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Temperatures in Oklahoma are still hovering around the one hundred degree mark as this is being written, but by the time it is off the press and you receive it, we hope it will be much cooler, and we will all be well along in our fall activities. Schools will be going along in full swing; the students will be bringing their research and study problems to the library for the librarian to solve. Civic groups and clubs will have their fall programs well under way, and the public library will be actively engaged in helping them carry out their reading and study plans. Every library will be in the midst of an active season of work.

A one day meeting for Oklahoma librarians, sponsored by the O.L.A. Executive Board and the Select Committee for State Planning, will be held in Norman in October. Members will be notified as soon as plans are completed, and we hope many of you will be able to attend.

Are you planning to go to the Southwestern Library Association meeting in Albuquerque on November 3-5? Elsewhere in this issue you will find further information about that meeting. From the advance publicity there will be an excellent program and one which none of us can afford to miss. It will follow immediately the OEA meeting in Oklahoma City, October 28-29, where we expect to see many of our school librarians at their sectional library meeting. Let us plan now to continue our trek a little farther west and make a real convention holiday of it. It will be a long time until our spring meeting. With inspiration from these two fall meetings, we can carry on with vigor and enthusiasm until March 31, 1955.

Thanks to all of you who took the time and trouble to return the mimeographed sheet with your comments and suggestions as the future programs of OLA. Your answers have been most helpful in planning the program for the spring meeting. From these sheets we found that the majority preferred a longer meeting. Those who did oppose gave as the reason that they would be unable to attend. Evidently no one wants to miss anything.

There were excellent suggestions as to the sectional meetings, both as to the subjects for discussion and as to the form which the discussions should follow. We had many requests for a party or mixer sometime during the meeting. We hope to incorporate many of your suggestions into the program for 1955, and will certainly keep them on file for future meetings.

May I express my especial appreciation to all of you who have accepted committee assignments. The load of Association work that is being carried by those serving on committees is certainly a heavy one. Only by such willing service, however, is the Association able to carry forward the many plans that have been suggested by the membership. By so working together—librarians, trustees, and friends—we can achieve our purpose—"to promote all library interests and services in the State of Oklahoma . . . ."
More Reading In Nowata County

The extension of cultural and educational benefits through reading is the challenge of the Nowata County Home Demonstration Council Community Library project. Elements which have worked before in the promotion of reading have been regrouped into a new combination to achieve this end. The primary element in this combination was the seeking out of the dedicated souls in the community who believe in people and in the good of reading. These dedicated persons are the Nowata County Home Demonstration Clubs Community Librarians who, when given good readable books, have brought people and books together.

The women who volunteered and were selected to be community librarians accepted their responsibilities and opportunities in the same spirit of service which has characterized other Home Demonstration Club projects. Guidance was given throughout by the state, district and county Home Demonstration Agents working in cooperation with Oklahoma A. & M. College and State Librarians.

The project was made possible when the American Library Association received a grant of one hundred thousand dollars from the Fund for Adult Education of the Ford Foundation. TheALA invited librarians to submit projects that would explore new ways for continuing education. After consultation with several Oklahoma librarians Mr. Edmond Low, Librarian of the Oklahoma A. and M. College, invited Miss Norma Brumbaugh, Oklahoma State Home Demonstration Agent, to formulate a project with him. Together they worked out a Rural Reading Project which proposed that Community Home Demonstration Clubs in a county without public library service each select a librarian who would agree to place a small library in her home, care for it, open her home to friends and neighbors at certain hours so that they could select, borrow, and read books. After a stated time the libraries would be rotated to other Home Demonstration Clubs so that each community in the county would have the opportunity to read a larger number of books. The project was approved late in November, 1953. The grant was for five thousand dollars.

After consultation with Mrs. Ruby Neal, District Home Demonstration Agent, the decision was reached to offer the project to Nowata County because, while there was no public library in Nowata, the County Home Demonstration Council had a library of over six hundred books in the office of the County Home Demonstration Agent. Mrs. Almira Abernathy, Nowata County seemed to be fertile soil for an expanded rural reading program. Mrs. Abernathy welcomed the project with open arms.

Early in December Mr. Low and Mr. John Stratton, Assistant Librarian, went to Chicago to select books and do preliminary planning for the project. At ALA Headquarters valuable conferences were held with librarians experienced in the Great Books Program and the American Heritage Project, but procedures that were successful in those projects were difficult to imagine being transplanted into a community where there was no public library service. The more reasonable approach seemed to be to ask the Home Demonstration Clubs how they would like to promote rural reading. This approach, to offer from the campus what people can use, is in the true spirit of extension work.

Some books were selected in Chicago, but the main pattern of selection was formulated after returning to Stillwater. People in rural communities were thought to read about the same books as urban people, preferring the better and more serious books. Wholesome fiction where it could be found was desired. Recent current books were chosen. Since the libraries were to be in homes, and children are in homes, children's books were added. The children's books were purchased from funds other than that of the project grant. Mr. Edwin J. Pattee, Acquisitions Librarian of Oklahoma A. & M. College, other librarians and the experienced booksellers of A. C. McClurg Co. book wholesalers helped with later selections. The library in the office of Mrs. Abernathy was incorporated into the collection.

Near the end of December Miss Brumbaugh, Mr. Low and Mr. Stratton took a selection of about forty books which had already arrived to Nowata. At the home of Mrs. Abernathy members of the Home Demonstration Council executive committee and library committee met around a table on which the books were displayed. The project was explained, discussed and plans laid to carry it on. From the very first Mr. Dave Johnson, Editor of the Nowata Daily Star, who was present at this first meeting supported the project wholeheartedly with publicity in his newspaper.

February 15th was the date set for the arrival of the books in the county. In the intervening month and a half the library project was submitted to each Home Demonstration Club and all twenty-two clubs in Nowata county voted to have a community library. A woman in each of the clubs offered her services and home for the library. Book cases or shelves were to be provided by the clubs.

Books were processed for circulation at the
Oklahoma A. & M. College Library Each book was placed, provided with a book card and card strip, an insert headed “What I Think About This Book” was placed in each book, and most books were enclosed in Plasti Kleer book covers. The books were assembled into libraries of about 60 books.

A folder was prepared for each librarian. It contained general instructions of the duties and responsibilities of the librarians, details about checking books out and in renewing books, a list of books in the library, and report forms. The following was addressed to the Community Librarian by the chairman of the County Home Demonstration Council Library Committee.

You are a most important person in the Nowata County Rural Reading Project. As community librarian you can acquaint the neighbors in your community with the individual books in your library, and encourage them to make full use of the library. Through the books in the community library, your neighbors can travel in other countries, learn of other people, become better acquainted with our own American background and future, meet characters they would like to know, and enjoy this wonderful world of books. You can render a most valuable service to your neighbors as community librarian. The service you give now will reflect itself in years to come in the lives of the people.

The Community Library Dedication was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church in Nowata, Monday, February 15th. The program was arranged by the County Home Demonstration Council library committee. From eight to ten in the morning the books for each Community Library were arranged on tables around the hall. Each library was designated by a banner giving the name of the community library. The display was an attractive sight with the books in their new jackets covered by the Plasti Kleer covers. “Oh, I’d like to read that!” was an exclamation often heard.

At ten o’clock the women who were to be librarians gathered for a school on how to conduct their libraries. John Stratton, in the absence of Mr. Low, gave the background of the project, relating it to early public library development and land-grant college extension work. He then presented the mechanics of care and circulation of books. Mrs. Abernathy and Mrs. Brumbaugh spoke to the librarians. Dr. Cecil Williams, Professor of English at Oklahoma A. and M. College, author of the new Oklahoma book Paradise Prairie, talked of writing and in a unique way gave his listeners an insight as to how one person might present a book to another.

After this morning session the meeting adjourned for noon. During the noon hour the hall remained open so that the invited business men downtown could come and see the books. At the afternoon meeting, people from all over the county filled the Fellowship Hall. Talks on how the rural reading project came into being, what it could mean to the community, the extension service, and how it should serve the people of Nowata County were given by John Stratton, Dave Johnson, Norma Brumbaugh, Almira Abernathy, and Ruby Neal. The community librarians were introduced by Mrs. Jack Inman, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Nowata Homemakers Demonstration Council. Shawnee Brown, Director of Extension, dedicated the community libraries. Following the service the librarians took their libraries home. The day the books were presented to the Home Demonstration Clubs in Nowata County was a Highlight Day in the Home Demonstration Club work in the county.

On Thursday of that week each librarian in the county held open house during the afternoon and evening for the people in her community. People came, examined the books and learned of the service the libraries in the homes of the librarians could give to them. Then they began to read and express their appreciation for the books. Reports began to be reported on many sides.

Next on May 25th a Rural Reading Conference was held at the Nowata High School Gymnasium. At ten o’clock the Community Librarians discussed “How the Libraries Have Served Our Community.” Reports were made of the number of books read and of the good that seemed to come to the people from reading. To those who were listening it became evident that those who were enjoying the libraries most were the librarians. They had undertaken to read the books themselves so that they could tell their neighbors about them and they enjoyed having people come to their homes for this purpose just as they welcomed their neighbors on other occasions.

In the afternoon Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, addressed a general session on “Why and What People Read.” Mrs. James Wyker, a noted church woman and speaker to women’s groups, spoke on “Living Abundantly with Books.” Shawnee Brown presented to Mrs. Almira Abernathy, who was to retire at the end of June, a book inscribed by all the community librarians.

After this conference it was evident that some of the community libraries had been extensively read. The decision was made to rotate the community libraries before Mrs. Abernathy’s retirement. On June 16th and 17th John Stratton and Mrs. Abernathy changed the libraries from one home to another and received reports from the librarians. In the four months that followed.

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University of Oklahoma School of Medicine Library

This is one of a series of articles on special libraries in Oklahoma.

The library of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine moved into its present quarters in the new wing of the Medical School in the fall of 1951. It had been planned both for the convenience of the patrons and for ease of administration since the library staff is small. All stack areas are open.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

The large reading room is beautifully light and airy with windows on three sides. A plate glass partition to minimize noise and yet permit some supervision from the charging desk separates it from the stack, circulation and reference areas. Shelving around all four walls permits both current and bound volumes of all periodicals for the past four years to be shelved where they are most used.

The reference center is between the charging desk and the reading room. This area contains all volumes of the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus, Excerpta Medica, and other indexing and abstracting services. Also shelved in this area are the U. S. Surgeon-General's Index Catalogue, the various loose-leaf sets, and the directories, dictionaries, Who's Who in America, etc.

A small browsing room off this area contains biography, history of medicine, and more or less popular books in all fields. There is good lighting and there are comfortable chairs for leisure time reading. It is hoped that more and more students will avail themselves of this opportunity to relax and at the same time gain an insight into the background of their chosen profession. The main floor stacks contain only the books in the library published since 1930. All older books are shelved in the downstairs stacks. The periodical stacks also are downstairs. Carrels and other work space are provided here.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

All these physical facilities would be worthless, however, without books and periodicals. The library now receives regularly over 850 periodicals covering the fields of medicine and allied sciences. It has complete files of both the Excerpta Medica and the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus. The Excerpta is the most complete abstracting service published in the field of medicine with its aim to abstract all periodical articles on medicine published in the world.

A fair percent of the medical books published each year are purchased and a definite effort is made to have a representative collection of books in all fields of medical science. However, a limited budget sometimes curtails the purchase of books which should be in the library.

General Reading Room, School of Medicine Library
The library is proud of its small collection of "treasure books"—medical books published before 1850. These supply background material in many fields. Among these are such varied titles as Wistar's System of Anatomy (1823), Levret's Observations sur les causes et les accidens de plusieurs accouchements laborieux (1750), and Daniel DeFoe's History of the great plague in London in the year 1665 (1819).

In addition to the 36,000 volumes in the library, the resources of the University and Oklahoma A. and M. libraries are readily available through twice weekly delivery service. Through inter-library loan service material not available locally can always be secured.

While the primary purpose of the library is to serve the students and faculty of the School, it also directly serves the medical profession in the Oklahoma City area. Indirectly, through inter-library loans, it serves physicians over the entire state.

Visitors are always welcome and the staff will be glad to show you the library and explain its services at any time you are in the City.

Oklahoma Municipal League
Public Library Section

Officials of the Oklahoma Municipal League appointed a special committee of public librarians in the state for the purpose of forming a Public Library Section within the League. The committee, comprised of James E. Gourley, Hazel Whaley, Robert D. Wood, and Clarence S. Paine, have met with the officials of the League and, as a result, have sent out invitations to all public library staff and board members to meet with the Municipal League at its annual meeting in the Huckins Hotel, September 23rd and 24th. Meetings for public librarians have been scheduled for the afternoon of both days. According to the committee, the purpose of any Public Library Section of the League would not be for the discussion of professional problems, which are held in common with librarians in other types of libraries as represented in the O.L.A., but rather for the purpose of establishing a place for the public library, and its staff in relationship to its fellow city departments.

L. Quincy Mumford Confirmed As Librarian of Congress

For the first time in its long history, the Library of Congress has a professionally trained librarian as director. L. Quincy Mumford's appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate on July 29, 1954, just a few weeks following his inauguration as 1954-55 President of the American Library Association.
Lee Spencer

Milton James Ferguson—Builder and Spokesman

Conspicuous in the first e e h o n of American library leaders who can be claimed in whole or in part by Oklahoma is Dr. Milton James Ferguson, who retired in 1949 as chief librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library after a distinguished career in this and several other important libraries.

Following his graduation from the New York State Library School at Albany (perhaps the world’s finest library school of that era) he began his service as librarian of the University of Oklahoma in 1902. A native of West Virginia, Dr. Ferguson had taken an A. B. degree at Norman in 1901. In speaking of his undergraduate days at O. U., he recalled:

“In my day the University of Oklahoma had a small student body; as a consequence some of us tried to take part in most college activities. For example, I was on the football squad for four years, despite the fact that my net weight was around 155 pounds. What lumps I got! Since substitutes seldom got into the fray my life was saved. I likewise played tennis, with better results, and baseball. My proudest activity was as editor for two years of the Umpire.”

Migration to California terminated a few years stay at Norman for the Ferguson’s (Mrs. Ferguson, née Rose M. Barnett, won Magna cum laude standing in the Oklahoma class of 1903). This move prevented Dr. Ferguson from completing his term as the first elected president of the Oklahoma Library Association. Professor Jesse L. Rader, one of the Ferguson library staff appointees at the University, remained to serve as head librarian himself for 42 years.

In Sacramento the career steps of assistant librarian of the State Library (1908-1907) and head librarian (1917-1930) were to follow. This span of years saw Ferguson’s very active part in the planning and bringing to completion of the State Library building. His two associates on the State Buildings Commission were the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; during the long ten years between beginning and completion, these two officials changed several times. Dr. Ferguson alone kept on.

Few librarians can boast the varied record as a builder that is the rightful claim of Milton James Ferguson for, as a small boy, he drove a mule to hoist the bricks and mortar used to erect the first building on the University of Oklahoma campus. This involvement in building was to continue in the Ferguson administration as chief librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library, a span of time from 1930 to 1949. This was a period made difficult by the occurrence of both the Depression and World War II. Despite these two great handicaps the Central Building, started long ago in 1912 but only partially completed, was brought to a stage of completion permitting it to be actively used. Dr. Ferguson earned widespread recognition as being responsible for skillful leadership in this extended and complex enterprise.

There seems to have been a continuing “penchant for presidencies” in the Ferguson career. Important organizations which enjoyed his leadership as head include the American Library Association, the Oklahoma Library Association, the California Library Association, the New York Library Association, the National Association of State Libraries, the New York City Library Club, the Brooklyn Conference of Adult Education, the League of Library Commissions, and several others of a civic and service nature.

In addition to his editing American Library Laws, 1930, Dr. Ferguson has been a frequent contributor to professional journals. Possessed of a pungent style, he has ably championed the best interests of the library profession and ably responded for the profession to the challenge of local and national issues. Both in spoken and written utterance he can be regarded as a master of subtle humor.

There are other aspects of the Ferguson career which undoubtedly could afford him much pride. In the late twenties he was asked by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to survey the libraries of the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, and Kenya Colony. His daughter Ruth is a professional librarian (California and Columbia Library Schools). Since his retirement in 1949 he has been quite active as consultant to a well-known book binding company and as editor-in-chief of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

Oklahoma librarians can take pride in the solid achievements marking the career of this O. U. alumnus and former member of state library forces. The abiding regard and respect his former Oklahoma associates have for him testify to his genuineness and his sincerity. From territorial Oklahoma to the world’s greatest metropolis in this case is another classic example of Algerian success.

October, 1954
BARTLESVILLE. Public Library—James Hart of the National Zinc Company, has been appointed as a new member of the Library Board. Mr. Hart replaces Mr. George Cohrs.

The library was completely air conditioned during July, and circulation for the month rose to the second highest figure in the library's history with 10,710 volumes. The all time high of 12,232 was in January, 1936.

CHICKASHA. Carnegie Public Library—An original idea, proving most effective, is now in operation. The library has purchased sixteen good titles in Anchor books and other paper back publications. These are placed ona shelf with the notation, “Bring a Book and Take Home a Book”. This collection has grown to nearly one hundred volumes. If patrons prefer they may pay five cents to read one of the books. The reading room was air conditioned during August.

CLINTON, Public Library—The busiest summer in years has been recorded by the library, with all circulation figures broken. The Children's Summer Reading Club had over 300 members who read twelve books for a free swim or ride on the park train, and to 100 books for a gift book.

DURANT, Southeastern State College Library—Reference and reader's services were expanded during the 1953-54 school year, with new highs in circulation and attendance also being established during this period.

KINGFISHER, Public Library—W N Pattillo has given a Book-of-the-Month Club subscription for a year in memory of his wife, Mrs. Ora B. Pattillo.

NORMAN, Naval Air Technical Training Center—Elizabeth Cooper, Librarian, reports the opening of a second music listening room with a collection of over 400 records.

NORMAN, Public Library—A Garland charging machine has recently been installed. With this addition the loan period on all titles except new adult books, the rental collection, and adult magazines has been extended to a period of twenty-eight days, instead of the former two weeks.

The library has undergone a complete repair and redecorating job, including plastering the exterior and painting the inside. The library remained open during the entire operation except for one day.

NORMAN. University of Oklahoma Libraries—On June 7 the University Libraries added the 500,000th volume to its collection, a copy of McLean's *Growth of Integrated Oil Companies*. In so doing they passed an important milestone in their development as a major research and teaching institution, joining a select group of university libraries in the country whose resources for research have national significance. The collections are now second in size in the southwest, exceeded only by the University of Texas Libraries.

Enrollment in the School of Library Science for the summer session, 1954, was 94 students, of whom 64 were full time. This is the largest summer session in the school's history.

OKLAHOMA CITY. Oklahoma City Libraries—Exhibits from the Museum of the University of Oklahoma will be displayed regularly through the cooperation of the newly appointed Director of the Museum, Dr. Stephen Borheygi. Exhibits planned include classical archaeology, archaeology of the southwest, and of Mexico.

Continuing a precedent begun in 1952 an all day staff institute will be held on November 11. The libraries will be closed to the public on this holiday, and staff members will meet in discussion groups, led by prominent guest speakers, exploring library problems and re-examining the philosophy of librarianship.

Hospital library service to patients at the Medical Research Foundation Hospital has been inaugurated. Every two weeks a staff member replenishes the collection of books maintained at the hospital and visits bedfast patients.

The Libraries have recently acquired a valuable tapestry as the posthumous gift of Mrs. Oleta Hale, early day Oklahoma resident. Bill Peterson, a grandson of Mrs. Hale, has had the tapestry renovated and relined. The staff believes the tapestry to depict the story of Venus and Adonis, a popular mythological theme of seventeenth century art.

The Business-Technical Section, headed by Carl Dahl, has been made the local depository for publications of the Geologic Division and the Geological Survey of the United States.
OKLAHOMA CITY. Oklahoma City University—Funds collected from the library's annual book sale for students, and the sale of scrap paper, financed the purchase of a microcard reader during the summer. Other new equipment includes an exhibit case, the gift of the senior class of last year.

OKLAHOMA CITY. Tinker Air Force Library—Virginia LaGrave, Librarian, will attend the Air Materiel Command Conference in Dayton, October 20-22. Miss LaGrave is chairman of the Recommendations Committee.

PRYOR. Public Library—The Vacation Reading Club members qualified 115 for the Reading Certificate, with about 5000 books read. The member reading the greatest number of books was awarded a gift book.

As there is no bookmobile service in the rural sections of Mayes County, the library is checking out groups of books to rural teachers. The collections are changed periodically.

POTEAU. City Library—An early picture of the city of Poteau, taken in 1910, has been presented to the library by Mrs. B C. Tidwell, a former member of the Library Board.

An all time record has been set by readers this summer. A total of 112 boys and girls were enrolled in the Summer Vacation Reading Club.

TULSA. Public Library—Ground breaking ceremonies were held August 16 for the new branch library now under construction in the 21st Street and Harvard area. The Sheridan Village Shopping Center has been selected as the site for another branch library.

The Combined Book Exhibit, displayed at the A.L.A. Conference in Minneapolis, was purchased by the Tulsa Public Library. A new record collection has been added to the circulation department. The collection is owned by the Reats Record Company of Stamford, Conn.

SAVRE. Public Library—Free service is now being offered by the library to all residents in Beckham County.

SEMINOKE. Public Library—Renewing of the library for air conditioning was completed this summer, and two units installed. Additional units will be added during the coming year.

Mrs. Merlin M. Moore
To Be Speaker at OLA Meet

The program committee for the 1956 OLA Convention has announced that Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be one of the featured speakers at the spring meeting. Mrs. Moore was awarded a Citation of Merit for outstanding contributions to library service by ALA at its annual conference in Minneapolis in June.

Mrs. Moore, who has been a member of the Arkansas Library Commission since 1941, and its chairman since 1950, was praised in her citation for "her valuable and constructive work in organizing and establishing country and regional libraries . . . her untiring and successful efforts to secure passage of state legislation providing increased financial support for Arkansas libraries; her inspiring leadership in promoting public interest in libraries; and her continuing dedication to the cause of library development."

Library Publicity Clippings

Now under new management, Library Publicity Clippings has been expanded to include original press releases, features, newspaper filler items, and additional radio spot announcements. The emphasis of the new materials is on easy adaptability by the smaller public libraries, and a change in subscription rates has been made to accommodate libraries with limited budgets. The new editor of this publicity aid is Howard Samuelson, Librarian of the Salinas (Calif.) Public Library, and active in public library publicity for many years. Interested librarians may receive a free sample "publicity package" by writing to Library Publicity Clippings, Box 789, Salinas, California.

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Oklahoma City
CLINTON, Public Library—Mrs. Rose Christy Darnell, Librarian, has completed 50 years of library service.

Mrs. K. C. Perryman was recently added to the library staff. Mrs. Perryman holds the M. A. degree in education from the University of Oklahoma.

DURANT, Southeastern State College Library—Dr. John R. Willingham, Librarian, has been granted a year's leave of absence. He will teach American literature at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana.

MUSKOGEE, Public Library—Richard Covey became librarian on August 16. Mr. Covey has been attending the University of Oklahoma during the past year, and is a graduate of the O. U. Library School. Prior to his present appointment he was associated with the State Library as Special Services Librarian.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Libraries—Stanley McElherrry, Assistant Director, was granted a leave of absence in June and July to serve as visiting professor in the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Texas.

Dr. George F. Summent has been appointed cataloger and instructor in library science. He holds the master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Gottingen. Previously Dr. Summent was on the staff of the University of Illinois Library.

Mrs. Mary Hays Marable was recently promoted to the rank of full professor of the School of Library Science. Mrs. Marable received the bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University, and the bachelor's and master's degrees in library science from the University of Illinois. She was Librarian of the Oklahoma City Public Library for ten years, and of the O. C. U. Library for eleven years, and has taught six summer sessions at Illinois. She joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science in 1937 as an instructor. She is well known as a reviewer of children's books and for her other publications.

Visiting members of the School of Library Science faculty for the 1954 summer session were Mrs. Alice Phelps Pattee, who was given leave from her position as Head Cataloger, Oklahoma A. and M. College, and Alice E. Thomas, regularly school librarian in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Edith Scott was given responsibility for all technical processes in July. Her title has been changed from Head of Cataloging and Acquisitions to Assistant Director for Technical Services.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Douglass High School Library—Mrs. Sara Jane Bell has been appointed librarian for the new school now under construction. Mrs. Bell was formerly librarian of the Dunbar School and Dunbar Branch Library.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City Libraries—Clarence S. Payne, Director, has been elected to the A. L. A. Council from the Public Libraries Division for the 1954-58 term.

Mr. Payne recently received the U. S. Treasury's President Eisenhower Prayer Award on behalf of the library staff for "Outstanding Public Service" in the 1954 U. S. Saving Bond Campaign. The staff did research on the historical background and wrote the promotion outline for the campaign based on a "Parade of Patriots" theme. The award consists of an illuminated copy of the prayer given by President Eisenhower at his inauguration, framed in wood from the inaugural platform.

OKLAHOMA CITY, State Library—Mr. Willard Watson became Special Services Librarian on July 1. Mr. Watson is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Library School, and served as cataloger at the Library of Congress and the University of Arizona Library. He resigned his position as head of the circulation department of the University of Tulsa to accept his present position.

Donald Der, Staff Archivist, represented the library at the meeting of the Society of American Archivists held in Williamsburg, Virginia, in September.

PAWHUSKA, Public Library—Miss Hollis C. Haney accepted the position of librarian effective September 1. Miss Haney received her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University, and her degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to her present position Miss Haney was in the cataloging departments of Columbia University and Oklahoma A. and M. College, and served as Documents Librarian of the State Library.
November Is "Know Your Library Month"

"Do you know your public library?" This is a question that will come to the attention of 5½ million members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in November 1954 and 1955. The Libraries Division of the Federation has launched a two-year program, "Know and Grow" to help club women become more familiar with libraries and library services and stimulate efforts to improve them.

The highlight of the program will be "Know Your Library Month" to be observed in November of 1954 and 1955.

The program was developed by Mrs. Robert F. Herrig of Libby, Montana, newly-appointed Chairman of the GFWC Libraries Division. Mrs. Herrig is Librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library in Libby, and a past-president of the Montana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The American Library Association is cooperating in the program which has gained the close interest and assistance of Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary of the ALA Public Libraries Division, and Miss Mildred L. Batchelder, Executive Secretary of the ALA Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

This November will initiate a program of public libraries and club women working together for better public library service. Public librarians and trustees will welcome the opportunity to acquaint the women of the GFWC with the conditions, services, problems and plans of the library. The Know-Your-Library Month in November should be planned carefully. Here are a few suggestions prepared by Miss Kee from ideas gained from librarians throughout the country. All or part of them should prove helpful to Oklahoma librarians:

1. Discuss the plans with Library Board of Trustees.
2. Contact the president of the local GFWC.
and the Chairman of the committee on libraries and make known your willingness to cooperate fully in the GFWC Know and Grow program.

3. Explore with the president and/or the library chairman the possibilities of functions to bring club women to the library. This could be a weekly open house during the month; a single Open House occasion; a banquet with city officials; a tea or some kind of social occasion where the library trustees would be hosts and the club women guests.

4. Prepare exhibits:
   (a) show how the library through its local resources, inter-library loan, and loans from the state library helps club women prepare for their study programs.
   (b) display resources and services of the library directly related to the various projects being undertaken in the current program of the local club.
   (c) demonstrate how the library acts as a clearing house of information on community events and activities.
   (d) show what portion of the tax dollar goes to the public library.
   (e) show how your local library and the libraries of the state fit into the national library picture, indicating areas with no service or inadequate library service.

(f) ask the state library agency to furnish a special informational exhibit on the state’s plan for developing better libraries; or some other exhibit of special interest.

5. Arrange joint radio and TV programs with top club women sharing with the community, through discussion, the information on how the library functions to serve the entire community.

6. Plan a film showing for the visitors using one of several educational films about books, reading and libraries.

7. Issue newspaper releases publicizing the activities of the Know-Your-Library Month.

8. Be prepared, at all times, to answer basic questions about your library regarding extent of its use, financial support, book selection policy, plans for the future.

9. Prepare a give-away piece for visitors, i.e., a book mark, a book list, an information sheet or the last annual report of the library.

10. BE INFORMED, ALERT AND FRIENDLY!

Editor’s Note: While this list of suggestions has been compiled especially for the observance of Know-Your-Library Month, librarians will find many useful ideas for publicity and public relations throughout the year.

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LILAH B. HECK has been librarian of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine since 1942. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Denver, her degree in library science and master's degree in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to her present position she was chemistry librarian at O.U., and assistant librarian at the Medical School from 1938 to 1942.

LEE B. SPENCER has been librarian of Oklahoma Baptist University since 1938. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Illinois Library School. He was on the staff of the Carnegie Library, Shawnee, and was an instructor at O.B.U. before becoming librarian.

John B. Stratton, Assistant Librarian of Oklahoma A. and M. College, received his A.B. degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, and his bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University. He has been on the staff at A. and M. since 1946, serving as Head Acquisitions Librarian prior to his present position.

Oklahoma Librarians Will Meet In Norman October 14

The Select Committee for State Planning and the Executive Board of the O.L.A. will meet in Norman on October 14. This will be an open meeting, and a very important one, for all librarians in the state. The Committee will present a plan of action for the expansion of library service in Oklahoma. Morning and afternoon sessions will be spent in discussion of the plan. Notices will be sent to the entire membership, and reservations should be made with Mr. Stanley McElderry, Oklahoma University Library, Norman. Each library in the state should be represented at this meeting.

Metta M. Woodward, Veteran Librarian, Retires at Woodward

Miss Metta M. Woodward, Librarian of the Carnegie Library at Woodward for the past thirty-three years, has announced her retirement effective September 1. Miss Woodward's career has been especially marked by the community cooperation which she has inspired and led. For many years she has been a Red Cross Counselor, and has worked with civic and school organizations.

Miss Woodward has been an active member of O.L.A. throughout the years, serving as treasurer in 1931, and as a member of numerous committees since then. The Association bestowed its highest honor on her in 1950 when she was presented the Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contribution to the library profession in Oklahoma. Miss Woodward's letter to the editor closed with these remarks: "With this report your writer announces her retirement after a period of over 33 years of service to this community. During this time she has received all the honors anyone could expect or perhaps more than she has earned... To my fellow librarians and other workers there are not words to express the sentiments I feel for your kindness, cooperation and courtesies. May all the wonderful plans you have in mind be successful!"

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The above headline may sound rather preposterous, but the Oklahoma Librarian will indeed be gone with the wind unless Oklahoma librarians give evidence of their ability to write as well as to read. A good serial would fill the pages of this journal with little effort on the part of the editors, although repercussions from the business staff would no doubt be deafening. But it would not accomplish the purpose for which the Oklahoma Librarian was established.

Modesty is a manly virtue, but from your editor's point of view, a virtue much overworked among librarians in the state. With the July, 1954 issue this publication became a quarterly, but its existence depends upon your willingness to share your professional experiences with others.

The Oklahoma Library Association meets but once a year; this publication is your medium of exchange to share your dreams, your plans, and your ideas for the advancement of your profession. What you are doing and how you are doing it may seem commonplace or inconsequential to you; but to your colleague across the state it may give the spark to greater effort and accomplishment in his locality.

At the present time your editor's role is not a healthful one—the honor should be bestowed upon a librarian whose burning desire is to reduce his tonnage. Each deadline is guaranteed to cause pallor, shortness of breath, and palpitations of the heart, and the end result, the Oklahoma Librarian, will also be characterized by anemia unless you, its readers, become its contributors in greater number.

That the Oklahoma Librarian should join The Silent World is TNT. It Can't Happen Here if librarians will put their Mature Minds to work, exert their Power of Positive Thinking and, with a Faith for Tough Times, be Angels Unaware and Fill 'Er Up—at least the next three issues, the term of the present editor.

Living Under Tension as you are, you may not contribute The Greatest Story Ever Told, but You Can Change the World of this editor and keep the Oklahoma Librarian Inside the Majors in the library publishing field. To Have and to Hold Golden Multitudes of manuscripts From This Day Forward will put your editor back on The Road to Reason, and From Here to Eternity you will be So Well Remembered.

Nothing is impossible in Oklahoma, this Wonderful Country which rose From Tepees to Towers in So Little Time. Unless you relish a re-reading of Gone With the Wind don't Rest and Be Thankful for this issue; but, Before the Sun Goes Down, accept your High Calling of librarian-author. With this FriendIy Persuasion, and with your full share of Sense and Sensibility send in your articles on People, Places and Books that your editor may live Happily Ever After.—The Editor.

More Reading
In Nowata County

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since the 1858 books arrived in the county 2484 books had been checked out to 865 individuals.

If any one person is to be singled out of the many who have contributed to the success of the library project, other than the co-authors of the project, that person would be Mrs. Almira Abernathy, retired County Home Demonstration Agent. Joyfully she took on this additional project and fitted it into an already full program of the Home Demonstration Council. She visited the individual clubs, helped choose librarians, planned meetings, conducted group meetings of the librarians and inspired others in many ways. She and the dedicated women who are community librarians have brought more people and books together in Nowata County.

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ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Letter Available

The NEWSLETTER of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee has been placed on a subscription basis of $1.00 per year. The NEWSLETTER is issued three or four times a year, and attempts to report all efforts to curtail our Freedom to Read.

Excerpts from the Committee's report made to Council at the 73rd annual ALA conference in Minneapolis follow:

"The reaction of the public, the publishers, the trustees and the library profession to the Freedom to Read statement was tremendous. It has proved to be one of the documents of the century. We believe its effect will be lasting and will influence the course of thinking from the present time, into what we all hope will be a future in which we will enjoy the freedoms we are now endeavoring to retain.

The fact that it has been a tangible, basically sound document is borne out by its use. We know that it has been adopted by many libraries; undoubtedly it has been incorporated into library policy by many others unknown to us. Essentially it has done three things: 1) it has provided a support and foundation to library policy that can be used effectively by library boards and librarians in defending their collections and book selection policies; 2) it has sharpened both the thinking of librarians concerning book selection and the responsibilities that pertain thereto; 3) it has given a moral support to librarians and friends of libraries by providing an articulate statement to the position taken in man's right to knowledge and the free use thereof. It has been used effectively in the ALA American Heritage Project in its discussion program. The wide spread reading of the statement has been effective—we wish that it could have had even a greater distribution . . .

"In 1953 some hundred odd instances of pressure against reading of books and of school and library collections have been brought to the attention of this committee. An analysis of this situation leads the members of the Committee to the conclusion that the librarian of the small public library needs a statement of book selection policies that can be adapted and interpreted for local use. After the Second Intellectual Freedom Conference held at Whittier, the American Association of School Librarians began to work on a statement of book selection policy for their needs. Our Committee hopes to work on this area in cooperation with the divisions concerned and interested in this aspect of the problem . . .

"We believe . . . that several major battles have been won. But let us all remember surmounting of a current crisis does not insure the winning of the long-term war, for as we were reminded . . . the battle for our freedoms is a never ending one. Some observations may be made: We should always be alert as to where a fire may break out next. Librarians have met many tests and have learned that they have many a substantial ally and are not alone in the protection of the freedom to read."

—The Committee: Emerson Greenway, Chairman.

Dates to Remember:

October 14—Oklahoma Librarians Meeting, Norman.
October 28-29—Oklahoma Education Association Convention, Oklahoma City.
November 2-5—Southwestern Library Association Convention, Albuquerque.
November 7-13—American Education Week.
January 30-February 5—ALA Midwinter Meeting, Chicago.
March 31-April 2—OLA Meeting, Oklahoma City.

A new monthly feature of the Wilson Bulletin makes its initial appearance in the September issue, page 81. Various library incidents will be depicted in verse and drawings by Grace B. Spear, children's librarian of the Carondelet Branch of the St. Louis, Missouri, Public Library. Mrs. Spear will be remembered by Oklahoma librarians as Grace Breteck, a former staff member of the Carnegie Library, Oklahoma City.

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The biennial meeting of the Southwestern Library Association will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 3-5, 1954, with headquarters at the Hilton Hotel. You are a member of SWLA, without further payment of dues, if you are a member in good standing of the state association. Five general sessions are planned, with three of these the responsibility of the association's three sections. Allie Beth Martin, Children's Librarian of the Tulsa Public Library and President-elect of OLA, is chairman of the Children's and Young People's Section, and Clarence S. Palme, Librarian of the Oklahoma City Libraries, serves as the Public Library Section Chairman. The regional association is of importance to each of us; support it by being in Albuquerque on November 3.

Oklahoma librarians will have a breakfast during the convention, and the approximate number of reservations must be sent to Albuquerque in advance so that a meeting place can be assigned. If you plan to attend please notify Ruth Cox, Secretary of OLA, Oklahoma City University Library.

Catalogers Organize

The Oklahoma Regional Group of Catalogers, tentatively organized at the 1954 OLA meeting, will meet for dinner on Friday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m., in the Student Union Building on the University of Oklahoma campus at Norman. Mr. Richard Chapin of the University of Oklahoma Library School will be the speaker. All librarians interested in cataloging and classification are invited to attend. Miss Edith Scott, of the University of Oklahoma Library, is chairman of the group.

"Junior Libraries" Published

The new R. R. Bowker publication, Junior Libraries, is scheduled for publication on September 15, and will appear monthly thereafter, from September through May. It has been established in the interests of librarians in children's and school work, and will be edited by Gertrude Wolff, formerly editor of the School Library Section of Library Journal. Subscribers to the Library Journal will receive the publication as a special monthly section. It will also be published as a separate periodical with an annual subscription price of $2.50.
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