former assistant in the library, has been appointed children's librarian to succeed Mrs. Josephine Douglass, resigned.

PONCA CITY, Public Library—Mrs. Helga Kaiser Lieber is part time assistant. She majored in library science at the University of Oklahoma. Mrs. Lieber replaced Mrs. Mary Berkman who left for Glenrock, Wyoming, where her husband was transferred with the Continental Oil Co.

Mrs. Helen Richardson returned to the library as assistant. She was on the staff for ten years before resigning in 1936.

Mrs. Gertrude K. Sterba, librarian, spent three months in New York City with her husband who was on a special engineering assignment for the Cities Service Oil Co. Extra part-time help was used during Mrs. Sterba's absence.
STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M—Sam Wood has joined the staff as junior catalog librarian. He received his B.A. and B.A.L.S degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Edmon Low, head librarian, is special lecturer at the University of Michigan's Department of Library Science this summer. His subjects include Library of Congress Classification and School Library Administration. Edwin J. Pattee is acting librarian until Mr. Low returns September 1.

TAHLEQUAH, Northeastern State College—Sue B. Thornton, librarian, will return to duty after a two years leave of absence.

Roscoe Rouse, acting librarian, has been granted a year's leave for graduate study at the University of Oklahoma.

V. E. Porterfield, assistant librarian, left June 1 to enter the University of Texas for further graduate work.

Mrs. Mildred G. Foster, librarian at Claremore High School, is employed at Northeastern State for the summer term.

TULSA, Public Library—Artie Lee Brunkhorst is an assistant in the Children's Department. She graduated from Peabody College in 1949.

Mrs. Helen Norvell is librarian of the new Brookside Branch. Before assuming this position she worked in various departments of the library in the in-service training program of the Veteran's Administration.

Hesper Kirkpatrick is serving as a part-time assistant for the Brookside Branch following her retirement as librarian at Will Rogers High School. Miss Kirkpatrick attended Emory University.

TULSA, University of Tulsa—Eugenia Maddox, librarian, and Trean Maddox, librarian of Wilson Junior High School, Tulsa, are spending the summer in England and France. While in England they will attend a six weeks' course in English literature and history at the University of London.

WEATHERFORD, Southwestern State College—Mrs. Charlotte Ratcliffe has resigned as assistant librarian and has assumed the position of head librarian of the Science Library at the University of Nebraska.

Library Service Bill.

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ALA Washington Office, has sent the following information on what the Library Service Bill, if passed with present provisions, will mean to Oklahoma. Oklahoma will be eligible to receive the initial allotment of $40,000, plus $106,716 on the basis of rural population, or a total amount of $146,716 from federal funds annually for five years. To secure this total amount the state must furnish $89,922.

Current appropriations for library extension on the state level may be counted for matching purposes. If Oklahoma is unable to take advantage of the full program immediately, it may expand its program yearly for the five year period as state funds and personnel become available.

The state agency submits its plan for the use of the funds to the U. S. Commissioner of Education, but the administration of the program rests entirely in the hands of state and local library agencies.

The bill has the support of the American Library Association and if passed, will provide much needed funds for the extension of library service in Oklahoma.

Recent Washington Newsletters urge librarians to write to their Senators for copies of the bill, and to include in the request an expression of appreciation to Senators Hill, Douglas and Aiken. Librarians in rural areas should work for support of the bill by the National Grange, Farm Bureau, Home Demonstration Council, and Farmers Union. Other organizations whose help should be solicited are the P.T.A., General Federation, Business and Professional Women, and A.A.U.W.
Role of the Librarian

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A L A. In chapter 3, Dr. Leigh analyzes "The Business of Communication." He finds that the commercial media do many parts of the communication job very well indeed, but leave certain other parts as a legitimate program for public institutions.

"He concludes that public libraries should not attempt to compete with the commercial agencies on their own terms; that the library's natural role is to serve the group of adults whose interest, will and ability lead them to seek personal enrichment and enlightenment." He adds that the enlargement of this group should also be a concern of librarians and other educators.

"I would invite a few teachers, professors, ministers and other thoughtful citizens to join me in selecting a list of the most crucial issues worthy of emphasis by the library at this time and in that place."

"I would solicit the moral support of leaders of thought in my community. (If I expected my board to hold back, I would do this first.)"

"Next, I would get all the material on problems I thought the library could use, giving special attention to free and inexpensive publications, and not overlooking significant older books."

"Finally, I would give these topics and materials the best promotion of which I was capable."

"In order to do this I would expect to make some sacrifices. Certainly I would streamline technical processes. I would reduce expenditures for recreational materials or buy more only for the rental collection."

"Selection and emphasis are not new to libraries. I am suggesting a particular emphasis on publications which will help our readers the better to perform their duties as citizens of the world, the United States, and their own states and community, because that seems to be to be one good way in which to advance our 'per-

manent revolution' and it is not a narrow emphasis. The range and extent of the problems are too great for comfort."

"Let me pause to emphasize the importance of critical attitudes, of different points of view. Stanley Pargellis of the Newberry Library recently said, 'In the days when we had pamphlet wars ... as in the 17th century and in Tom Paine's day in the American revolution, you had both sides presented with a vehemence, a depth, a profundity, a violence ... that I think ought to return.' This too is a part of the public library's heritage. We shall be failing in an obvious duty if we allow minorities or majorities to impose censorship on some publications because they advocate changes in the status quo. The 'authentic revolution' cannot go on unless we encourage intellectual conflict."

"The Library's Bill of Rights with recent amendments, might well be adopted by every public library in America as a part of its basic policy."

"A second implication is that large libraries shall broaden their holdings to include films and recordings and that every small library should become a center of information on such materials."

"Even our best public libraries reach with books only a minority of their possible clientele. Some libraries which now circulate information films believe they are reaching with useful information and ideas many thousands who never read a library book. Moreover, informational films are here in quantity available for use by groups and individuals—a new means of communication and education. The public library is a 'natural' to serve as the local outlet for the university film library and other distributors, and thus expand to diffusion of knowledge."

"My third implication has to do with universal library service. Believing as I do that the public library has a role of great importance in relation to the continuing progress of our civilization and our country, I deplore the delay in making library service universally available. Seventy-five years after the establishment
of the A L A, there are still millions of people who are without local public libraries, and other millions whose library service is pitifully inadequate.

"We know that we need large units, state aid and federal aid. We have our national and state plans varied enough to suit all conditions.

"What we appear to lack are influence, drive and adequate leadership.

"By emphasizing those few points, I do not mean to belittle other library objectives. The library is of necessity a center of information on many subjects; it is a cultural institution concerned with the development of aesthetic appreciation; it cannot fail to serve the vocational needs of its clientele; its service to children-youth is as vital as it is traditional.

"But in a time of crisis, and we seem to be having a perpetual crisis as well as a permanent revolution—some things may be chosen for special emphasis. I have indicated a certain approach to this problem."

Letters to the Editor

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State College for Women, Denton, whereby holders of the B.S. in L.S. degree from that school could relinquish that degree, complete twelve additional hours in approved graduate courses, and be awarded the master's degree. We do not anticipate instituting such a program here.

"I will appreciate it if, in your bulletin, you can correct the impression that some people may have relative to our program. Regardless of degrees held, a student must complete in residence a total of thirty semester hours, above the admission requirement of twelve hours, in advanced and graduate library science and related courses for the Master of Library Science degree. The thirty hour requirement is a general one on this campus for all master's degrees."

Southwest Editors

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The multi-county or regional combinations may be set up only with the approval of the State Library Commission.

The budget for the State Library Commission was increased from $61,500 to $73,560 for each year of the coming biennium. During the next two years the Commission will carry out an intensive program of education and public relations regarding its regional library plans.

The New Mexico Library Association held its second meeting of the year in April and hereafter the annual meeting will be in the spring. The change was made to bring more school librarians into active participation in the work of the Association.

Irene S. Peck, Executive Secretary, New Mexico State Library Commission, continues as Editor of the New Mexico Library Bulletin.

Texas

At its meeting in Dallas in March, the Texas Library Association departed from tradition and instead of having its normal series of general sessions and special interest divisional meetings, turned its meeting into a workshop which was divided into ten discussion groups. In this way librarians from all types of positions were amalgamated into one big pot and laded out into discussion groups without regard to special interest. The Texas Library Association President, Miss Flora Reeves, at Tom Green County Library, San Angelo, is circularizing all those who attended the meeting in order to obtain each member's impression of this sort of meeting. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and Texas Library Association might try to experiment again later.

Robert W. Severance, Editor of Texas Library Journal, has been recalled to active duty with the air force and is stationed on the Air Base in Waco, Texas. He is maintaining his connection with Baylor in the position of Library Consultant.
Oklahoma

Scanning our balance sheet we find on the debit side in red type, the “indefinite postponement”, in the state Senate, of S J R 11, introduced by Senator Thompson of Ardmore the first week in March this year. The proposed measure if passed, would have permitted the voters of the state to adopt, or reject, a permissive amendment to the Constitution. Passage by the legislature would have allowed the proposed amendment to be voted upon by the electorate, and if the electorate adopted the amendment, the tool would have been provided for the citizens of any locality to support more adequately their library.

Librarians throughout the country are already familiar with the details of the unfortunate affair at Bartlesville. An investigation of the events leading to the dismissal of the librarian of Bartlesville after 30 years of service, was made by the Oklahoma Library Association Committee on Intellectual Freedom, and a report submitted to the O L A and A L A executive boards. On Feb. 3, the day our Winter Issue went to press, the A L A in Mid-Winter meeting at Chicago, adopted a resolution submitted by the A L A Committee on Intellectual Freedom and previously endorsed by the A L A Executive Board, protesting the discharge of the librarian at Bartlesville. Not concerned with tenure, the resolution protested the dismissal on the grounds of subversive holdings in the library, as an infringement of the Library Bill of Rights.

On the credit side of the ledger, the O L A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Carl Milam at the closing session of the annual state association convention at Norman on March 17. Dr. Milam started his library career in Oklahoma, and has achieved international eminence in the field. Edmon Low of Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater, is serving as President of the Southwest Library Association, for the biennium starting Jan. 1 this year.

The associational bulletin is now in its second year. Your present editor, who expects to resign in August, wishes to express her appreciation to the staff members and contributors who have helped to make the Oklahoma Librarian a going concern. We are especially indebted to Neal Austin who pioneered the first issue, to Lee Spencer who has kept us financially solvent, and to Raymond Piller whose services to the publication have been “above and beyond the call of duty” as news notes editor. Credit for technical advice should be given to the staff of the Transcript Company, Norman, and to the Graphic Arts faculty of the Oklahoma A & M School of Technical Training at Okmulgee.

- The following library science students assisted the staff of the Oklahoma Librarian by taking notes on one or more of the O L A annual convention sessions March 16-17: Mrs. Ruth Baker, Mrs. Ida Self, Frances Sands, Margrett Camillo, Lucille Gasser, Ann Oakes, Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Marian Maddox, Mrs. Lucille Stone, Mrs. Esther Witcher.

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on Will Rogers, Boy Roper, is the editor of the adult Autobiography and his access to the Rogers' papers lends authority to his biography for children.

Cowboy Joe of the Circle S by Helen Rushmore, librarian of the Jefferson School in Tulsa, is a welcome addition to the rapidly lengthening shelf of cowboy books for young readers. It is the only one to date with an Oklahoma setting. A sequel to Cowboy Joe, to be called Ponca, Cow Pony, is already completed and will be published by Harcourt in the fall of 1952. True-to-life Oklahoma background, completely believable stories, and text easy enough for third and fourth grade readers characterize Miss Rushmore's books.

Leland Silliman's Golden Cloud; Palomino of Sunset Hill is a story of ranch life in Oklahoma for older boys and girls. The plot may seem hackneyed to the adult, but teen-agers will revel in this story replete with the training and breeding of horses, horsemanship and the excitement of the rodeo. The setting of the story is a ranch near Oklahoma City. The dangers and uncertainties of rodeo life are sympathetically presented.

Two Oklahomans who have contributed to the field of children's literature this year should be mentioned, though their subject matter does not deal with the state. Saddle for Hossie, a story of the Navahos, is by Elizabeth Pack, an Oklahoman now living in New York. Matt Armstrong's Turtle River Filly, a story of sulky racing in Canada, has noteworthy illustrations by Charles Banks Wilson of Miami. Mr. Wilson is head of the art department at Northeastern A & M College.

It is to be hoped that the titles listed are the forerunners of many fine children's books with Oklahoma settings yet to be written. We still do not have a single good story based on the period of the "run," many colorful episodes of Indi-
an history have yet to be used, there is almost nothing written on the contemporary Oklahoma Indian, and Lois Lenski's *Boom Town Boy* is the only story based on the discovery of oil. A rich mine has scarcely been explored.

The *Southwest in Children's Books*, the bibliography being prepared by the Children's Section of the Southwestern Library Association, goes to press soon and is scheduled for publication in the late summer. It will be published by the Louisiana State University Press—the price to be announced later. Miss Mildred Harrington, professor of children's literature in the Library School at Louisiana State University, is chairman of the group which is organizing and preparing for publication the various state bibliographies which are to be included. The Oklahoma section of the volume was prepared by a group of school and public librarians from throughout the state. Siddle Joe Johnson, head of the children's department in the Dallas Public Library and author of a number of children's books, is preparing an introduction which will emphasize the uniqueness and variety of this section of the country. A portion of the bibliography will be devoted to each of the six Southwestern states, followed by a detailed index to the entire volume. Fully annotated, the book promises to be a useful reference tool for school and children's librarians and for students of children's literature. It is hoped that this will be the first of other such publications about different sections of our country.

*Books mentioned:*
- Bass, Alfred. *The Thankful People*; Illus. by Richard West. Casson 135p. $3.00 (5-7)
- Brewer, Benjamin. *First Book of Indians*. Watts 68p. $1.50 (3-4)
- Day, Donald and Beth. *Will Rogers, Boy Roper*. Houghton 201p. $2.25 (3-4)
- Penner, Phyllis Reid. *Indians, Indians, Indians*. Watts 288p. $2.50 (5-9)
- Pfeiffer, Sydney E. *Big Book of Indians*. Grossett $1.60 (2-5)
- lenski, Lois. *Boom Town Boy*. Lippincott 177p. $2.50 (5-7)
- Pack, Elizabeth. *Huddle for Homie*. Abingdon 177p. $1.50 (3-4)
- Rushmore, Helen. *Cowboy Joe of the Circle S*. Harcourt 147p. $2.00 (4-5)

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**Necrology**

Mrs. Grace King Maguire, pioneer faculty member of the University of Oklahoma, died of a heart attack February 3. Mrs. Maguire had been director of the School of Music from 1898 to 1901. She rejoined the university staff in 1935 as library assistant in charge of newspapers.

Mrs. Mary E. Whitaker Menifee died on January 8. When Sapulpa applied for a Carnegie Library in 1917, Mrs. Menifee was president of the Library Board, headed the movement. With the exception of a few years when her daughter was a member of the library staff, Mrs. Menifee served as president and vice-president of the Library Board. Her interests and her hobby were the library.
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