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A Message From the O.L.A. President

Oklahoma libraries and librarians have made notable progress during 1952. Several new library buildings have been completed or are near completion, there has been an ever growing awareness of the importance of cooperation, and finally, many librarians throughout the state have in various ways gained special recognition for the splendid work they are doing.

Now we are beginning a new year, and with the stimulus of past accomplishments we should be able to make even greater strides during 1953.

So much of what we have done in the past has been possible because of the support we have had from our professional associations. We cannot stress too strongly the need for strengthening these organizations.

One of the ways in which we can help build a strong state library association is by attending annual meetings. This year our meeting will be held April 24-25 in Ponca City. Mrs. Gertrude Sterba, librarian of the Ponca City Public Library and Mr. S. J. Bragg, librarian of the Continental Oil Company Library and their staff members will be hosts to the association. The program committee, with Mrs. Emily Phelps Pattee as chairman, is making plans for the meeting, but is not yet ready to announce the complete program. We do know that David Clift, secretary of A.L.A. and our popular banquet speaker last year, will be present and, we hope, will consent to make one of the major talks again this year. We can tell you, too, that there will be meetings which we believe will be of interest to everyone engaged in library work. And we have not forgotten trustees, either. An entertaining and informative program is being planned for this group, so be sure that your board members receive an invitation to attend the conference.

This should be a record-breaking year in every way. Let's begin by making our O.L.A. meeting a success!

A.L.A. Study Committee Recommends Agency Survey

The American Library Association established a committee on the Study of State Library Agencies in 1950. A lack of funds prevented any work except the preparation of a study proposal. The committee has been reconstituted and met in Chicago on October 28. It is composed of the state librarians of Alabama, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

The committee spent October 28 in preparing a comprehensive proposal, schedule of operations and a suggested budget for the survey. It will meet again in the course of the 1953 Midwinter conference.

The American Library Association is much aware of the increasing importance of state agencies for library service in the development of all of our libraries. It is the aim of the association to give any possible assistance to strengthen these units.

—Ralph Hudson, State Librarian

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The fourteenth biennial convention of the Southwestern Library Association began at 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 25, 1952, in Mexico City, when Lieutenant Governor Ruben Gomez Esqueda welcomed Governor Murray of Oklahoma, Mr. Edmund Low, President of the Association, and visiting Librarians to the capital city of Mexico. Governor Murray was given the medal of honor at the reception held in the Salon de los Cabildos of the City Hall. Governor Murray replied in Spanish to the greetings of Lieutenant Governor Gomez. Scrolls and medals were conferred, naming as distinguished guests to the city, Mr. Low, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, program chairman for the convention and director of the Library School at the University of Louisiana, and Miss Alice Dugas, Librarian of Mexico City College, through whose efforts this convention was brought to Mexico City.

First General Session

Monday evening at eight o'clock the official opening of the convention was presided over by Mr. Low; the welcome to the delegates was made by Mr. Gabriel Ferrer speaking for the Minister of Education. Governor Johnston Murray then responded in behalf of the delegates. Other greetings were extended by Eugene Delgado Arias of the Cultural division of the American Embassy for Ambassador William O'Dwyer and by Dr. Robert B. Downs for the American Library Association. The speaker of the evening, Dr. Henry A. Holmes, Research Specialist for the Committee for Cultural Action of the Organization of the American States, who spoke on the conference theme, "Books Unite the World", was introduced by Dr. H. L. Cain, President of Mexico City College.

Miss Margaret Hall, Chairman of Extension Services, Benjamin Franklin Library, introduced the Mexican exhibitors while Mr. Henry Shute, Public Relations Counselor, introduced those from the United States. The members of the local committee which had planned the conference were introduced by Miss Alice Dugas.

The usual proceedings at conferences were reversed and officers were elected at the first meeting. They were as follows: President, Mr. Marvin A. Miller, University of Arkansas; First Vice President, Miss Patricia Paylore, University of Arizona; Second Vice President, Miss Alice Dugas, Mexico City College; Treasurer, Miss Sophrenia Dewey, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Secretary, Miss Eleanor Alexander, Houston, Texas. As a fitting close to this meeting Dr. Edward M. Heilinger, Director of the Benjamin Franklin Library, announced that the staff of his library would entertain the delegates at a Fiesta Tuesday evening in the Embassy Gardens adjoining the library.

Sectional Meetings

Tuesday morning, November 25th, simultaneous sectional meetings were held at the Social Security Administration and at the Mexico City College Art Center.

Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Librarian of Northwestern Louisiana College presided over the College and University Libraries Section. Dr. Robert B. Downs, Librarian of the University of Illinois and President of A.L.A. brought greetings from that organization and Major Robert W. Severance, on leave from Baylor University and representative of the Association of College and Research Libraries extended greetings for that group.

Dr. Paul V. Murray, Vice-President of Mexico City College, discussed "History of Mexico as Related in the Libraries and Archives." While great amounts of the material for Mexican history are in the Mexican libraries, Dr. Murray stated that
to fill the gaps the writer of history has to visit the Library of Congress, the Bancroft Library in California and the Garcia Library of the University of Texas. He then entered into a discussion of three Mexican libraries which are of particular merit both for their history and their holdings. Two of them were the Biblioteca Palafoxiana in Pueblo, the Biblioteca Turriana of the Cathedral of Mexico, both Colonial libraries; the third was the Biblioteca Nacional also in Mexico City. Mr. David Clift, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, spoke on "Books in the Free World." Mr. Edward C. Werner, Librarian of the New Mexico Western College, Silver City, was elected the new chairman.

Miss Mary Ann Wentworth, head of the Children's Department of the Oklahoma City Public Library, presided over the Children's and Young People's Section of the meeting. "Books for Children—What Are They?" was the topic of the panel discussion by Helen Ferris, editor of the Junior Library Guild, Clare T. Newberry, author and illustrator of children's books, and Alpha Montpellier Ionomopolis, teacher in the Westminster School, Mexico City, with Eva Antonia Degerez as moderator. Ann Nolan Clark, author and teacher spoke on "Friendship through Understanding", telling of personal experiences in teaching and writing. Allie Beth Martin, head of the Children's Department, Tulsa Public Library was elected chairman.

The Cataloging and Reference Section met in the Social Security Building. Dr. Arthur McAnally's paper on "Oklahoma Begins Library Cooperation" was read by Richard Covey, director of the Library for the Blind, Oklahoma Library Commission. Edward C. Werner, librarian New Mexico Western College spoke on "Duplicating Catalog Cards in the Small Library". No business was transacted.

Miss Marion Taylor served as acting chairman of the public library section. Miss B. Janet Kee, executive secretary of the public libraries division of A.L.A., emphasized the importance of library growth throughout the continent in her talk, "Developing Libraries is Everybody's Business." The exhibition of colored slides of the new million dollar Phoenix Public Library with accompanying comments by Miss Jane Hudgins was of unusual interest. Clarence Paige, director of Oklahoma City Libraries was elected chairman of the section.

Second General Session
The second general meeting was held at two o'clock in the Social Security Building with Marvin Miller, the newly elected president of S.W.L.A. presiding. The principal address of the afternoon was given by Dr. John Grier Varner, Associate Professor of English at the University of Texas, on "Some Aspects of the Southwest-Mexican Heritage." After the meeting a reception was given for the delegates on the tenth floor of the Social Security Building by the Remington Rand Corporation representatives. That evening at 9 o'clock, Dr. Heilinger with his wife and the staff of the Benjamin Franklin Library gave a gala "noche mexicana" for the guests. Unhappily for many of us, we allowed the "slight disturbance" in the Paseo de La Reforma to keep us away from this lovely party. All who attended reported that it was most delightful. There were songs, dancing, and even an organ grinder, the first most of us had seen in many a year.

Third General Session
Wednesday morning, November 26, Dr. Eugene Watson presided over the third general session in the Social Security Building auditorium. The guests of honor were introduced by Mr. Edmund R. Murphy, Acting Cultural Attaché of the United States. Dr. Robert Downs spoke on "The University and National Libraries of Mexico." After the meeting members had an opportunity to see Mexican incunabula.

Fourth General Session
The final general session was held Wednesday evening with Mr. Low, the retiring president, presiding. The evening's address (Continued on Page 12)
Librarians Lead Toward Better Understanding

Editor's Note: Excerpts from a talk given at the convention of the Midwest Catholic Library Association, Tulsa, Oct. 25, 1952.

It is indeed a privilege for me to be with you today. Speaking before so large a group is a rare experience. Having been reared on the theory that you speak only when you have something to say, I grew up under the eagle eye of my father in comparative silence. But someone asked me to make a speech about four years ago—and I found that the important thing was not so much having something to say, as to stop your teeth from chattering while you say it.

There is a theory at large, however, that the trick is not to start me talking, but to stop me. And while it's absolute libel, will someone please stop me when time is up?

Librarians Lead Toward Better Understanding. That is a high-sounding title and leaves a great deal of room in which to say most anything at all. But you know, the more I thought about it, the more convinced I became that it wasn't just words upon which to hang other words, but a statement of fact, a fact that is becoming increasingly evident. It could be that even librarians are surprised by the idea. For just as the old idea of libraries being collections of books has changed, so has that conception of a librarian being custodian of other people's ideas—a mild and dusty maybe moldy, if you live in a damp climate little creature, seldom noticed and almost never heard. Today's librarian is assuming his responsibilities and proving himself a steady and quietly forceful factor in the world.

We, as American librarians, have a greater responsibility, perhaps, than those of any other country. Of course, Americans at large are faced with that duty because of the conditions under which we are living, but we'll stick to librarians and not stretch the broad topic too far.

The development of library service in this country far outranks that of most other countries for several reasons. Our libraries are free, and they may be used by all. Material is available on all subjects and from all sides. Even so, foreign powers had libraries abroad as a means of education as early as the 30's, and it was not until the 2nd World War that the Office of War Information used this medium. President Roosevelt stated that a war of ideas can no more be won without books than a naval war can be won without ships.

By April, 1944, O.W.I. had outposts in 22 countries. With the close of the war and the dispersing of the O.W.I., the libraries were transferred to the State Department. Today there are American libraries scattered all over the globe—in large cities and isolated communities. Under the supervision of trained American librarians, the people are being taught what life in America is really like, the meaning of our ideals, the reason for Democracy.

Even those of us assigned to the Library Branch of U. S. Army Special Services had a job to do in public relations. Working primarily with American soldiers, we still had under our supervision natives of the countries in which we were stationed. Most of these people were smart, well-educated youngsters. Their questions on American life and customs, on government and economics were intelligent and eager, and those on the American occupation were embarrassingly to the point. Also, their actual knowledge of our country was appallingly erroneous.

In Namur, Belgium, one evening in the winter of 1945, I was invited by one of the soldiers to meet some Belgian friends of his. The group consisted of two doctors...
of ignorance—and the cure for ignorance is education. It must be slowly and patiently executed—but it must be done.

Are you thinking that this all sounds very well and high-minded, but that you are not in Europe—or Asia—or India—or Siam?

Don’t be like Ben King’s “Pessimist” who says in the last two lines of a poem, “Nothing to fall but off. Nowhere to stand but on.”

Ok, stand on! That’s where you are. And your own nation, your state, your very own community, be it big or little, needs some educating. You have a job in public relations right before you. You no longer confine yourself to the activity of your particular library, or you wouldn’t be here at this meeting today. You came to learn something from your fellow librarians. You’ll go home with some of your problems solved, or at least with the knowledge that you are not alone with them. You will have gained something—and given something. But only by working together can we take our place as leaders. Somehow that word together meets us head-on every way we turn. We can’t avoid it. The idea is as old as time, but as effective as ever.

A Word From the Editor

A hearty word of thanks to the contributors to this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. Many responded on very short notice. We hope that every Oklahoma librarian will remember to send us a note whenever anything unusual or interesting occurs in his library. Deadline for the next issue will be June 15th.

It is hoped that the cooperation of business friends will continue to make the Librarian a self-supporting project of O.L.A. Please remember to thank the advertisers for their support when you do business with them. Dick Covey, business manager, is responsible for the gratifying increase in advertising in recent issues.
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Perhaps you are familiar with the Life Magazine series of exhibits. They are beautifully prepared panels, composed of enlarged photographs, with text, mounted on aluminum or masonite, and ranging in size from 24 to 32 inches. There are usually 24 to 30 panels in each exhibit. The subject matter is varied, and will add to one's understanding of sociology, science, history, architecture, art, and literature. They have such fascinating titles as "The Age of Enlightenment," "Ancient Maya," "The Medieval World," and "Houses, U. S. A. (1607-1946)." The exhibitions are circulated to educational institutions without charge, except for express charges, and, happily, the routing of the exhibits is planned so carefully that the express charges will be very small. The only requirements made of the exhibiting institutions are that all panels of the exhibition must be hung in sequence, and that also the exhibition must be repacked carefully one day after the closing date of the exhibition. The address? Life Photographic Exhibitions, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y. One word of caution, or advice—do plan well in advance, for there are many requests for this excellent material, and you will undoubtedly have to be put on a waiting list.

Are you interested in the 'know-how' of print-making? Your library patrons may be. The Division of Graphic Arts, of the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D.C., maintains several traveling exhibits illustrating the various processes of the graphic arts, including illustrations and descriptions of the better-known processes, such as etching, wood-cut, lithography, wood engraving, Japanese print, and so on. Here again, the only cost is for the express charges. If you are interested, a letter or a card to the address above will bring you additional information.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City has prepared many fine and interesting exhibitions which may be rented very reasonably. If you cannot afford to rent one of these exhibitions, perhaps a club or organization in your community might be encouraged to sponsor the exhibition with you and to share the costs. Don't be afraid, or suspicious of the words "modern art"; for the Museum's displays are designed largely to dispel many of the doubts and mysteries surrounding modern art. The Museum has only recently issued a new brochure, or catalog, listing and describing the available exhibitions, and you may have copies simply by requesting them.

The National Audubon Society, 1000 Fifth Ave., New York City, has organized exhibits of original bird-paintings by well-known painters as Athos Menaboni, Luis Agassiz Fuertes, George Miksch Sutton, and others. These originals are framed, insured, and packed in specially-built cases, and are available on a contribution basis. The Society will welcome your requests for details.

The Pan-American Union in Washington has some excellent display material on

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Catholic Library Association Unit Meets in Tulsa

The Midwest Unit of the Catholic Library Association held its 17th annual convention at Monte Cassino School, Tulsa, on October 25th. The day’s activities began with a High Mass sung by Msgr. Victor J. Reed, pastor of Holy Family cathedral.

The general session opened with a speech of welcome by Sister Mary Edward, O.S.B., principal of Monte Cassino. The Monte Cassino glee club, directed by Mr. Fox, then presented two choral numbers.

Sister M. Reynolds, O.P., assistant professor of library science at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, gave the keynote address, “Librarians Are Leaders” in which she pointed out that a successful librarian must be real, contemporary, and amicable.

Miss Elizabeth Cooper, librarian of the U. S. Naval Technical Training Center at Norman, stressed the necessity of “togetherness” in efforts to spread truth through the printed word. Using concrete examples from her wide experience in establishing informational centers abroad, she expanded the theme, “Librarians Lead Toward Better Understanding.”

The third speaker, Rev. James McNamee, pastor of the Madalene parish, Tulsa, presented a critical analysis of the modern, happy-ending novel. Most novels of today, Father pointed out, are marked by the absence of God and spiritual values. The job of the Christian librarian is to show reality as it is—a world tainted by the sins of men, a world which can be restored to goodness only when man admits his own helplessness. The true hero, he stated, is the man who fights, and if need be, dies for his cause. By dying, he shall point to eternal truths.

The afternoon session found the 135 delegates from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Texas, and Oklahoma divided into five round-table groups. The college librarians’ section, lead by Rev. Gil-bert Peterson, S.J. of St. Mary’s College, St. Marys, Kansas, discussed “Cooperation Between the English Department and the Library.” The group also made plans for a duplicate periodical exchange.

Sister Agnes Clare, C.S.J., librarian from Sts. Peters and Paul School, Booneville, Missouri, lead a lively round-table for the high school group. “The Librarian as a Leader in the Choice of Correct Reading” was the theme of a paper presented by Sister M. Richard, O.S.B., Lilits High School, Kansas City, Missouri, while Sister Rose Edward, R.S.M., librarian of Glennon High School, Kansas City, gave some excellent suggestions concerning “The Librarian as a Leader in the Choice of Magazine Reading.”

Sister Margaret Mary, C.S.J. of Wichita lead the hospital librarians round-table, at which two papers were presented: “Library Service in the Hospital” by Sister V. Vincent, R.S.M., of Hutchinson, Kansas, and “The Training of Medical Librarians” by Sister M. Germaine, S.S.M., librarian at St. John’s Hospital, Tulsa.


Highlight of the session was a speech by Rev. Robert E. Southard of Wichita on “How to Get Children to Read Good Books.” Father Southard was formerly director in audio-visual education at St. Louis University and is author of the pamphlet, “Our Comic Strip Children.”

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Panhandle A. & M. College Dedicates New Library

The Marvin E. McKee Library was dedicated on the campus at Panhandle A. and M. College, Goodwell, on October 18. The principal speaker at the dedication service was Dr. M. A. Nash, Chancellor of Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education. The program paid tribute to President Marvin McKee, who was honored by the college faculty and the Board of Regents in naming the building for him.

The McKee Library, located at the south end of a rectangular campus, is of red brick construction in modern design. Fully equipped the building cost an estimated $300,000. The glass enclosed entrance foyer reveals something of the spaciousness of the interior of the building.

The circulation lobby is in the center of the well-coordinated design. It is elaborately finished in marble. The floors are of Vermont marble and the charging desk and wainscoting of Tennessee marble. Access to the reading rooms and stack room area is gained through the circulation lobby. Two reading rooms—the main reading room and the agriculture and science reading room — open into the northwest wing of the building. There is seating in the rooms to accommodate 132 readers.

The stack area of the building is the only part of the building which is two story. The stack rooms are designed to house 80,000 volumes. At present the second floor stack room is divided into three classrooms and a laboratory to accommodate the audio-visual department and the library science department of the college. In the first floor stack room will be found four private study carrels, a sound-proof typing room and a sound-proof listening room. The stack room has provision for 12 readers. The stacks are open to all students.

An auditorium is situated in the northeast wing of the McKee Library. Its design and location are such that activities in the auditorium do not interfere with the conduct of library activities. The small auditorium has a seating capacity of 253. It is meeting a special need on the campus as it has proved to be ideal for the numerous small meetings, lectures and concerts which are held on the campus. It is used extensively by the audio-visual department of the college. It is equipped with a projection booth and the showing of movies on the campus is now under consideration.

The McKee Library is lighted throughout by recessed fluorescent lighting. Floors in the stackrooms, classrooms, workrooms and offices are of asphalt tile. Floors in the reading rooms, auditorium, typing room and listening room are of cork tile. Floors and wainscoting in the rest of the rooms are of ceramic tile. Ceilings throughout the building are finished in acoustifiber. The walls are painted in light restful shades. The reading rooms are in planter's green and sea-breeze blue; the circulation lobby in light cambridge; and the stack area in India ivory.

The furniture in the workrooms, offices and reading rooms is of the Trend design by Library Bureau. The stacks are Library Bureau free standing stacks.

The McKee Library, beautiful in design and construction, is the focal point of the campus. Its functional design has proved convenient to the library staff from the viewpoint of operation and supervision. Faculty members and students have found within the spacious interior a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere in which to spend study and leisure hours.

It's Fun to Read Folklore, an annotated selected bibliography for boys and girls, may be obtained by writing Dr. Elizabeth Pilant, National Conference American Folklore for Youth, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind.
Mary Hays Movable

Recommended Fiction With An Oklahoma Background

Many Oklahoma librarians have expressed an interest in collecting material of local interest. The following list has been prepared to serve as a checklist for libraries purchasing books with an Oklahoma background. Names of writers who are not Oklahomans are preceded with asterisks. A list of children's books has been appended since an earlier version of the list was prepared.

Adult Fiction

Anderson, Edward, Thieves Like Us, Stokes, 1937; Aydelotte, Dora, Trumpets Calling, Appleton, 1938; Burris, Andrew Blummer, Cover the Embers, Mathis, Van Nort & Co., 1940; *Candee, Mrs. Helen Churchill, An Oklahoma Romance, Century Co., 1901; Conner, Mrs. Aletha (Caldwell), Pisces' Child, Southwest Press, 1934; *Cooper, Courtney Ryley, Oklahoma: a Novel, Little, Brown, 1926.


Juvenile Fiction

Bailey, Jean, Cherokee Bill, Abington, 1952; Bass, Althea, The Thankful People, Caxton, 1950; Hooker, Mrs. Forrestine (Cooper), Cricket; a little Girt of the Old (Continued on Page 20)
S.W.L.A. Convention
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was given by David Clift, secretary of the American Library Association on "Professional Association in Librarianship." Miss Maria Teresa Chavez gave the Spanish translation of the speech. The second part of the program was a panel discussion on standards for librarianship, conducted by Dr. Downs, Jose Maria Lujan, Miss Margaret Hall and Mrs. Florrinell Morton. Committee reports followed and the conference closed.

Of the total number who registered at the meeting, there were only sixty more from the United States than from Mexico. Enthusiastic participation by librarians from both countries added greatly to the success of the meetings. The Mexican government was most gracious to the Association and provided it with the most extensive and beautifully appointed exhibition space the group has ever had. As partial thanks for this kindness all registration fees for Mexican librarians were waived. All who attended the meeting agreed enthusiastically, "A wonderful meeting in a wonderful city."

Over 150 thousand Braille and Talking Books have been issued to the blind by the Oklahoma Library Commission.

The first instruction in Library Science in the State of Oklahoma was given at the University of Oklahoma in 1920.

Catholic L.A. Meets
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A small but enthusiastic group of general readers, headed by Mr. John Bennett Shaw of Tulsa, discussed literary problems peculiar to the adult. Miss Mildred Stone, owner of the Thomas More Book Stall, Oklahoma City, presented a paper, "Why the Parish Library?" Next, Mrs. Raymond Skeehan of Tulsa explained the activities of the Marquette Adult Library Club of which she was the first president. The last speaker, Rev. Stephen Fogarty, O.S.A. of Cascia Hall School for Boys, Tulsa, explained "The Great Books Program."

Sister Mary Joachim, O.S.B., librarian at Benedictine Heights College, Guthrie, was chairman of the entire meeting. She expressed her gratitude to all who attended, especially to the staff members of the various branches of the Tulsa public library.

The convention closed with a social tea given by Sister Germaine and the nurses of St. John's hospital in the parlors of the nurses home.

Next year's meeting will be held at Sacred Heart College, Wichita.

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The career to date of this remarkably able librarian presents a unique example of extensive education and preparation for a professional career, a career which has been at once meteoric and yet at the same time productive of numerous sound contributions to the science of librarianship and to the world of higher education in general.

Carl White, a native Oklahoman, was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1925 with an A.B. degree. In college he distinguished himself as a talented varsity athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and track. White was an excellent debater, and was president of numerous organizations including the student assembly. Basic to all this, however, was the fact that he made high marks in his studies.

While teaching at Oklahoma's Bacone College, he became for a time Acting President (1926-27). Graduate study brought an M.A. degree from Mercer University and a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University in 1932. At Cornell White was successively a Susan Linn Sage Scholar, Susan Linn Sage Fellow, and winner of the Cornell Graduate Prize in Philosophy. In 1931 Dr. White received the B.S. in Library Science degree from Columbia University.

Then later, only four years from the time he took up his first library administrative post (at Fisk University) Dr. White was named Librarian, Chairman of the division of the Library and Library Science and professor of Library Science at one of the country's outstanding schools of higher learning—the University of North Carolina. Because of this, it can be said with a fair degree of accuracy that Carl White's library career began at the top.

He spent two productive years at Chapel Hill before he was promoted to the head of the University of Illinois Library and Library School—one of the wellsprings of American librarianship. Dr. White took up his work at Illinois in 1940 and a period of inspired administration ensued during which his labors were favorably recognized by numerous individuals and official bodies.

It was not long until another promotion took place. This time, in 1943, it was to the job he now holds—the chief administrator of library services and library education at Columbia University with the titles as given above. In many respects the Columbia University Library post is acknowledged to be the most significant university library post in the United States—a milestone indeed for a librarian less than a "decade out" on his career journey.

As an administrator Carl White has attracted the attention of his peers for his production of significant and well prepared director's reports. Faculty colleagues at North Carolina and at his later universities have choused their approval of his mature and meaningful expressions.

As an administrator White was one of the first important librarians to influence the decentralization of the director's responsibilities with broad areas of authority and responsibility being delegated to associate and assistant directors of like officers.

Dr. White is recognized as having contributed largely to the development of a new pattern in the organization of the research library. His ability at 'growing'
good administrators has been conceded to be "a green thumb".

As impressive as any of his achievements has been his notable success in getting his library program adequately financed. White ascribes this success to "programming". This technique involves projecting a program in such a way that the University (through its strongest leaders) identifies itself with that program and vice versa and when this happens the financial support tends to take care of itself—if the wherewithal is there in the first place. Some of Dr. White's more important recent publications have concerned library worth, costs, and income.

Much if not most of his administrative reorganizations at the several institutions mentioned have stood the test of time with little change.

The national scene has not monopolized the creative efforts of Carl White. After World War II when the best minds of the United States joined those of other countries in organizing and establishing UNESCO, a small group of librarians from this country was instrumental in making the concept a reality. White was among them. This involved work both here and abroad. In these activities, Dr. White, often acted on his conviction that there is a new importance to the role which the communication of ideas (especially by way of the printed page) has come to play in the modern world.

Carl White's profound interest in the education of librarians is familiar to all who have come in contact with him. A flash-back to his athletic days in college is evident in his modest admission: "The accomplishments in this field with which I have had anything to do have for the most part been the work of many people, ranging from the Carnegie Corporation to faculties, presidents and trustees, and my own contributions have been rather more what you would expect from an educational administrator—a few fundamental insights, laying out broad lines of action, building an organization and selecting the people to do the job. The contributions I have made are more like those of the football coach than those of the captain or the quarterback."

The library profession includes, of course, a large number of young librarians. A few years ago this group were more self-conscious than they are now. Then there was almost a "Junior Librarian" movement. Of young librarians, again quoting our subject: "Any success I have had in helping grow a crop of useful librarians goes, I believe, to something deeper. There are unhappily more young people who have it in them to do big things than ever get the chance to show it." He notes that librarians have talked a good deal about promoting the growth of young librarians, but cites the fact that Illinois and Columbia have simply gone ahead and done it. "More of this, continues Dr. White, would be done but for the fact that, when the chips are down, a lot of appointing officers want to be convinced that they are right by a better record than the untried can produce."

Carl White represents personally most of the outstanding qualities that American librarians have come to look for in their professional leaders. He is a successful librarian who has not forgotten, and evidently will not forget the recipe for success. He has known often the sweet taste of success after effort. An adornment to his profession, Carl White has often extended the hand of help to colleagues, to novices, to his fellow countrymen, and perhaps most important of all—he has stood with extended hand of help to library users in whatever land they may be. Oklahoma can be proud.

Books for Young Adults

A selection of books published 1946-1951, prepared by the Workshop on Reviewing and Selection of Books for Young Adults contains 406 titles, annotated with 17 illustrations, table of contents and index. Published in 1952 by the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston 17, Mass., and available at 25 cents a copy.
Tinker Air Force Base Library

(First of a series of articles on special libraries in Oklahoma.)

It is both a privilege and a challenge to be a librarian in a military installation. There is the advantage of performing all phases of library service—cataloging, reference, administrative work, etc., as well as the privilege of working with all types of readers.

It is a thrill to introduce the library to one who, perhaps, had not this privilege in civilian life and a satisfaction to help those already familiar with such service to continue their education or planned reading and attain personal growth through books.

Ever since military forces have been organized, what the military man does when he is not fighting, working or training has posed a problem for commanders, who through the years have learned the intrinsic worth of a well-planned broadly-developed free-time program.

It is a challenge to operate a technical library, anticipating, searching for and finding material on questions of the day, whether it be on rockets, military science or a mathematical formula.

The Base Library, Tinker Air Force Base, "the jet service station of the nation", consists of four separately housed libraries furnishing four different types of material but integrated in one single purpose—to provide all Air Force personnel with reading materials in all pertinent subject fields.

The Recreational Library, located in the military area and whose use is limited to military personnel and their families, houses a balanced collection in all fields affording opportunity for creative use of leisure time. The Technical Library, located in the Administrative Building and open to all employees, military and civilian, provides publications in the allied fields of aeronautics, military science and other subject fields relating to the mission and function of the Air Force. The Air Judge Advocate's Library offers legal publications essential to the functioning of all legal offices. The Medical Technical Library provides research material for the professional medical staff.

Each collection has its own catalog and shelf list which are extracts from the Base Library's union record. With the help of a professional and semi-professional staff, the Base Librarian obtains and integrates all reading material in the collections. A phone call arranges for an inter-branch loan as need arises. Good internal and public relations are maintained as the use of the libraries by all personnel is encouraged and promoted by various forms of publicity. Neighboring libraries co-operate splendidly in the matter of loans.

Positions in this and most military libraries are under the U. S. Civil Service System which has many advantages.

I would advise the library school graduate to consider this type of work—time enough to specialize later.

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Dues Payable Now

OLA and ALA dues should be paid now. Joe Templeton, treasurer of OLA, Muskogee Public Library, will supply information about membership. Elizabeth Thomas, Oklahoma A & M, Stillwater, Okla., ALA membership chairman for Oklahoma, will be glad to see that prospective members have information about membership in the national organization.

There are six county libraries in the state.
ARDMORE, Carnegie Library — Mr. William F. Morse, formerly a research assistant in the University of Illinois Library School, has been selected as librarian to succeed Miss Esther McRuer, who resigned effective January 1, 1953. Mr. Morse is a graduate of the Western Reserve Library School, and is completing his work for a master’s degree in library science at the University of Illinois. He was formerly associated with the Mobile (Alabama) Public Library, the Nelsonville (Ohio) Public Library, the Athens County Library, and Western Reserve University Library. During the war Mr. Morse was assigned to army library service at Camp Shelby and Camp Gordon.

Miss Charlene Rader has been appointed assistant in the circulation and catalog departments.

BARTLESVILLE, Public Library — Mrs. Winnie Clayton became librarian of the Public Library in November 1952. Mrs. Clayton was formerly assistant librarian of the Continental Oil Company, Ponca City.

CLINTON, Public Library — Mrs. Beth Hayden, assistant librarian for the past three years, has resigned and moved to Chickasha.

Mrs. Ida Cudney has been appointed to the position of assistant librarian. Sandra Johnston continues as student assistant, a position she has held for the past three years.

ENID, Carnegie Library — Miss Patricia Steele recently joined the library staff as children’s librarian.

MAMI, Public Library — Mrs. Ernest Lawson became librarian in November 1952. She was formerly librarian of the Cordell Public Library, and served as librarian in the high schools of Borger, Texas, and Clovis, New Mexico.

MUSKOGEE, Public Library — Mr. Joe Hayes Templeton became librarian of the Public Library in October 1952. He succeeded Miss Gertrude Davis who resigned. Mr. Templeton is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Library School and has been head of the circulation department of the Tulsa Public Library since January, 1951.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Library — Mrs. Mary E. Webb, formerly teacher librarian at Moore high school, was appointed assistant circulation librarian on September 1, 1952.

Mrs. Kathryn Lewis, former assistant circulation librarian, was appointed assistant acquisitions librarian on September 1, 1952.

Miss Doris Probst was appointed assistant reference librarian on September 1, 1952. Miss Probst was formerly reference librarian in the Lower Division Library, and assistant acquisitions librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City Libraries — Miss Esther McRuer has been appointed librarian of the Capitol Hill Branch Library, and supervisor of other branches in Oklahoma City, effective January 1, 1953. For the past seven years Miss McRuer has been librarian of the Ardmore Public Library. Before entering library work she was secretary of
the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Miss McRuer received her B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma, and is a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School. She was president of O.L.A. during 1950-1951.

Mary Jeanne (Kelger) Hanson, formerly librarian of the Oklahoma Historical Society has been appointed assistant librarian in the Business-Technical Department.

Don Der, who recently completed a Rockefeller Archival Fellowship at the University of Oklahoma, has been appointed Production Librarian, and will be in charge of all mechanical reproduction processes of the library.

Ida Lee (Warner) Gist, formerly librarian of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, has accepted a position as an assistant reference librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY. Tinker Air Force Base Library—Mrs. Olivette (Snyder) Humphreys, formerly librarian of the Cushing Public Library, and Miss Lucy A. S quyres (Oklahoma '51) has joined the staff of this library.

OKMULgee, Oklahoma A & M College—Mrs. Esther E. George has been appointed circulation librarian to replace Mrs. Melva Wallace, who resigned during the summer. Mrs. George has had wide experience in rehabilitation work, which makes her services valuable in the work with the rapidly expanding Rehabilitation Center.

Pryor. Public Library—Mrs. Howard Morris was appointed librarian on September 1, 1952, to succeed Mildred Guild Foster, now on the staff of the North-eastern State College, Tahlequah.

Tulsa, University of Tulsa Library—Miss Ruth Rowland has been appointed head of the Technology Department. Miss Rowland was formerly on the staff of the library of the Bureau of Information and Program Services of the University of Wisconsin.

NECROLOGY

Charles E. France, distinguished Oklahoma City attorney, member of the city Library Board, and chairman of its New Building Committee, died on November 10, 1952. Oklahoma librarians who had the privilege of meeting and knowing Mr. France, and those who have followed the progress of the library's building program know that in the loss of Mr. France not only the Oklahoma City Libraries but Oklahoma libraries in general have suffered a severe loss. His devotion to the cause of library service, and his insistence upon giving it the time, thought, and energy which it required, are complete testimony of his service above and beyond the call of duty.

POSITIONS OPEN

The pages of the Oklahoma Librarian are open to any library with positions to fill. A description of the position with other pertinent information should be sent to the editor in advance of the deadline, June 15.

OKLAHOMA CITY LIBRARIES Positions now open for professional assistants in children's and adult service departments, Capitol Hill Branch and new main building. Starting salary depending on qualifications. Write Clarence S. Paine, Director, Oklahoma City Libraries, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pryor, Oklahoma—The position of librarian, Pryor Public Library, is open. Information may be obtained by writing the library.

A scale model kit of a producing oil field may be purchased from Models of Industry, Inc. Tenth St., Berkeley, Calif. for $3.95.
CHEROKEE, Public Library—Mrs. Etta Gray-Watkins, librarian of the City-County Public Library, presented a program at the Methodist Church for the community’s observance of Book Week.

CLAREMORE, Will Rogers Library—The Lions Club had as its project for 1952 the raising of funds for an air conditioning unit for the library. The Library Board held open house for the club following the installation of the unit last June.

CLINTON, Custer County Library—This county library is a unit of the Clinton Public Library, and functions as a traveling library for all county towns and district schools. County residents may borrow an unlimited number of books from the county or city libraries. Residents of adjacent counties are issued membership cards for a small fee.

ENID, Carnegie Library—The Enid Business and Professional Women’s Club is sponsoring a series of book reviews given by Mr. James D. Meeks, Director of the Enid Library. The proceeds are being used to purchase books for the reference collection of the library.

Photo murals depicting highlights in the history of Enid are being hung in the library. A three by five foot print of the opening of the Cherokee Strip has been placed in the reading room. A photograph of the Phillips University campus at the time of its dedication in 1907, and a view of a circus parade on the square in 1897 have recently been added to the collection.

ENID, Garfield County Library—The library, formerly housed with the Carnegie Library, has recently been moved into the Federal Building.

HOBART, Public Library—Reviews of memorial books presented to the library are appearing each week in the Kiowa County Star Review. The library sponsored a contest for students of elementary and junior high schools during Book Week, the prizes being books of the winners’ choice.

MEDFORD, City-County Library — The Medford Progress Club has again given funds for the purchase of books. The club has made an annual gift to the library for a number of years. Records for the children’s phonograph record library have been presented by the Mothers’ Study Club.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma — A $100 scholarship, sponsored by the Oklahoma chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for an outstanding student in library science, was awarded to Miss Patricia Trent of Shawnee. Miss Trent will receive her degree in 1953, and is interested in county library work.

A number of changes are under way in the library building to gain work space and temporary relief from shelving problems. Additional space for the acquisitions and cataloging departments, and the administrative offices, was acquired by the abandonment of the Library of Congress depository catalog and disbarring the browsing room. Additional stack space is being acquired by storing less used newspapers and transferring manu-
script materials to temporary facilities in the stadium.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City University Library—The library recently received a gift of approximately 3,000 volumes from the estate of the late N. I. Garrison. The collection is especially rich in biography, travel, and Indian lore. Mr. Garrison, for many years an employee of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, read widely, and his gift will enrich the library in years to come.

Ruth Cox and Juanita Means attended the S.W.L.A. meeting in Mexico City.

Frances Kennedy, Librarian, was chosen an honorary member of Cardinal Key, student leadership organization.

OKMULGEE, Public Library—Renovation of the library will begin during December, 1952, following a successful bond issue campaign last summer. Included in the plans are a new roof and furnace, redecorating, and new furnishings.

TONKAWA, Northern Oklahoma Junior College Library—The library was completely remodeled during the summer months. Gray-green walls and woodwork, and sunlight yellow ceilings have brightened the interior of the building. A combined office and workroom has been converted from a storage area, and a new charging desk will soon be installed.

TULSA, Public Library—The library has instituted a new service for its patrons: a circulating record collection consisting thus far of some 430 units of classical music ranging from early choral material to Stravinsky and the moderns, plus approximately 200 children's records, both stories and music. Although the library has limited its classical music purchases to long-playing records, it has received gifts of extensive collections of 78 rpm records. A phonograph was purchased and concerts are presented daily in the

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library lobby from 11:30 to 1:30. Great interest has been shown in both the concerts and the circulation of records, with the latter running from fifty to seventy-five records per day.

Two new display pieces were acquired in October. A multiplex display fixture, consisting of twenty leaves of thumb-tack board twenty-nine by thirty-nine inches, was purchased, making a total of forty surfaces for displays of various kinds. The multiplex fixture will be used to display Life exhibition panels, scheduled monthly from November through July. The other piece of equipment is a peg board for use with current drives, new book displays, etc.

Florence Braley, head of the Reference Department, Doris Park, assistant in the Children's Department, and Wanda McComb, librarian of the Emerson Elementary School, attended the S.W.I.A. meeting in Mexico City.

TULSA, University of Tulsa Library—Mary Frazee, Mrs. Margaret Patty, and Eugenia Maddox attended the meeting of S.W.I.A. in Mexico City.

The library has received as a gift of the Mabee Foundation a large collection of books in the fields of speech therapy and remedial reading.

Dr. Paul Zurcher, retired faculty member of the College of Petroleum Sciences and Engineering, recently presented about two hundred books from his personal library to the university library.

Funds donated for the class gift by the 1952 senior class were given to the library for the purchase of books.

WOODWARD, Carnegie Library — Book Week this year was a community project, with patrons of all ages participating. Over two hundred children visited the library on November 19 for presentation of scenes from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Gift books were presented for the Memory Shelf, and an open house was held during the evening for the patrons.

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"Libraries on Wheels" Displayed in Tulsa

A full fleet of "libraries on wheels" for Tulsa—a fleet to give Tulsa the most complete mobile library service for any city of comparative size in the nation—was placed on display in the shopping district all day November 7.

The four bookmobiles and two house trailers, which have been in use since July 1, 1950, presented a gleaming array of mobile equipment extending a block along Main Street between 3rd and 4th streets. A formal presentation of the keys to the mayor was broadcast at noon.

The bookmobiles, built by Gerstenslager, are on an International LC 182 two and a half ton chassis. Completely equipped, including one and a half ton air conditioning units on each, the bookmobiles cost $13,500 apiece. New books were purchased for each unit. It is estimated that each unit will carry 3500 books.

The value of "taking the library to the people" has already been demonstrated with the two house trailers which were responsible for a circulation of 481,071 books in a little more than two years. Just under 2,000 books were checked from the bookmobiles the first day all units were in operation.

The book collection of the entire library system is being rapidly augmented with purchases from bond funds which also provide the mobile equipment and other expansion of the library system. $275,000.00 will be spent on books for the collection at the main library, at all branches and on the traveling units. Funds have also been voted for two new branch libraries and to recondition the four older branch libraries.

An attractive folder has been prepared outlining the plan of service with the bookmobiles and explaining additional library expansion to be made possible with the bond funds. Copies of the leaflet may be obtained by writing the Tulsa Public Library, James E. Guiney, librarian.

Oklahoma City Librarians Sponsor In-Service Training

While some other city employees observed a holiday on Armistice Day, November 11, staff members of the Oklahoma City libraries met in an all-day in-service training session which had as its aim re-examining their obligations and opportunities as library employees. The theme, "The Library in the Community and You in the Library," was developed by six able and distinguished guest speakers, with an hour devoted to free discussion by the group of the problems raised. A film illustrating the goals of good public service was shown to the staff and the entire proceedings of the institute were transcribed for future reference. The meeting was held in the new Capitol Hill Branch Library.

Speakers included City Manager Ross Taylor, who spoke on the function of the library as a department of City Government. Other speakers and subject were: Ralph Hudson, secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission, on the "City Library in Relation to the Library Profession in the State;" Mrs. Walter L. Gray, president of the Oklahoma City Library Board, who spoke on "The Relation Between the Library Board and the Staff;" Dr. D. J. Johnston, national vice-president of the N. A. M., on "The Library's Role as an Agency for Education;" Edith Johnson on "The Library and Children;" and Dr. Harold M. Binder, Oklahoma City psychiatrist, who gave library workers some insight into the mental and emotional attitudes which affect their relations with the public.

The in-service training institute ended with a skit written and narrated by the library's Bob Dunham entitled "Two Saints in Three Stacks, or Dirty Work at Third and Robinson," featuring Bob Schmidt in the role of Clarence S. Paine, the library director.

Other librarians interested in conducting similar training sessions may obtain information from Mr. Paine.
ELIZABETH THOMAS, head loan librarian at Oklahoma A & M, joins the editorial staff with this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. Her report of the Mexico City meeting was prepared on very short notice in order that those who did not attend might have a first hand report of the meeting.

ELIZABETH COOPER has recently resigned her position as secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission to become librarian of the NATTC, Norman, Okla. During World War II she served as Army librarian in this country and in continental Europe.

SISTER MARY JOACHIM, O.S.B. is librarian of the Benedictine Heights College, Guthrie. She served as chairman of the conference of the Midwest Unit of the Catholic Library Association which met in Tulsa, October 25, 1952.

PAUL PARHAM is librarian of the Panhandle A & M College, Goodwell, Okla.

MARY HAYS MARABLE has been a member of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science since 1937. She has a B.S. and L.S. Library Science from the University of Illinois. Mrs. Marable was librarian of Oklahoma City University from 1926 to 1937, and has had numerous articles published in professional journals. Her special interest in books by and about Oklahomans has led to such useful bibliographies as the recently revised, *Fiction with an Oklahoma Background*, included in this issue.

IRMA TOMBERLIN has been art librarian at the University of Oklahoma for the past five years and has taught in the Library School for the last four summers. She is a member of the executive board of the Oklahoma Library Association and joins the editorial committee of the Oklahoma Librarian with this issue.

RALPH HUDSON has been state Librarian since 1936. He has served as acting secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission since Elizabeth Cooper's resignation. He is A.L.A. councilor representing the Oklahoma Library Association and a member of the A.L.A. committee on the Study of State Library Agencies.

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Latin American countries which may be borrowed very inexpensively and which makes colorful and informative exhibits. The specific agencies listed above make only a slight dent in the long list of national, state and local museums, which have loan exhibits available for very slight costs. Generally, industrial and commercial firms have much publicity and exhibit material which is distributed free of charge. McKown and Robert's book, *Audio-Visual Aids to Instruction*, published by McGraw-Hill, has one of the most comprehensive lists of free and inexpensive display material which I have seen.

I hope that all of you will not always rent all of your exhibits, and that you will give some consideration to the purchase of portfolios of color-prints. The prints are being produced very reasonably now, and portfolios of eight prints may be bought for as little as $1.50. The Skira Company, the Editions du Chene, and "the Library of Great Painters" published by Abrams Co., are producing prints of excellent quality, and prints which are authentic copies of the originals. Marboro Books, and Brentano's frequently advertise these portfolios on sale at bargain prices. These prints, when matted and framed, make very handsome displays, and form the nucleus of a good art collection.

If you have wall space, which is crying to be used, or exhibits racks, do take advantage of the many beautifully designed exhibits which are available to you today. Many persons in small towns and communities have no access to museums and art galleries, and the libraries have to pinch-hit for museum facilities. Pinch-hitting can be fun, and many of these "exhibits on the move" can head your way today, only for the asking.

To 1948, the Oklahoma Library Commission issued 600 librarians certificates.

**Meet the Authors**

(Virginia Lagrange has been librarian at Tinker Air Force Base since 1942. She received her library training at the St. Louis Public Library School. She has worked as cataloger at the St. Louis Public Library, Enid Public Library, Northern Oklahoma College and at the Oklahoma City Public Library. Since entering the government service she has done order work, cataloging, reference work and has served in an administrative capacity. She has been a member of OLA since 1930 and is at present serving as first vice-president and president-elect.

Lee Spencer has been librarian of the Oklahoma Baptist University since 1938. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School. He has agreed to contribute a series of biographies of outstanding Oklahoma librarians, the first of which appears in this issue.)
Oklahoma A. & M. Library Receives Two Collections

Oklahoma A. & M. College library has been fortunate in receiving two large gifts of books recently. When Dr. O. E. Hooley of the history department died this fall, his extensive library on the Far East was given to the library by his brothers as he had planned. It is now being processed and added to the collection, each book bearing a memorial plate. The second library was that of Dean N. Conger, Emeritus Dean of Education. This consists of over one thousand books which were the dean’s professional library. Both of these collections will add to and strengthen the library’s holdings appreciably.

Library Services Bill To Be Reintroduced

The A.L.A. Washington Office urges libraries, trustees, and friends of libraries to write their congressional representatives in the interest of the Library Services Bill which is to be reintroduced in the 83rd Congress.

If you need information about the bill, the A.L.A. Washington Office, Hotel Congressional, Washington 3, D.C., will be glad to supply you with the necessary facts. Your State Extension Agency can also give you information as to what this bill will mean for your state.

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