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A Message from the
O. L. A. President

The enthusiastic reception of the news that the multi-county library legislation had been introduced resolved any doubts that the Association was not ready to go forward in its plans for better library service. The main question was, "What do we do next?"

The tremendous amount of planning by the Select Committee culminating in the Oklahoma Library Plan which was discussed at Norman on October 15, 1954, was followed by the work of legislation to provide a wider base of support and a larger area for service. This is provided in Senate Bill 283, The Multi-County Library Act, which is permissive legislation to allow counties to cooperate in establishing and extending library service if they want to do so. By the time you receive this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian, we shall know whether or not our first step has been successful. If this Act fails to pass, we shall know exactly why and where we failed. We shall be forewarned for our next attempt. Because we shall try again!

During the past year a series of district meetings have been held in the central Oklahoma area at Oklahoma City and Norman, and at Ponca City, Pawhuska, Ada, Okmulgee, Seminole, and Ardmore. These district meetings have been of great value in bringing us closer together and keeping us in touch with what is going on in various sections of the state. I want to extend special thanks on behalf of the Association to everyone who has taken part in these district meetings.

We now have 278 members of the Oklahoma Library Association, the largest number in the history of the Association. When we pass the 300 member mark we shall be eligible for two ALA councilors. Can we reach this goal? Let us each secure one more member before the Philadelphia meeting of the American Library Association.

I should like to repeat what I have said a number of times during this year as your president: The strength of any association depends upon the participation of its membership in the projects and activities of the group. The progress that we have made toward our goal of better library service is the direct result of the advice given and the work done by the members of the Association.
The O. L. A. Annual Conference

The 49th annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association was held at the Hotel Baltimore in Oklahoma City, March 31, April 1 and 2, 1955. The theme of the conference was “Setting the Course for the Next Decade.” Committee meetings of the Executive Board, Legislative, Nominating, Publications, and Resolutions committees were held at 2:30 p.m. on March 31, followed by an informal buffet dinner in the Civic Room.

First General Session

The first general session was held at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, with Leta S. Dover, president of the association, presiding. The membership approved dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the last conference. The secretary read the list of nominees for office as follows:
- First Vice-President, Willa Grace Hardy and John Stratton;
- Second Vice-President, Casper Duffer and Margaret Stewart;
- Secretary, Frances DuVall and Gladys Tingle;
- Treasurer, Ida Self and Johnetta Watson.

Ralph Hudson, ALA Councilor, reported on the ALA by-laws amendment concerning chapter designation for state library associations. He moved that the OLA make application for such chapter designation. The motion was seconded and approved.

James Gourley, Chairman of the Select Committee on State Planning, presided at a symposium-forum on “The Oklahoma Public Library Plan and Legislative Action.” He reported the progress which has been made on the plan since the 1954 annual meeting. Esther Mae Henke spoke briefly on the status of Oklahoma libraries at the present time; Richard Chapin outlined the requirements of good library service; and Stanley McElherry explained Senate Bill 283, a bill permitting multi-county library service. Six discussion groups were formed to formulate questions to be asked of the panel of speakers. Upon reconvening, Edmon Low outlined the progress of a bill through the legislature. Questions from the discussion groups were presented and discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Library Tour

At 2:30 p.m. on April 1, Don Der conducted a tour of the Capitol Hill Branch Library, Oklahoma City University, and Taft Junior High School. The tour was concluded with a tea at the new Oklahoma City Public Library, and a Book Style Show staged by the Oklahoma City Parent Teachers Association.

Banquet Meeting

Mrs. Walter L. Gray, Chairman of the Oklahoma City Public Library Board, presided at an informal banquet meeting in the Civic Room. The invocation was given by Esther McRuer.

NEW OFFICERS OF O.L.A.—Left to right: Frances DuVall, Secretary; Ida Self, Treasurer; Leta Dover, outgoing President; Allie Beth Martin, President; John Stratton, First Vice-President and President-Elect, Margaret Stewart, Second Vice-President.
Frances Kennedy presented the OLA Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Cora Case Porter, formerly librarian of the Enid and Muskogee public libraries, a past president of the Association, and a member since 1909. Mrs. Merlin Moore, Chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission, spoke on "Our Human Resources." Her address appears in this issue.

**Breakfast Meetings**

The School and Children's Librarians held a joint meeting at 8:00 a.m. on April 2, with Mrs. Richard Horton, Chairman of the Children's Librarians Section presiding. "Children Choose" was the subject of the guest speaker, Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, Director of the Children's Traveling Book Exhibit of the Kansas State Teachers Association.

The Past-Presidents' Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. on April 2, with Eugenia Maddox, chairman, presiding.

**Second General Session**

The annual business meeting was held at 9:30 a.m., April 2, with Mrs. Dover presiding. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Ruth Cox, Acting Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of $1,665.74, and a total of 271 individual members and 11 institutional members. The report of the Publications Committee was made by Frances Kennedy, and a copy of the report is attached to the secretary's minutes.

Mrs. Dover announced that invitations for the next two annual meetings should be received by the Executive Board before May 1, as the locations will be decided upon shortly after that date.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Edith Scott, Chairman, who moved its acceptance. The motion was seconded and carried. (The report appears in this issue.)

Elizabeth Cooper, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, reported for the committee. The complete report is attached to the minutes. Individual items which were considered and approved by the membership are as follows:

**Article 4: Officers**

Section 1, Sentence 2. All officers, except the president, shall be elected by mail ballot from the active individual members of the Association in good standing prior to each general meeting.

**By-Law No. 61: Nomination Committee**

1) The nomination committee shall select nominees for all elective offices of the Association from suggestions made by the membership, considering suitability to office and remaining unrestricted as to any plan of rotation in office.

2) The Committee shall notify the membership, not later than November 1, that suggestions are in order for candidates for office. These suggestions must be submitted to the chairman not later than November 15.

3) The Committee shall meet not later than the first week in December to tally incoming nominations.

4) Two names shall be selected for each office, but no person will be placed on the ballot for any office without his consent.

5) Nominees must be members of the Association in good standing.

6) The Committee shall submit to the membership in good standing (those on active list at previous general meeting) at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, ballots and biographical data on each nominee.

7) Ballots must be submitted to the chairman not later than 15 days prior to the annual meeting.

8) The chairman will open the ballots at a meeting of the committee prior to the annual business meeting, and tabulate same. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election.

9) The report of elections shall be made by the Chairman of the Nomination Committee at the annual business meeting. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the President, Executive Board, the Secretary, and one copy shall be retained for committee files.

**By-Law No. 3: Dues and Fees**

b) Library membership dues shall be at least the amount stated hereafter based on the total income of the library for its last fiscal period:

- An income not exceeding $20,000... $2.00
- An income of $20,000 to $40,000... 3.00
- An income larger than $40,000... 5.00

- Individual membership dues shall be $2.00.

- The registration fee for each person, not guest, attending the regular general meeting of the Association shall be not less than $1.00.

**By-Law No. 7: Change Sections to Divisions**

a) Cataloging

b) Reference

c) Teachers

Miss Cooper further recommended that action be deferred on the balance of the proposed

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Our Human Resources: Their Use and Conservation

Natural resources are defined by Webster as "the wealth of a country, consisting of land, forests, mines, water and energy resources." In similar terms we may consider the resources of a library to consist of its physical equipment, its good will, and the energy resources of the librarian, the trustees and every other person who is responsible for serving the public through the library. Our United States government, our state government, and indeed many private industries strive constantly to conserve our natural resources. A never ending program is carried on, aided by colleges, private associations of citizens such as the "Keep Arkansas Green" or "Keep Texas Green" (it would take a lot of education to have Texas otherwise) in educating the public to the absolute necessity of conservation of timber, water, soil and other natural resources. Yet it appears to me that little emphasis is placed on the effective use and conservation of our human resources—the most valuable of all energy resources. It took an all-out war to get our government interested in conserving man power. Aside from a few lectures on public relations, library schools give little or no training in techniques of using valuable human resources, and not enough librarians learn how effectively people may be used in developing a library program for people.

The power to split the atom has been in the world all the time, but it took a scientist who first recognized that such a thing was within the realm of possibility to set about unlocking the secret. In this, as in all other fields, man's accomplishments are in terms of his vision. What sort of vision or mental blue-print do you have for the use of human resources in your community? Take for example your library trustees. Do you expect them to be rubber stamps for you, or are you willing to educate them and use them to effect an educational and moral climate where a library is certain to flourish? To my way of thinking, the greatest waste in the library field today is the latent talent of the library trustee whose librarian has not had the know how, the interest, or the desire to cultivate this talent in order that the tremendous energy potential can be released in behalf of the library program.

What then are the logical steps to take to accomplish these desired ends? First: see that the right kind of people are appointed in the first place. You notice I didn't use the term qualified. A library trustee can become qualified, but none I have ever known were when they were appointed. What kind of people make good library trustees? I list here four very important attitudes of a prospective library trustee.

1. A library trustee must be willing to devote time and energy to the job of being a trustee, often at great personal inconvenience. This does not eliminate busy people because they somehow learn to manage their affairs to make the time available.

2. A library trustee should be interested in the educational and social welfare of the community, and should be already convinced of the importance of books in the lives of people. He must recognize that democracy depends upon the free interchange of ideas, and that books can be a tremendous force in the world; that boys and girls, men and women, need the additional education, the information, the recreation, the inspiration that good books can give.

3. A library trustee should have a vision of what library service should mean to the people—or at least have the capacity to develop that vision. This I consider the most desirable attribute of all. Some people are local about everything. That trait of introspection, me and mine, will keep a person from becoming a good trustee.

4. The library trustee should have enthusiasm of the contagious variety and ability to arouse enthusiasm. No worth while work is ever done in this world for any social goal without the devoted and courageous zeal of people devoutly dedicated to the work.

There are also other desirable qualities of a good trustee, such as:

1. Common ordinary garden variety horse sense.
2. Intellectual curiosity—and open mindedness—doesn't already know all the answers.
3. Good judgment—not of the snap variety.
4. Abilities to work with people—and librarians.
5. Tact.
6. Know what to tell and what not to tell (this is sort instinctive—perhaps it would be
better not to stress this point, else we will have all men trustees).

Of course, these are desirable qualities for librarians too. Well, now, I can hear you say, "Oh, I might as well give up. No board member of mine can measure up to such criteria!" Maybe you just think that since you wouldn't dare say it? I am fully aware that a good many library trustees would make a poor score if judged by such a score card. What, then, can be done about it? Two things.

First, librarians, trustees—yes, state library associations can appoint a committee—(don't laugh now)—to work on a list of desirable qualities for library trustees. Have them report back to your association, and, after careful study and prayerful consideration, put the stamp of approval of your association on the report. *Then use it. How? Put it into the hands of the* appointing power. This ounce of prevention will be worth many pounds of cure. Most appointing powers—mayors, county judges, or others—are in full sympathy with the library program, but know little about what is required of a library trustee. Most of them will welcome advice on appointments from people who have no selfish interest. True enough, some appointing powers are interested only in paying off political obligations, but they are in the minority. Once a county judge told me a list of desirable qualities for library trustees "literally got him off the hook" on an appointment he didn't want to make, but felt he had to make because of a political debt. Naturally the positive approach is better than the negative. However, it is good to caution against appointing a person to represent a religious sect, a political party, or maybe just because she is a nice lady. The weight of opinion from a library association can be felt in the selection of library trustees if the matter is approached objectively—that is, through a recommendation of the kind of person, rather than a specific individual. The latter way can do more harm than good.

After the trustee has been appointed, the responsibility for his education and orientation rests with the librarian; whether he becomes a good, enthusiastic trustee depends strictly on his "infant care and feeding." Immediately after the appointment the librarian should welcome the new member to the board, begin at once to bring him up-to-date on the history, the policy, the finances, personnel, etc., in reasonable doses. Also the librarian should find out when the trustee can give a specified amount of uninterrupted time at his place of business or home, or better still, should invite him to the library for a conference. Much depends on this first conference. The new trustee needs to know he has something to offer; but also, he should come out of the conference feeling the challenge to learn about the library program. However, he must not be made to feel that his ignorance is appalling! Leave him with something to read for a purpose.

The librarian should see the new trustee before a board meeting and lay ground work for his participation, and then put more information in his hands after the meeting. He should be tricked into reading it if necessary. The process of in-service training should continue indefinitely under the guidance of the librarian. The trustee should be lead into widening his horizon, to view local problems in terms of the welfare of the surrounding territory, state, and United States, to avoid localizing constantly. That is one of the troubles in the world today. Most human problems can be solved if enough well balanced people think about them long enough, and deeply enough. *Librarians* do have responsibility to make your local trustees aware of your state library associations, of the American Library Association and its trustees group. Take out a membership for at least the chairman of your board in the A.L.A. trustees group. How can library trustees judge whether your library is giving the best service for the money, if they do not know what other libraries are doing? Membership in state and national trustees groups will at least bring them the library journals and other information which will link them to a broader program—give them opportunity to develop vision if you please!

Get your trustees out to meetings—local, state, national. If there isn’t money for both the librarian and a trustee to go to the American Library Association, then by all means you stay home occasionally, and send a trustee. It will pay dividends to your library program. Often times librarians do not take enough responsibility for in-service training of their boards, and I have a sneaking idea that some librarians do not want active, well informed trustees. Sometimes mental indolence is not only tolerated but actually encouraged. But you say, "All this takes time which I do not have." Then you had better re-examine and re-evaluate your activities. This type of activity will get far better end results than some of the putting you do in your stacks! There is nothing more frightening than ignorance in

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Cora Case Porter: Executrix Turned Executive

Writ large across the pages of the history of Oklahoma libraries and their professional organizations are the name and accomplishments of Mrs. Cora Case Porter, a Texas widow who entered library work when she joined the Oklahoma City Carnegie Library in 1908 as a newly certified assistant (New York Chautauqua Library School).

Enid knew Mrs. Porter as City Librarian for the ten-year period 1913-1923 and Muskogee was the beneficiary of her labors as library head for the twenty-year span 1923-1945. In the interval between these tours of duty Mrs. Porter took time to complete the B. S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois (1924) and served as Librarian of the Wilshire Branch of the Los Angeles City library system, 1924-1925.

The numerous and significant accomplishments of a crowded 37-year professional career furnish ample basis for justifiable pride to Mrs. Porter, her relatives and her friends while she devotes much of her time since retirement to creative writing, a lifelong special interest. Credit is due this industrious administrator for notable accomplishments, including organization of the first county library in Oklahoma (Garfield County) in August, 1920, and such aggressive activities at Muskogee as organizing branches for white and Negro patrons, establishing a hospital library service, and inauguration of an unusually well equipped special collection of books and other materials relating to Indians, Oklahoma history, and genealogy.

Cora Case Porter, born thirty years before the turn of the century in central Texas, took second honors and a Master of Arts degree in 1889 at Potter College, now Western Kentucky State Teachers' College at Bowling Green. Her 1891 marriage to Henry Edward Porter of Hillsboro, Texas, was ended by his death four years later. The following year Mrs. Porter's father died and she found herself in a double position of responsibility. Her able management of the family tasks of her own two children and those of her three younger sisters and one brother for the next several years, testify to the industry that was to mark her later library work. Other than a two-year period of service as Matron at the Texas State Orphans' Home immediately preceding her entrance into library work, all of her work experience has been in library work.

Mrs. Porter's service to the Oklahoma Library Association has been marked by a unique combination of roles: President for two terms, 1913-1915, First Vice-President for three terms, 1921-1923, Second Vice-President twice, 1912 and 1920, and Secretary, 1926. She was on the O. L. A. Legislative Committee and helped achieve the Library Commission Law of 1919, the Certification Law of 1925, County Law of 1929 and the permissive law for Negro libraries, also of 1929. The Southwestern Library Association included charter membership in 1922 for Mrs. Porter, and she served that body as Vice-President for Oklahoma, 1926-1930, and as President, 1934-1936. An onset of ill health prevented her presiding at the Houston meeting, plans for which she had already perfected. The American Library Association was represented by Mrs. Porter as Oklahoma membership chairman for the decade 1927-1937.

The energy of this bookwoman led her into other paths of library service. In 1918 she took a six-month leave of absence from Enid to do A. L. A. Travelling Library War work on the Mexican border. She was one of four Oklahoma librarians (the only woman of these) to be commissioned for war service by the A. L. A. She spent two summers abroad and during the second, in 1927, she represented Governor Henry Johnson and the State of Oklahoma on the occasion of the observance in Edinburgh of the 50th anniversary of the British Library Association. This same summer was the occasion for her serving an A. L. A. appointment as library staff member for the Second American Expeditionary Force at their Paris Headquarters.

Mrs. Porter has supported her numerous outside interests with active membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, Texas Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, various writers' organizations and many literary, social, (Continued on Page 47)
Frances Kennedy

Distinguished Service Award: Cora Case Porter

Editor's note: By coincidence, Mrs. Porter is the subject of the current article in Lee Spencer's series on prominent Oklahoma librarians, appearing in this issue. For this reason, biographical details of her career, outlined in the presentation speech made at the OLA convention in Oklahoma City, April 1, 1955, are omitted here.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor which can come to an Oklahoma librarian. It is the OLA's seal of approval on a life well lived and a job well done—not the job for which each of us draws his salary—but what is accomplished in addition to our positions, in the interest and advancement of the profession of librarianship.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in our constitution of 1950—to recognize those men and women whose contributions to our profession cannot be measured or even adequately described, but should be recognized.

This year, the Awards Committee, with Helen Donart as Chairman, John Stratten, and Lucy Ann Babcock, with the unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the Executive Board, has selected a librarian who measures up in every respect to the high standards of this honor, and who now joins that select group to whom the award has been presented in previous years.

This librarian was my first "boss"—with only the pleasant connotations of the word; she was the captain of the team, giving, expecting, and receiving cooperation from devoted staff members; quick to praise and slow to censure. And that's why I am especially happy, and proud tonight, to have the honor of presenting the Distinguished Service Award to her.

* * *

This distinguished librarian entered the library profession when she was 38 years old, and served as librarian in Oklahoma cities for 35 years, retiring because of illness, not age, in 1945. Today she is 85 years young, and her abiding interest in her profession has never faltered. As she herself has so aptly said, "I have grown tired in library work—never of it."

Perhaps her greatest contribution has been the inspiration she has given so generously to younger members of her staffs and of the association. She has encouraged many young men and women to enter the profession, and by her own example has made librarianship an attractive career.

This is but a brief outline of a distinguished woman's contribution to her profession. She will always live in the hearts of those who were privileged to work with her.

And so tonight, it is my pleasure and very great honor, to present the Oklahoma Library Association's Distinguished Service Award to my first boss—Cora Case Porter!

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changes, and that the President be authorized to appoint a special committee to study and prepare a manual of organization and operation of the Association. This committee, composed of seven members including at least one past holder of each office of the Association, shall be charged with the duty of preparing a preliminary manual for consideration of the general membership at the next annual meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gaston Litton moved that the President appoint a Select Golden Anniversary Committee, this committee to consider (1) stimulation of the collection of historical materials of the association; (2) planning the Association's part in the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Statehood; and (3) preparation of an official history of the association, in connection with that celebration. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned.

Luncheon Meeting

Willa Grace Hardy, Second Vice-President, presided at a luncheon meeting, the last of the conference, at 12:30 p.m. on April 2. New officers of the Association for 1955-56 were announced as follows: Allie Beth Martin, President; John Stratten, First Vice-President and President-Elect; Margaret Stewart, Second Vice-President; Frances DuVall, Secretary; and Ida Self, Treasurer. Laura Currier, Director of the Mississippi Library Commission, gave an address entitled, "For Sale—Apply Within."

Section Meetings

Secretaries' reports on the section meetings held at 10:30 a.m., April 2, appear elsewhere in this issue.
The Artillery School Library at Fort Sill

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

The Artillery School Library at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is a technical reference library, specifically designated as a depository of books, periodicals, and documents for the School. It contains nearly 109,000 books and paper-covered documents, and requires a staff of thirteen members to operate.

It was established in 1915 when Lt. Ralph McT. Pennell (now Major General, Retired) brought a young soldier by the name of Morris Swett from the United State Military Academy Library to be the first librarian.

The mission of the library is to provide the staff, faculty, and students with materials for instruction, study, and research.

Its collections include not only books, documents, and periodicals, but also official Army publications, including manuals, regulations, pamphlets, circulars, and general orders. The materials, assembled from a wide variety of sources, are both domestic and foreign in nature.

The Library's specialty is in the subject of Artillery. In this it is unique, being ranked somewhere near the top among libraries in America containing books in this category. In order to meet requirements for instruction and research, the collection is continually supplemented by purchase of the latest works in the field prescribed by the School's mission and curriculum.

The Library, as a component of the Artillery Branch of Service, is proud of the record of outstanding achievements performed by the Artillery through two World Wars and the Korean conflict. General George S. Patton, Jr. extolled this Branch of the Service with his memorable words, "I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know. The artillery did!" General J. Lawton Collins lauded American Artillery as supreme among the nations when he proclaimed at Desert Rock, Nevada, May 25, 1953, that "We have the best artillery in the world."

While the system of classification employed is that of the Library of Congress, a system well-adapted to the Library's wide general collection of books, still it has been necessary to elaborate extensively on both the classification and subject heading schemes for the vast accumulation of specialized military material.

A current file of all the Special Texts published by the Service Schools is provided, as well as much of the School's instructional literature and publications of interest to Army personnel.

In addition to the enumerated list of books, the library maintains a subscription list of the current service and non-service periodicals. The long-time practice of analyzing and carding of military periodicals has greatly enriched the resources of the card catalog and is of intrinsic value to the patron.

If you were a student at Fort Sill you would find around twenty-five hundred maps in our vertical map cases. These maps are useful for classroom purposes and for routine research. Also you would discover a microfilm machine in our Annex for reviewing film of Army unit history not otherwise available. However, the microfilm has not yet been exploited fully.

Technique of Instruction (TOI) classes are given a thirty-minute orientation by the Librarian in locating materials and in library services. To supplement this information, a pamphlet is published called the Library Handbook. A Monthly Bulletin of New Books and a reading guide called the Voluntary Reading Program are available to the students and the departments and are designed to "encourage members of staff, faculty and students of The Artillery School to develop a broader background of knowledge and information in military and nonmilitary fields."

Of interest to many are the excellent drawings of Field Artillery Regimental insignia hung about the walls, not to mention excellent portraits of a famous former Assistant Commandant of the School, Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, and a previous Commandant, Maj. Gen. William A. Snow, first Chief of Field Artillery. A silver replica of a British 25 pdr. gun in a plastic case, presented to the School by the British 1st Commonwealth Divisional Artillery, is exhibited in the Library, along with a silver ornamented box from The Royal Thai Artillery Center, Camp Baholyodkin, Thailand, and a silver flagon souvenir from the Iraqi Army.

An inter-library loan system is practiced with the same esprit de corps typical of the Artillery arm in hearty cooperation with other Army and public libraries.
Helen G. Ware

Tulsa's Florence Park Branch Library

The afternoon sun drifted through the blue-tinted windows Sunday afternoon, January 9, 1955, at the opening and dedication of the new Florence Park Branch Library in Tulsa, and lighted up the faces of many children gathered about the big open wood-burning fireplace. About 500 persons attended the opening, where coffee and cokes were served to all.

Miss Doris Park, the Branch Librarian, reports that on the opening day 450 books were circulated to residents who had waited patiently for the completion of the new building. They had been taking books from a trailer for more than a year, and seemed to be very happy with the new modern branch building.

The front half of the building houses the Florence Park Branch, while the back half is occupied by the Extension Department. A number of assistants from the Children's Department, who have been doing Extension work since the acquisition of four bookmobiles, were transferred to the Extension Department from where all bookmobiles will be stocked and re-stocked from the large collection housed there. A special loading dock is provided at the rear of the building to facilitate loading of bookmobiles.

The Branch is colorful, with orange chairs around gray tables with black legs. The stacks are black and the large charging desk is ebbonized with primrose yellow top, and directly behind the desk, the work area is in decorators burlap with peg board done in the same prim-rose yellow. The walls are gray and the exposed beams are redwood with gold decorations. The unique wood-burning fireplace is round with a brick foundation, and wrought iron firebox, with pink glass inserts and mobiles hanging on all sides, also with pink glass, which casts light and shadow over the room.

Mayor Clark, who resigned as President of the Library Board to become Mayor of Tulsa, gave the main address and presented the keys to the Library to Lee Erhard, President of the Board, who spoke briefly. Mr. James Gourley, Librarian, also made a short talk and Mrs. Leo Johns, a resident of the Bonnie Brea spoke for the residents of that area. Mrs. Johns had been instrumental in assisting the Board to secure the site for the branch. Many out-of-town visitors were present as well as a number of former Library Board members, and City officials. It was a great day for the Library's expansion program and the outlook is indeed bright for its future.

Doris L. Park at the desk of the new Florence Park Branch Library, Tulsa

APRIL, 1955
Brazilian Librarian Interns In Oklahoma City

Miss Etelvina Lima of Brazil is visiting in the United States under joint sponsorship of the American Library Association and the State Department. She arrived in Oklahoma City on March 10 to spend a three-months' internship working and observing in the Oklahoma City Libraries. Miss Lima is Technical Assistant and Secretary of the Minas Gerais Library at Belo Horizonte, a city of 360,300 population, the capital of the State of Minas Gerais, south central Brazil. She is primarily interested in observing technical process methods used by the Oklahoma City Libraries.

Miss Lima is one of 15 public librarians from other countries, chosen for their ability and professional accomplishments, who are traveling and studying in the United States under the ALA-State Department program. Their visit will end with attendance at the ALA convention in Philadelphia this summer.

A coffee was given by the Oklahoma City Library Board honoring Miss Lima on her arrival in Oklahoma City, with Mayor Allen Street and librarians from this area among the guests. Miss Lima has renewed her friendship with Gaston Litton, Archivist of the University of Oklahoma Libraries, whom she met in 1953 in Brazil, when they were instructors in library science at the University of Parana. Miss Lima was a special guest of Miss Eugenia Maddox at the Past Presidents breakfast during the OLA convention, at which time she spoke briefly of the reorientation of Brazilian libraries along the lines of our own systems, which has occurred during the past quarter century.

Oklahoma librarians have shown interest in the photographs of the models for a proposed new state library in Belo Horizonte which Miss Lima brought with her. The building is now in the final planning stages and will be a handsome six-floor structure of modern design comparing with Oklahoma City’s main library.

Paging Your Future

The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, whose membership is made up of representatives from national and state library organizations, the various divisions of the ALA, and other interested groups, has added to the recruiting literature of librarianship the introductory pamphlet, Paging Your Future, which presents briefly the possibilities of the profession to those unfamiliar both with the requirements for entry into library work and its areas of service. A blank space has been left on the pamphlet wherein the distributing library may insert a personal comment. Copies may be purchased from the Publishing Department of the ALA, 25 copies for $2.00, 100 copies for $5.00.

Summer Workshops

The University of Michigan Department of Library Science will offer two two-week workshops this summer, August 1-12. Each program will carry two hours graduate credit, and the tuition fee for non-residents is $30.00. Librarians interested in the School Library Workshop, or the Public Library Workshop, may obtain further details by writing to the University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The University of Illinois has scheduled an intensive non-credit Map Workshop for persons interested in map library work. This workshop, July 11 to 22, will be directed by Bill Woods, Map Librarian of the University of Illinois.

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Oklahoma Multi-County Library Act

SPECIAL BULLETIN

Senate Bill 283, the Oklahoma Multi-County Library Act, was passed by the State Senate on Monday, April 18, 1955, with 38 affirmative, and no dissenting votes!

Long awaited and eagerly sought permissive legislation for larger units of library service in Oklahoma has been introduced in the Oklahoma Legislature. Senate Bill No. 283 was introduced by Senator Shoemaker on March 30, 1955; House Bill No. 934, which is identical was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 6, 1955, by Representative Bailey. The text of the bill follows:

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Oklahoma Multi-County Library Act.

Section 2. The purpose of this Act is to foster and promote the establishment, maintenance and operation of multi-county free public library services throughout the State in order to give all of its citizens equal opportunity of access to comprehensive library collections. It is the policy of the State to encourage the formation of such coordinated and cooperative library systems to the end of avoiding unnecessary duplication in the maintenance and operation of free public libraries and to stimulate the widest possible use of books and other library materials.

Section 3. (a) The term “multi-county library” or “district library” when used in this Act shall mean a library serving a territory embraced within two (2) or more counties and cooperatively supported by such counties.

(b) The term “library district” when used in this Act shall mean the area included within the multi-county library system.

Section 4. Two or more counties may join to establish, equip, maintain, operate, and support (including purchasing land, constructing and equipping buildings) a multi-county library or district library under the terms of a contract to which all participating counties agree. A multi-county library may be established either by (1) the boards of county commissioners of two or more counties on their own initiative or (2) upon the petition of one hundred (100) qualified voters of each county. In the latter alternative the board of county commissioners shall submit to a vote of the qualified electorate thereof at the next general election, or at a special election, held therein on whether a multi-county library shall be established or not, and if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of the establishment of a multi-county library, the boards of county commissioners shall forthwith establish one.

Section 5. A board of trustees of the multi-county library to be composed of three (3) members from each participating county shall be appointed by the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties composing the library district. The term of office of members of the board of trustees shall be for a period of three (3) years; provided that the first appointees from each county shall serve for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively, to be decided by lot. Vacancies on the board shall be filled in like manner as the original appointments. The members shall receive no compensation except their actual and necessary travel expenses as authorized by 74 O. S. 1951 Sections 500.5, 500.8-500.11 inclusive, or any amendments thereto, which expenses shall be paid from the funds of the multi-county library.

Section 6. (a) The board of trustees shall formulate the general policies for the operation of the multi-county or district library.

(b) The board of trustees shall appoint a librarian of the multi-county library on the basis of merit and experience and such librarian shall be a graduate of a library school accredited by the American Library Association. The librarian shall be the administrative, executive and supervisory officer of the multi-county or district library. The librarian shall receive actual and necessary travel expenses as authorized by 74 O. S. 1951 Sections 500.5, 500.8-500.11 inclusive, or any amendments thereto, which expenses shall be paid from the funds of the multi-county or district library.

Section 7. Upon the terms of a contract mutually agreed upon, the board of trustees of a multi-county library may contract with the board of trustees of any county or municipal library, or joint city-county library to receive the services of said established library; and any county or municipality which is aiding in maintaining or supporting a public library, either independently or jointly, may participate in said multi-county library.

Section 8. Sums necessary for the establishment and operation of a multi-county library

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shall be provided from the taxes levied specifically for library purposes and from such other monies as may be available to the respective counties or from donations or bequests which they are authorized to receive for that purpose. This appropriation shall be based upon the budget proposed by the board of trustees of the multi-county library. The support for the multi-county library board shall be apportioned between or among the counties concerned on such a basis as shall be agreed upon in the contract.

Section 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed except that this act shall not be construed to abrogate the force of charter provisions or any local act governing existing public libraries.

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Every librarian and trustee in Oklahoma has been urged to write or talk with his legislator, urging the passage of this bill. The Oklahoma multi-county library act must be passed to insure better library service for the State of Oklahoma.

Resolutions Committee Report

The OLA Resolutions Committee submits the following report, dated April 2, 1955:

I. Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association is always vitally concerned with the promotion and expansion of effective library services on local, state and national levels, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Association reaffirm its resolution of the 30th of April, 1954, to endorse and seek the enactment of the Library Services Bill (S.205 and H.R.362) now before the Congress of the United States, and

Be It Further Resolved. That copies of this resolution and that of the 30th of April, 1954, be sent to each member of Congress from the State of Oklahoma and to each member of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

II. Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association has as its primary objectives the extension and improvement of library services in the State of Oklahoma, and

Whereas, the Association, through the work of its Select Committee for State Planning and

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District Library Meetings

PAWHUSKA—A regional library meeting was held in Pawhuska on January 19, 1955, to discuss library development in that area. Esther Mae Henke, Field Librarian of the State Library, and Richard Chapin, Assistant Director of the University of Oklahoma Library School, were the speakers. Representatives from Pawhuska, Barnsdall, Hominy and Bartlesville attended.

LAWTON—Public and school librarians and library personnel from 18 communities met for dinner and an evening conference at Cameron College on January 28, 1955. Richard Chapin spoke on the “Changing Role of Today’s Library,” Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, discussed the need for legislation to provide adequate financial support of all libraries. A general discussion on a proposed plan for a system of multi-county libraries throughout the state followed the addresses. O. Willard Holloway, Librarian of the Fort Sill Artillery School, spoke on his impressions of Lawton and the southwest. The meeting was sponsored jointly by Cameron College and the Lawton Public Library.
BARTLESVILLE, Public Library—On March 8 the will of the late Mrs. Eva W. Kinne was admitted to Probate Court and the library was bequeathed $2,500 “to be used in purchasing books and equipment as the authorities of the library may deem necessary or desirable.”

Circulation at the library for 1953-54 was 73,300 volumes. At the end of the first nine months of the year 1954-55 there was a 51.9 percent increase in circulation.

DURANT, Robert L. Williams Public Library—The new wing to the library was formally opened on April 17. Dedication ceremonies, planned by the Library Board, honored the late Governor Robert L. Williams, followed by an inspection tour of the library. Librarians throughout the state were special guests. Complete redecorating of the building, entirely new furnishings, equipment and air conditioning were part of the many recent changes and improvements.

DURANT, Southeastern State College Library—The 50,000th volume was accessioned in March. The title selected for this occasion was Edwin C. McReynolds’ Oklahoma: A History of the Sooner State, published by the University of Oklahoma Press. Publicity releases covering the event called attention to the growth of the collection, the library and its expanding services.

ENID, Public Library—For publicity purposes the library has a display at the new Liberty Federal Savings and Loan building. Consisting of a four by eight foot pegboard panel suspended on one wall, it is equipped with fixtures and shelves which hold about 100 books. The public is encouraged to check out the books, which may be returned either to the library or to the display rack. There is an attractive poster with book jackets in the front window and a sign informing the public about the books available inside the building.

GUYMÓN, City Library—The library moved to a new location in the recently completed Guymón City Hall on December 1. The official opening, held on January 30, attracted over a thousand guests. New equipment and furnishings have also been installed throughout the library.

Sigma Phi sorority is sponsoring a memorial shelf, and a number of new books have already been donated.

The library has begun a new program in which loan service is being extended to all local hospitals.

HENRYETTA, Public Library—The library has recently received an appropriation increase for the buying of books and new equipment. Work on air conditioning was also completed.

LAWTON, Cameron State Agricultural College Library—The Fifth annual Festival of Arts under the sponsorship of the Arts Department of the Cameron Woman’s Forum was held in the Cameron College Library March 4-6. Among the displays were exhibitions of paintings by artists of the Lawton area, photography, folk art, and “Flowers in Art.” Other events included the Little Theater’s production of “The Man Who Came to Dinner” and the Community Concert’s Whitemore and Lowe. The festival concluded with a “Pageant of the Masters.”

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Libraries—The Reference Department recently completed a survey of the reference collections of the libraries. Opal Carr, reference librarian, and her staff checked the holdings of titles listed in Wincheil’s Guide to Reference Books and Supplement, evaluating the results on the basis of percentage held in different subjects. The information was used to develop an overall acquisitions plan for the library system. This was the last of three surveys of resources. The first two dealt with adequacy of selection of current books, and the second with journal subscriptions and files.

A ramp leading to the basement floor of the Bizzell Library building has just been constructed, for the use of handicapped students who cannot climb steps. The building has no ground-level entrance without stairs. Money for the purpose was raised by the student “O O Club” (Obstacle Overcomers).

A Kodagraph microprint reader was ac-
quired by the library for reading all forms of microprint from 3 x 5 to 7 x 9 cards.

The Moorman Award was established at the University of Oklahoma March 17, 1955. The Award, a $50 savings bond, is granted every other year to the student who shows competence in the use of archival material in the preparation of manuscript in medical history. The Award honors the memory of the late Dr. Lewis Jefferson Moorman, Oklahoma physician, author and civic leader.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City University Library—Alberta Constant's book, Oklahoma Run, was recently displayed with a group of books written by former students and faculty members. Mrs. Constant was graduated from O.C.U. in 1930 and returned in 1942 to teach English to Air Cadets. Other former students included in the display were Alice Marriott, Thomas Heggie, Noel Houston, and Bob Duncan.

OKMULGEE, Public Library—The beautification of the library grounds is being sponsored by the Daffodil Garden Club as their 1955 project. The Club is purchasing the plants, and Estelle Smith of Oklahoma A. and M. Tech. is doing the landscaping for the project.

A story hour for children from 3 to 8 has developed as the result of a Girl Scout project. Mrs. Virginia Collier, Librarian, spent three lesson periods teaching the fourth grade girls how to tell stories.

The Gaylord Charge System was installed at the library in January. A complete re-registration is under way and will be automatic every three years hereafter.

The Great Books Discussion Group was organized in Okmulgee in January with the library as sponsor. Mrs. Marshall Bingham, wife of the Okmulgee City Manager, is the leader. The group has 25 members.

PAWHUSKA, Public Library—The new $40,000 library is well on the way to completion. A gift of H. G. Benson, lumberman who has made his home in this locality since 1930, is being erected on the site of the former library. The City of Pawhuska has voted $9,000 for furnishings and equipment with the local Rotary Club voting to give $2,000 to furnish the Adult Reading Area. The Club accepted this project to commemorate Rotary's Golden Anniversary being celebrated this year.

PRYOR, Public Library—A modern desk chair and three units of mellow maple shelving have been added to the library's equipment during the past year.

The library's summer reading program is being extended into the rural schools. Several teachers are starting this month to conduct the contest among their pupils for reading 12 or more books before the close of the school year.

TULSA, Public Library—A 99-year lease was recently taken on the old Tulsa County Court House which is to be remodeled into a Central Library. The building is strategically located for the Tulsa Library patrons.

Four existing branches which were opened in 1932 are being rehabilitated. New heating plants, air conditioning and new lighting are being installed. Plans are being made for open house ceremonies when the work is completed.

The library has recently purchased microfilm copies of the Tulsa World from 1925 to 1934. Those numbers from 1934 to 1941 are on order. The present subscription to microfilm editions of the World starts with 1941, giving the library a complete microfilm file from 1925 to the present time. Old bound volumes can then be discarded from a rented storage room.

In January the library reached its all-time high in circulation. A total of 100,671 books was circulated by the entire system.

WAGONER, Carnegie Library—A Children's Reading Section, 78 additional feet of shelving, new reading tables and benches are a few of the improvements completed this spring. Other improvements nearing completion or to be undertaken in the near future are weather-stripping the building exterior, laying asphalt throughout the interior, and re-decorating the approaches to the library.

Statehood's Golden Anniversary

In commemoration of Oklahoma's fiftieth anniversary, the Lewis Historical Publishing Company is taking subscriptions for a four volume history of the state to be published in 1957. Of special interest to librarians is the name of the author: Dr. Gaston Litton, Archivist of the University of Oklahoma Library, and a former president of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Golden Anniversary of Statehood: History of Oklahoma is the title which has been selected. The first two volumes will contain the history of the state, and the last two biographies of well known Oklahomans. Subscription price is $75.00 for the set.
SECTION REPORTS

Catalogers

The Catalogers' Section met for luncheon in the Oriental Room, on April 1, with Mrs. Mary Hays Marable, Chairman, presiding. Miss Pauline Carleton, Cataloger, University of Oklahoma Law Library, spoke on the "Organization of a New Catalog in a Law Library."

Miss Edith Scott, University of Oklahoma Libraries, was elected Chairman for the coming year.

Children's Libraries

The Children's Librarians Section held a joint meeting with the School Librarians' Section at breakfast in the Old Timers' Room on April 2, with Mrs. Richard Horton, Chairman, presiding. Hostesses for the event were the Oklahoma City School Librarians. Mrs. Ruth Gagliardi, Director of the Children's Traveling Book Exhibit of the Kansas State Teachers Association spoke to the combined group on "Children Choose."

College and University Libraries

The College and University Libraries Section met at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, with Mabel A. Murphy, Chairman, presiding. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read and approved.

Gaston Litton, Director of Archives, University of Oklahoma, reported for the nomination committee. The following officers were elected unanimously for the year 1955-56: Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, Bethany Peniel College; Secretary, Mrs. Thelma Gunning, Eastern Oklahoma A & M College.

Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, Connors State Agricultural College, presented a progress report on national standards for the junior college library. Tentative standards have been formulated, subject to changes and revisions by the committee, and a monograph on standards will eventually be published by the ALA.

John B. Stratton, Oklahoma A & M College, reported on a proposed Oklahoma union list of serials. This committee concluded that "a State Union List of Serials would not improve the present pattern of cooperation enough to

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warrant the effort to solve the editorial complexities of preparing the list or to warrant the cost. Furthermore, techniques are in existence, or on the horizon, which give promise of making accessible on a broader basis than the state level, materials to further graduate study." Eugenia Maddox and Edith Scott were the other committee members, and an outline of the report was filed with the OLA Secretary.

The following three subjects were adopted for consideration at the 1956 meeting: 1. The establishment of inter-library loan policies for state libraries; 2. Investigation of problems involved in compiling an index to source materials on Oklahoma history; 3. Policies in strengthening fringe or weak areas of the college library board collection.

Lula K. Pratt, Secretary.

Public Libraries

The Public Libraries Section met at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, in the Oriental Room of the Biltmore Hotel. Robert D. Wood, Chairman, presided.

Mrs. Dorothy Gleason of Guthrie presented the group a project on which she is working whereby a library can have its fiction collection listed by subject, with annotations, for a small charge per title.

Mrs. Lura Currier, Director of the Mississippi Library Commission, spoke briefly on simple and inexpensive ways that libraries can present publicity for extended library service, illustrated by samples enlarged on an opaque projector. Mr. Wood suggested that such materials might be circulated among libraries that need and request them.

A round table discussion followed, during which the question of how public librarians can help in their own communities to pass Senate Bill 293, just presented to the Oklahoma Legislature, which gives permission for multi-county units to be organized. The discussion also included how members of this section can help promote any legislation that would affect Oklahoma libraries. Clarence Paine, Chairman of the Public Libraries Section of the Oklahoma Municipal League, which was formed in September, 1954, emphasized the fact that public librarians should work aggressively themselves, and ask the support of the League, especially with legislation concerning finances. He also suggested that the Public Libraries Section make an attempt to form a state group of Friends of the Library—possibly a section of the OLA—to help with legislation and any other library projects needing special promotion.

William Morse, Librarian of the Ardmore Public Library, spoke on the cooperative film plan discussed at the SWLA meeting last November. This would set up a plan for distribution and circulation of films among member libraries.

Mr. Wood then threw open the meeting for questions or problems to be brought before the Section. Meeting date of OLA was discussed, and a motion made and carried to send a resolution to the Executive Board recommending that the OLA set the annual meeting in the middle two weeks of February, March, or May, to avoid conflict with end of the month or quarterly reports which must be made by most public libraries.

William Morse gave a report concerning the expense incurred in his library by the operation of a photocharging machine. He said use of this has released personnel for reference and other duties. He recommended the use of punched transaction cards.

Lucy Ann Babcock brought a request from Esther Henke of the State Library Extension Division that members of this Section advise her if they are interested in a workshop that might be conducted in June; and, if so, to send in suggestions for topics to be included for discussion.

Election of officers followed. Herbert Winn, Librarian of the Bartlesville Public Library, was elected Chairman; and Helen Donart, Librarian of the Stillwater Public Library, Secretary, to serve during the ensuing year.

The meeting adjourned.

Mariam Craddock, Secretary.

School Libraries

The School Libraries Section met at 10:30 a.m., April 2, in the East Room. Mrs. Teresa Roberts, Chairman, presided. Minutes of the 1954 meeting were read and approved.

Marian Dier dorff brought recommendations and suggestions from the OLA Executive Board concerning the proposed "School Section Constitution." She asked that the study of the constitution be continued.

Mrs. Elizabeth Geis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominees: First Vice-President, Mrs. Ruth Kiser; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Wanda McCollum; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maxine Powell. These nominees were elected to office by acclamation.

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Miss Mary Leach, President-Elect, succeeded as the presiding officer.

A bibliography of "Travel Books" was distributed by Mrs. Josephine Crooks, Chairman of the committee which prepared the list. Other committee members were Vera Hall, Edmond; Cleo Mosley, Norman; Beatrice Williamson, Lindsay; Mary Leach, Holdenville; and John Self, Norman.

Miss Leach introduced the speaker, Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, Director of the Children's Traveling Book Exhibit of the Kansas State Teachers Association. Mrs. Gagliardo spoke on the subject, "School Libraries Can Be Improved."

It was moved and seconded that the School Libraries Section go on record as being in favor of an annual Children's Book Award for Oklahoma, similar to the William Allen White Award in Kansas. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

Alma Garten, Secretary.

Special Libraries

The Special Libraries Section met for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on April 1, in the Old Timers' Room. Miss Helen Price presided, and introduced the section's guest of honor, Mrs. Elizabeth Owens, Librarian of the Union Electric Company of Missouri, and past president of the Special Libraries Association.

The program meeting of the section was held at 10:30 a.m. on April 2. Sam Smoot presided in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Ila Mae Daugherty. Mrs. Owens spoke to the group on the functions and activities of the Special Libraries Association.

Trustees Section

The annual meeting of the Trustees Section was held at 10:30 a.m., April 2, with the Chairman, Mr. Walter Bowman, presiding. After a brief discussion of the theme of the meeting, "The Role of the Trustee in Library Development," Esther Mae Henke, Acting Secretary, introduced the panel members. Speakers and their subjects were as follows: Mrs. Laurie Bowman, Seminole, "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Library Trustee on the Local Level;" Miss Violet Willis, Pawhuska, "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Library Trustee for County and Regional Library Development;" Mrs. Melvin Moore, Little Rock, Arkansas, "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Library Trustee on the State Level;" Mrs. Virginia Col-

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NEWS OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIANS

BROKEN ARROW, Public Library—Mrs. Pearl Harsen, Librarian for ten years, has resigned due to bad health. Gertrude Benson, a member of the Library Board, has been appointed to take Mrs. Harsen's place.

DURANT, Robert L. Williams Public Library—Mrs. Lester O'Riley, Librarian, has completed 25 years of service to Durant's library patrons.

ENID, Public Library—Jean Harrington, Cataloger, is heard on radio station KCRC every two weeks with a five minute program entitled "Know Your Library." The program consists of news and information about the library, and profiles of famous authors both past and present. The library is also sponsoring another program over station KGWA. This program, with Librarian Robert D. Wood in charge, has been continuous since 1951 and consists of brief reviews of new books and interludes of recorded music.

GUYMON, City Library—Mrs. Mabel Martin was appointed Assistant Librarian on January 1.

NORMAN, The University of Oklahoma Libraries—Pauline A. Carleton was appointed Cataloger in the Law Library on January 1. Miss Carleton received the A.B. degree from Middlebury College; the B.L.S. degree from Columbia University and is currently working toward an LL.B. degree. A native of Middlebury, Vermont, she has been Head Cataloger, Ohio State University Law Library since 1948. Prior to that she was in Acquisitions, Cataloging and Circulation at Amherst College Library and the Rochester Public Library.

PRYOR, Public Library—Mrs. Lon Sifferman has joined the library staff as part-time Assistant.

TULSA, Public Library—The following Assistants joined the library staff during the month of March: Mrs. Vera Salinas and Mrs. Carrie Eagon, Children's Department; Mrs. Deloris Balderos, Catalog Department; and Mrs. Opal Abbott, Florence Park Branch.

WEATHERFORD, Southwestern State College Library—Charlene Coffey has been appointed Assistant Librarian. Miss Coffey received her bachelor's degree from Southwestern in 1952 and her M.A. from O. U. in January, 1955.

Resolutions Committee Report

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its Legislative and Survey Committees, has formulated and presented a plan of action for the expansion of library services in the State of Oklahoma, and

Whereas, the Association believes that Senate Bill No. 283, presented in the Senate of the Oklahoma Legislature by Senator Shoemake will provide the permissive legislation for more adequate library services to all citizens of the State of Oklahoma, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Association whole-heartedly endorse, support, and urge the enactment of the Oklahoma Multi-County Library Bill now before the Oklahoma State Legislature as Senate Bill No. 283, and

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of the Legislature and to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

III. Whereas, the annual convention of the Oklahoma Library Association in Oklahoma City, from March 31 to April 2, 1955, has provided information which has clarified our thinking and has served to renew our faith in the values of our profession, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Association express its appreciation and gratitude to (1) the officers of the Association and the Convention Committee for the planning and efficient administration of this informative and stimulating program, (2) to the speakers and participants for their able contributions, (3) to the exhibitors for their support of this convention, (4) to the companies who donated the favors, and (5) to the officials of Oklahoma City, its Chamber of Commerce, and the libraries in Oklahoma City for the gracious and friendly hospitality extended to the Convention.

Treasurer,
Herbert Winn,
Edith Scott, Chairman.

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Developing Human Resources in Building Library Programs

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action. Therefore you can’t afford to have uninformed trustees. This is really using the human resources closest to you.

What are the duties of library trustees? How can they be used to develop a library program? Naturally the first job is to keep the library staffed with the best librarian their money can employ. With guidance from the librarian and with the feel of the pulse of the community, they should set the broad administrative policies of the library and re-examine them constantly in the light of community needs, remembering that policies are not the laws of the Medes and Persians, and that the only permanent thing is change. Trustees should know the policies of the library so well that they can explain or defend them at any time.

The third job of library trustees is to secure adequate financing of the library. To work actively for appropriations or tax levies is the responsibility of the trustees and not the librarian, who is looked upon to have a selfish interest.

Last, the trustee needs to be a master in the field of public relations. He needs to interpret the community to the library staff, and the library to the community. Some librarians have trained workers who specialize in this field, but in general this work is done by trustees. Information about the library and its program should be given to the people in season and out of season—not just at a time when public support is needed for a tax levy or a bond issue. Like all propaganda, that of the library should be given in gradual, well spaced, carefully timed doses. Together the librarian and trustees need to work out both short and long range goals, and to decide which need publicity and when to give it. A library trustee needs a cool head and a quiet tongue. To become qualified the trustee needs a never ending education. The American Library Association trustees group recognized some years ago the need for guidance and wrote a new trustees handbook. It is a book for trustees by trustees. Vigorous trustees from Maine to California and Washington to Florida share their experiences with you in this book. Every library trustee in this United States needs access to a copy. Together librarians and trustees could study it. In Arkansas, during the month of April, a series of one day meetings of trustees will be held.

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and this book will be used as a basis for a workshop type program.

Together librarians and trustees need to learn to use to best advantage the human resources in their community. For example, active minds and considerable courage usually lie behind intelligent criticism. Such criticism may well be used as a spring board for more energetic and worthwhile efforts.

There are other areas too; you need to seek them out for yourself, and in each community the resources will be different. I will mention only one more, and that is in the field of book purchasing, long considered by librarians to be their exclusive prerogative. Just why, I don't know! Not that I mean trustees should take over the book purchases. But rather that community resources—human resources be used. The restaurant association in your city and state could give excellent advice about which books you could buy with the money you have to spend that would be most helpful to restaurant operators. Not only that, but if requested they would no doubt mention, in a newsletter or trade journal, that such books could be borrowed. By this one gesture the attention of all restaurant operators has been called to a library service—remember his good will is needed by you, and you may have his vote when you need it if you have given him service. Other trade and professional groups can be used and served in a similar manner.

Finally, librarians and trustees must work together, and closely, if public libraries are to fill the place in our American way of life which they are capable of filling. Basically there are not now enough people who care, and the best way to influence and interest people is through other people—our human resources.

Richard E. Chapin

High School Library Day at OU

In response to the need and demand of the State, the School Library Science at the University of Oklahoma sponsored a High School Library Day on the campus. The event was intended to serve three purposes: (1) to give recognition to the school library assistants, (2) to permit the students to exchange ideas in order to participate more fully in their library positions, and (3) to stimulate recruitment for both the school and the profession. The attendance, the participation of both students and librarians, and the results of the student “buzz sessions” has led the School of Library Science to believe that the expense and effort of the program were well rewarded.

Attendance at this first conference was very pleasing—final registration totaled 492. Of this total, the high school students comprised well over 400. There were 49 schools represented; of these, ten were junior high schools. It is estimated that approximately 100 junior high students were in attendance.

In spite of the unexpectedly large attendance, the program unfolded very well. At the first general session, after a welcome from Dean Glen Couch, Miss Frances Kennedy spoke on the “Challenges of Librarianship.” The major emphasis of this talk was on the challenges which are facing the various types of libraries and what the high school student can do to help meet these challenges.

For the afternoon session the conference was divided into three groups: (1) librarians, (2) senior high students, and (3) junior high students. Professor Ruth Spalding held a workshop for the librarians. The students were divided into groups to hold “buzz sessions” on different topics. The results of these discussions were most stimulating. The main topics discussed were: (1) publicity and public relations, (2) assemblies, and (3) library activities outside of the school library.

The junior and senior high school groups finished the discussions by “buzzing” on the topic of a state teen-age library association. The consensus seemed to be that an association was definitely desirable with membership for all students working in either school or public libraries.

The first meeting was a success. All of those in attendance seemed to agree that a state organization was needed. It is the hope of the School of Library Science to be able to sponsor an organizational meeting next school year.

Oklahoma Librarian
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MRS. MERLIN M. MOORE has been a member of the Arkansas Library Commission since 1941 and its Chairman since 1950. In 1952 she was elected Arkansas Woman of the Year for her civic and educational activities, and in 1954 was awarded the ALA Citation of Merit for her outstanding work as a library trustee.

LEFE SPENCER, Librarian of OBU, is a well known contributor to this Journal. He initiated, and has continued, a series of articles on prominent Oklahoma librarians.

HELEN G. WARE has been a staff member of the Tulsa Public Library for a number of years, and Assistant Librarian since 1945. Her previous library experience includes positions in the U. S. Bureau of Ordnance Library and the Illinois State Library. In Tulsa Public Library she has held several positions—branch librarian, head of circulation department, and was acting librarian during the war years 1942-45.

Cora Case Porter:
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and civic organizations throughout the course of her career. She holds current or life memberships in all the major bodies with which she has been affiliated.

A librarian who, like many of her contemporaries, paid too dear a price physically for having to work with the minimal labor saving devices and conveniences of her day. Mrs. Porter has nevertheless made an enviable example for later librarians to emulate. Having been undaunted by early widowhood and attendant responsibilities, Mrs. Porter belatedly entered an exacting field of work but soon demonstrated an expert grasp for techniques. Besides the tangible evidences of her work lying in a record of years of successful administration, the early steps in county library previously mentioned, the substantial contribution to Oklahoma Library won by her assistance, Mrs. Porter will be remembered by many for the poetry she has written, published (and sold)! Most of all, she will be remembered by scores of librarians and ex-librarians now in other walks of life who were inspired by the high professional standards to which Mrs. Porter adhered. A builder of her profession, she has put the lie to negative beliefs of timorous souls who would compromise with half measures.

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O.U. Library Science School Completes Summer Schedule

University of Oklahoma School of Library Science has announced its schedule for the summer session, 1955. Listed below are course numbers and titles, credit hours, and instructors. Further information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Richard Chapin, Assistant Director of the school.

Lib. Sci. 220 Libraries in the Social Order (3 hours)—Baldwin
231 Organization of Library Materials (3)—Ervin
222 Reference Materials (3)—Baldwin
223 Book Selection (3)—Flagg
301 Literature of Sciences (3)—Chapin
305 Organization and Administration (3)—Molod
306 Audio-Visual (2)—Flagg
308 Books and Materials for Children (2)—Herminghaus
309 Books and Materials for Young People (2)—Flagg
313 Practice Work (6)—Chapin
316 School Libraries (3)—Molod
402 Directed Research (1-4)—Chapin
499 Research for Master’s Thesis (1-4)—Chapin

Newbery-Caldecott Awards

Formal presentation of the Newbery and Caldecott medals for the most distinguished children’s books of 1954 will be made on July 5 at the Newbery-Caldecott banquet at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, during the 74th annual conference of ALA.

Meindert DeJong is the 34th writer to be honored by the annual Newbery award, for his book, The Wheel on the School, published by Harper and Brothers. Marcia Brown, a storyteller with words and pictures, will receive the 18th Caldecott medal for her interpretive illustrator of a best loved fairy tale, Cinderella, published by Scribner.


Library Positions Open

WOODWARD—Public Library—The position of librarian is open, following the resignation of Vera Jane Godown. A library science degree is required. For further information and details, write to Mr. Walter Bowman, Chairman of the Library Board.

HOBART—Public Library—Applicants for the position of library assistant must have one or more years of college work, a knowledge of the Dewey Classification system, and typing ability. These interested should write to the Librarian.

O.L.A. Archives To Be Collected

The Oklahoma State Library has been designated as the official depository for OLA archives. Any library or librarian having historical material about the Association, is urged to send it to Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian. The Golden Anniversary of the Association will be celebrated in 1957, and plans are being made to compile an OLA history.

Trustees Section Report

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lier, Okmulgee, “What a Librarian Expects of her Trustees.” Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Little Rock, Arkansas, spoke briefly on her experiences in county library work in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Officers elected for the year 1955-56 were Miss Violet Willis, Chairman; and Mrs. Bobbie Johnson, Lawton, Secretary.

Trustees were urged to become members of the OLA and ALA, and to participate in the activities of the organizations.

Esther Mae Henke, Acting Secretary.

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