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A Message from the O. L. A. President

When I was talking with Mrs. Andy Gravitt, Chairman of the Awards Committee, after the committee had made its report, I was thrilled by her remarks of what an inspiring and heart-warming experience she had had through her opportunity to review the careers of librarians over the state. Twelve librarians were finally chosen for the citation but if just a few less years of service had been allowed, others who had pioneered the beginnings of library service in Oklahoma could have been included.

To receive the award it was necessary for a librarian to have started library work before 1922. Yet from 1922 to 1937 public tax-supported library service was begun in twenty counties in Oklahoma. In 1937, twenty-six counties had no library service. In 1957 twenty-one counties are still without public library service.

There are still frontiers of library service to conquer in Oklahoma in this atomic age.

There are still librarians with the pioneering spirit who will not be content with "no" for an answer when extending library service is the issue.

The Oklahoma Library Association is fortunate to have many members who work long and hard in the promotion of library interest and service. I know what Mrs. Gravitt was talking about for I have seen in action this year what she observed in the careers of earlier librarians.

The Oklahoma Legislature in recent years has never been more favorable to libraries than the present legislature is. This is due not only to the fine work of Allie Beth Martin, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and of Leta Dover before her, but also to the efforts of all the membership, especially those who talk to their Senators and Representatives in the hustings telling them the library story.

Library promotion is a continuous activity and legislative activity must become continuous too. The experience gained by the Association working for SB 15 and SB 16 teaches the value of demonstrating the need for good library service in legislative season and out.

With all the work of the members of the Association, the impetus of the Library Services Act, the possible help of the Jaycees, “Operation Libraries,” the favorable attitude of the legislature and the desire of citizens of the state for better library service, the pity is that more was not accomplished. The officers, executive board and committee members concerned were confronted early with fundamental problems and difficulties. These problems and difficulties must be resolved. I solicit the aid of every member for Irma Tamberlin, the new officers and committee members, as ways are sought to free the pioneering spirits who so much desire to extend library service.

April 1957
Allie Beth Martin

Step by Step With S.B. 15 and 16

Senate Bills 15 and 16, appropriating matching funds for rural libraries, were introduced in the Oklahoma State Senate on January 9, 1957, under the sponsorship of Senators Herbert Hope of Pauls Valley and Basil Wilson of Mangum, and were referred to the State & Federal Government Committee. The Oklahoma Library Association immediately began to work to inform the members of this committee of the importance of an early hearing, which was held on the morning of January 29, with Roy C. Boecher of Kingfisher as chairman. A number of OLA members and a representative of the Farmers Union were present to support the bills.

This first committee hearing of the two OLA-sponsored measures was memorable for the part played by Mrs. Velma Ward, a member of the Tulsa Public Library staff who works on a bookmobile.

(Mrs. Ward, a resident of Kingfisher County who owns a farm near Hennessy, has been one of the most outspoken supporters of the two bills. The mother of three children, she experienced living in an area without public library service for many years before moving to Tulsa. Mrs. Ward was instrumental in getting the endorsement of the Farmer’s Union for S.B. 15 and 16 at their recent state convention. Early in the session, Mrs. Ward had visited the Capitol talking with members of the legislature in the halls, and appeared before the Senate Appropriations & Budget Committee — then meeting to consider other matters — in behalf of the bills.)

Mr. Boecher, Chairman of the State & Federal Government Committee, knew Mrs. Ward previously through the Farmers Union. He presented her to the Committee and she in turn presented the other petitioners representing OLA. Following Mrs. Martin’s explanation of the two measures, Mrs. Ward spoke to the committee on the need for rural library service, basing her appeal on her own experience. Senator Wilson, who came in from a meeting of the Appropriations & Budget Committee, also spoke in support of the bill.

Response of the Committee was very favorable, even enthusiastic, and on the motion of Gene Stipe of McAlester, the State & Federal Government Committee voted the bills out do pass. They then went to the Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee. The OLA representation were assured of the support of this committee, and told they did not need to be present at the hearing. The bills were reported out to the floor of the Senate by the Appropriations and Budget Committee unanimously do pass on February 13.

By this time many of the large money bills had been introduced, and it was already apparent that there would not be enough money to go around. After some delay, the bills were brought up for vote on the floor of the Senate on February 25. This was largely due to pressure from a small group of OLA members (Hollis Haney, John Stratton, Velma Ward, and Allie Beth Martin) who had appeared in the offices of the senators that day insisting that the bills be called for a vote. Senator Frank Mahan (from Hollis Haney’s district) succeeded in getting the bills brought out, and a number of senators including Clem McSpadden, Jim Rinhart, and Arthur Price, spoke in behalf of the measures. As a result, the bills were passed by the Senate.

However, because more money had been appropriated than there was available to finance these and any other financial bills, the enactment clause was struck from the library bills. (Note that to become law, bills which have passed both House and Senate but with the enactment clause struck must go to a Conference Committee made up of members of both houses. The Conference Committee then will decide how the limited funds available shall be spent and will determine the ultimate fate of the measures before it.)

Having hurdled the Senate, the next step was to steer the bills through the House. (Representative Cleta John Rogers of Oklahoma City asked to sponsor the bills in the House and his name was added as co-author.)

As days passed, it became obvious that money bills were encountering more and more trouble. On February 28, S.B. 15 and 16 were referred to the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House, and an open hearing was held on March 5. Once again a delegation of the faith-
ful appeared (including James Gourley, John Stratton, Arthur McAnally, Irla Tomberlin, Mortimer Schwartz, Leta Dover, and a group of the Oklahoma City Friends of the Library).

At this hearing, Ralph Hudson explained the bills and Mrs. Ward repeated her plea for rural libraries. Leta Dover, who was OLA legislative chairman at the last session, also spoke in the interest of the bills. Again, the Committee displayed great interest and asked many intelligent questions. Both bills were voted out of committee to pass.

The bills proceeded to the floor of the House, encountering more difficulties. By this time the OLA representatives had been warned that although there was a good chance of passing the House, when the bills got to the Conference Committee there would be no money.

Both bills were brought out on the floor of the House on Thursday, March 7, and Senate Bill 16 passed the House. However, Senate Bill 15 encountered serious trouble on the floor of the House. There was concern by members of the House because the Federal matching funds had not yet been appropriated by this session of Congress.

After a conference with the Governor, his budget officer, the legal advisor to the Governor, and various influential members of the House, the OLA representation realized that there was no hope for final passage of S.B. 15 as it was originally introduced. With the likelihood that the bills might pass both House and Senate but fail to become law because of Conference Committee recommendation that they be eliminated and no money appropriated, it became apparent that some compromises would be necessary. After talking with the Governor, it was decided to amend Senate Bill 15 and to ask for $27,579.00 per year on the basis that this would be the minimum required if the Federal bill passed as the President had recommended it in his budget message.

Had it not been for hours and days of hard work on the part of many members of the Oklahoma Library Association, the bills would never have come this far, considering the difficulty of obtaining money (especially for a new project) at this session of the legislature. Unless every member of the Association continues to work until the end of the session, all of this effort and the money spent by the Oklahoma Library Association will have been in vain. The final success of the bills depends on YOU. Write your representatives in the House and Senate and thank them for what they have already done. And remind them that the work is not completed. If they are on the Conference Committee (and your Legislative Committee will try to get this information to you), ask them to vote for the bills. If they are not on the Conference Committee, ask them to speak to their colleagues who are on the committee in favor of the bills. What YOU do now can make the difference.

Finally, letters to the Governor are still of the utmost importance. Thank him for his expressions of interest so far, and impress upon him the necessity for him to see that some money is set aside to put these bills into effect.

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**Wilson Company Presents OU Library Scholarship**

A nation-wide effort to interest more young men and women to become librarians was given a substantial boost at the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago by a gift of more than $17,500 to library schools for scholarships. As one result, the University of Oklahoma Library School will receive a $500 scholarship fund for the year 1959.

The scholarships are the gift of The H. W. Wilson Company, publishers of outstanding library indexes and reference services. Each of the library schools accredited by the American Library Association will receive $300. There are presently 35 accredited library schools: ten will receive their scholarship funds immediately for use in 1957, ten in 1958, ten in 1959 and the other five -- plus any other schools which become accredited before that time -- in 1960.

Selection of the schools was determined by lot at the Membership Meeting of the conference. Names were drawn by Miss Suzanne Bordeaux, a subprofessional assistant in the Art Department of the Chicago Public Library.
State Plan for Further Extension of Public Library Service to Rural Areas

Following is the tentative proposed State Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education, by the Oklahoma State Library.

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The State library administrative agency of Oklahoma hereby submits its State plan for the further extension of public library services to rural areas without such services or with inadequate services, as provided for in Public Law 597, 84th Congress, 2d Session, as amended.

1.0 The State Agency

1.1 Name of State Agency. The legal name of the State library administrative agency, defined in section 9 (b) of the Library Services Act, is: Oklahoma State Library.

1.2 Official Title of Officer. The official title of the officer of the State agency authorized to submit plan material is: State Librarian.

1.3 Authority. Following is a brief description (with pertinent State laws or opinions attached or cited) of the legal authority of the State agency to carry out the State plan with particular reference to:

(a) The Authority of the State agency to extend and develop public library services throughout the State, and to carry out the program provided by the State plan: 65 O.S. 1951 §§ 1-8 as amended by 65 O.S. Supp. 1955 §§ 7.1-8.2. (The legal authority for the Extension Division of the Oklahoma State Library to carry on library extension services.)

(b) The authority of the State agency to receive and spend the Federal grant: 65 O.S. 1951 §§ 141-147 as amended by 65 O.S. Supp. 1955 §§ 7.1-8.2. (The legal authority for the Library to accept and administer federal and state grants for the extension of library services.)

(c) The appropriation of State funds available for expenditure under the plan: Senate Bill 15 and Senate Bill 16.

(d) If any part of the program is to be administered by local agencies, the authority of the State agency to supervise their administration of this part of the plan: 65 O.S. Supp. 1955 § 7.5 (1), (2), (3). (The legal basis for the Library's duty to advise local libraries on the operation of library services.)

1.4 Organization and Responsibility of the State Agency.

(a) Following are the units of the State library agency involved in the library extension program, and their pertinent functions: The Library Extension Division which has these functions: "... (1) give professional advice and assistance to all public, school or other libraries; (2) give professional advice and assistance as to the best means of establishment and maintenance of libraries; (3) give professional advice and assistance on book selection, cataloging, reference, library administration and related subjects; (4) receive gifts and bequests with approval of the State Librarian; (5) purchase and circulate under conditions and rules established by the State Librarian free of charge, except for transportation costs or loss of books, traveling libraries and small collections of books among communities, individuals, libraries, schools, library associations, the handicapped and charitable and penal institutions that do not possess or have access to public library services, or which need temporary assistance to supplement local library library services; (6) publish reports, information bulletins, circulars and lists; (7) carry on interlibrary loans and cooperative services including

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library institutes, with other libraries or related organizations; (b) assist in preparing plans for state-wide library service and perform such other acts considered necessary or appropriate to the development of sound state-wide library service; (9) maintain memberships in professional library and related associations. See 65 O.S. Supp. 1953 § 7.5.
The Acquisitions and Catalog Division which has the function acquiring, ordering, cataloging and processing books, and other library materials.

1.4(b) Following or appended is an outline of the organizational structure of the units of the State agency involved in the library extension program indicating the lines of authority within the agency and tracing the authority of the agency back to the highest level of State authority:

1.4(c) Local agencies, if any, which will administer some or all of the State plan, are described as follows (Include manner in which local agency administration will be supervised by the State agency.): 65 O.S. Supp. 1955 §§ 66-67. (The district library board and the librarian.)

2.0 Fiscal Provisions

2.1 The legal title and official address of the State Treasurer or officer exercising similar functions for the State if there be no State Treasurer who will receive Federal funds is: State Treasurer, 217 State Capitol, Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma.

2.2 The legal authority of the State Treasurer to receive and disburse Federal funds is as follows (Quote or attach State law governing such authority.): 65 O.S. 1951 § 142 as amended by 65 O.S. Supp. 1953 § 7.1-8.2.

2.3 State law and practice provide as follows for the receipt, safeguarding, and accounting for Federal funds which are received by the State: 62 O.S. 1951 § 41.8 and 74 O.S. 1951 §§ 361-363.

2.4 Federal funds received by the State will be deposited as follows: In the State Treasury.

2.5 The officer in the State who will requisition and approve the expenditure of any funds under the approved State plan is: State Librarian.

2.6 The officer in the State who will certify the payment of any funds under the plan prior to disbursement is: State Librarian.

2.7 The extent to which local officials will be responsible for the disbursement of funds under the approved plan is as follows (Note State or other laws and regulations which govern their disbursements.): 19 O.S. 1951 §§ 622-645, 681-693 and 19 O.S. Supp. 1955 § 646.

2.8 The following fiscal terms if used in State fiscal regulations and practice are defined and interpreted as follows:

Encumbrance means: The earmarking of a portion of available funds for specific purchases or purposes.

Obligation means: Same as encumbrance.

Disbursement means: The actual payment of funds from the State Treasury.

Expenditure means: Same as disbursement.

2.9 The fiscal years for State and local units participating in the plan are as follows: State: July 1-June 30

Participating local units: July 1-June 30

2.10 State law or regulation provides as follows with regard to allocation of expenditures to different fiscal years when obligations carry from one fiscal year to another: Allocated to fiscal year in which obligation was made.

2.11 The official State accounts showing receipts and disbursements under the approved State plan will be maintained by the following agency (Give name and location.): Executive Department, Division of the Budget, and the Oklahoma State Library.

2.12 The various fiscal documents which will verify the information shown in the official State accounts will be located as follows: (Give name and location of agency.): Executive Department, Division of the Budget, and the Oklahoma State Library.

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Trustee Institute to Be Held at O.U.

Realizing the importance of trustees and the role they play in public libraries throughout Oklahoma, the State Capitol, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Library Association and the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma, is sponsoring a Trustee Institute April 25-26, to be held in Franklin House on the O. U. Main campus. For many years trustees have been attending meetings planned for and by librarians. Although Trustees gained much from these meetings, they did not have an opportunity to discuss problems that concern them as trustees. The program for this meeting was planned by both trustees and librarians.

A planning meeting for the Trustee Institute was held January 17 in the State Capitol. The following librarians and trustees attended: John Stratton, Allie Beth Martin, Hollis Haney, Violet Willis, Arthur McAnally, Mrs. Madeline Willis, Mortimer Schwartz, Ralph Hudson, Esther Henke, and Lee Hayden. (Mr. Hayden represented the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma.) Miss Ruth Warncke, Director of the Library-Community Project of the American Library Association, was the consultant, and will take part in the two-day program.

This planning Committee felt that the Institute will be more effective if attendance is limited to trustees. The program includes problems that all library trustees face whether their library is large or small.

Objectives of the Trustee Institute are:

To develop an understanding of good library service to adults.

To provide information on specific problems which trustees face in fulfilling their responsibilities.

To analyze various ways of achieving good library service, including use of the Library Services Act.

Cost for the Institute has been kept to a minimum, and should be under $7.00 for the two days. Rooms will be available through University housing at $2.00 per day, and there is no registration fee. The two planned meals (the two luncheons) will cost $1.25 each.

Tentative Program

Thursday, April 25

9:00-10:00—Registration
10:00—Welcome
Panel: What should men and women expect from our libraries?
12:00—Lunch
1:30—Workshop groups: Each participant will take part in two group discussions:
Library policies  Public relations
The materials  The Board at work collections
Services to groups  Library law and organizations
4:00—Adjournment
7:30—Informal Question Period

Friday, April 26

9:30—How do we develop the kinds of libraries we want?
12:00—Luncheon Meeting—Oklahoma and the Library Services Act.

In order to make this meeting worthwhile, trustees should come for both days. Librarians should urge all trustees to attend. The better informed our trustees are, the better our libraries will be and the better the opportunity for our librarians to function effectively.

LAW LIBRARIANS TO MEET

The 1957 annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries will be held June 24-27 at the recently reopened Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Announcement of the meeting was made by President Dillard S. Gardner, Marshall-Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, Raleigh, North Carolina. Law librarians, their families, and others interested in law librarianship, from the United States, Canada and Great Britain are expected to make this a record turnout. Sightseeing trips to Pike's Peak and other points of interest are being scheduled.

An institute on law librarianship jointly presented by the University of Colorado School of Law in cooperation with the A.A.L.L. is also being planned for the week preceding the annual meeting, June 18-22, 1957.

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Frances Kennedy Resigns as Editor

With the October 1954 issue, Frances Kennedy took over as editor of the Oklahoma Librarian. She met her tenth and last deadline with the January 1957 issue, making her tenure as editor the longest to date in the life of this comparatively young publication.

When the Oklahoma Librarian began publication in the spring of 1950 with Neal F. Austin of the O. U. Journalism Library as editor, OLA was one of only three state associations which did not have journals. After the first issue, Austin was succeeded as editor by Barbara Smith of the Oklahoma City Libraries. Roscoe Rouse of the Northeastern State College Library, Tahlequah, edited the winter, 1952, issue. His term was short.

"Continuity in editorship seems to be an impossibility," says a plaintive news note in the Summer, 1952 issue, which can probably be ascribed to the Acting Editor, Frances Kennedy.

With the Winter 1953 issue, Allie Beth Martin, of the Tulsa Public Library, became the editor. She endured all that year, and into the summer's heat of 1954, simultaneously assuming the duties of OLA president-elect and relinquishing the reins of editorship to Frances in October 1954.

The consistently excellent quality of the journal during Frances' term as editor speaks for the time and energy she has devoted to it.

Frances Kennedy (B.S. in L. S., M.S. in L. S., Illinois) became librarian of the Oklahoma City University Library in 1947, having previously served as Reference Librarian of the Oklahoma City public library since 1931. She is a past-president of the Oklahoma Library Association (1945-47), has held offices in the Southwestern Library Association, and is the OLA representative on the Council of the American Library Association.

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Planning committee for the forthcoming Trustees Institute to be held on the O.U. campus April 25-26 met recently in the state capitol. Present were: (left to right) Mr. Lee Hayden, OU Extension Division; Miss Hollis Honey, Pawhuska Public Library; Dr. Arthur McAnally, director of OU Libraries; Mr. Ralph Hudson, state librarian, Oklahoma State Library; Miss Ruth Warncke, ALA; Mrs. Will H. Willis, trustee, Duncan Public Library; Violet Willis, trustee, Pawhuska Public Library and chairman of OLA Trustee Section; John Stratten, assistant librarian, Oklahoma A&M College Library and president of OLA; Esther Mae Henke, extension librarian, Oklahoma State Library; and Allie Beth Martin, extension librarian, Tulsa Public Library.

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Notes from Executive Board Minutes

January 19, 1957

Members present: John Stratton, Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, Ida Self, Mariam Craddock, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Helen Donart.

Guests present: Mrs. Leta Dover, Mrs. Virginia Collier, Esther Mae Henke, Mrs. Edna Kelly, Mrs. Ruth Helen Kiser, Ruth Cox, Margaret Stewart, Elva Curtis, Ralph Hudson, Frances Kennedy, Virginia Owens.

After the call to order and approval of the minutes, the guests were welcomed and the members of the Legislation Subcommittee retired to another meeting room to work on problems regarding School Legislation.

The Treasurer, Ida Self, reported a balance of $707.95.

Mr. Stratton read a letter from Gene Winn saying that he was making preparations for Jaycee Week, January 20-26, and that he was mailing library brochures to all clubs.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION:

Mariam Craddock reported that she had written the League of Women Voters State Legislation Chairman asking for assistance on library legislation. She had also written the P.T.A. State Chairman telling her we had materials for distribution which we would send her if such were desired to help promote their program of assistance with library legislation.

Esther Mae Henke had talked to the Executive Board of the Federated Women's Clubs and they had agreed to take action in their organization and so had the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Alie Beth Martin reported that she spoke to the Farmers Union and had presented a resolution supporting library legislation which they accepted. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Farmers Union saying that their support is greatly appreciated.

BOOK AWARDS:

Mr. Stratton discussed the A.L.A. Liberty and Justice Book Awards and urged participation in the nomination of books for this award.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Alie Beth Martin reported on the activities of the Legislation Committee. She listed six different Bills with which librarians should be concerned — told where they are and the steps ahead. These Bills are S15 — S16 — HB513-HB 516 — S10 — H538.

The Board authorized the payment of mailing and telephone bills accrued in the interest of library legislation.

STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION:

Mr. Hudson presented a brief outline of the State Library budget request for 1957-1959, and compared it with the present budget. The recommended budget is in legislation in the House as H. P. 513 and H. B. 516, Section 22 (Omnibus Appropriation Bill). A per capita comparison was made on Oklahoma's State Library budget and that of other states, and Mr. Hudson spoke favoring the budget as requested.

The Executive Board assured Mr. Hudson that legislation for the State Library budget would have their support, but in view of the urgency of Senate Bill 16 the Board wanted to consider the situation further.

FEDERAL RELATIONS:

Esther Mae Henke reported that she had received a letter from Julia Bennett asking if there were state funds to assist in supporting the Washington office.

Irma Tomberlin moved O.L.A. give $100 to the A.L.A. for the support of the Washington office. Ida Self second, motion carried.

BOOKMOBILE FUND:

Mr. Stratton reported that the Bookmobile Fund had not been spent. He asked that the Association keep the fund in reserve for legislation expenditures or other special things which might present themselves, such as aiding the A.L.A. Washington office. He said that the matter had been discussed with the donors and had met with their approval.

Alie Beth Martin moved that the Bookmobile Fund be used as a reserve fund to promote legislation or in other ways to benefit rural libraries. Irma Tomberlin second, motion carried.

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The 1956 publishing expenditure report of the Oklahoma Librarian was read. It was agreed that the Executive Board would give the Editor more assistance in the future.

LIBRARY BINDING:

Mr. Stratton announced that a Library Binding Institute will be held in Oklahoma in May. Standards of binding were discussed. It was agreed that we should ask the Chairman of the
Binding Institute what the Oklahoma Library Association can do to contribute to the success of their meeting and offer such assistance.

TRUSTEES INSTITUTE:
Esther Mae Henke reported that the Trustees meeting would be held on the Oklahoma University Campus April 25 and 26. At a planning meeting, the objective had been outlined and the program covered and that it would truly be a trustee's meeting.

LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE:
Margaret Stewart summarized the findings and decisions of the Legislation Subcommittee. She said that the Oklahoma Education Association had introduced HB 538 and S 10 (which were now in the Education Committee) asking for the repeal of the School Library Law.

It was the decision of the Subcommittee that the School Library Bill as it now stands has some good points for small libraries; however, it is not satisfactory for all school libraries. They also decided that they were not well enough organized to fight for a Bill which would be satisfactory to all school librarians. In view of this fact, it was their recommendation that nothing be done in regard to the present legislation for school libraries, but that all effort be concentrated on the passage of the present legislation sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association.

Mrs. Martin announced that the Legislation Committee would accept the recommendation of the Legislation Subcommittee, if there were no objections. There being no objections, the recommendation was accepted. Meeting adjourned.

March 2, 1957
Members present: John Stratton, Irma Tomberlin, Mariam Craddock, Ida Self, Frances Du-Vall, Allie Beth Martin, Helen Donart.

Guests present: Elizabeth Cooper, Virginia Owens, Frances Kennedy.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer, Ida Self, reported a balance of $415.44 with a total of 41 paid members.

LEGISLATION:
Allie Beth Martin reported that SB15 and 16 had passed the Senate. She expressed her appreciation for the work done by Hollis Haney, Velma Ward, and John Stratton in assisting her interview various legislators in the Capitol. Mrs. Martin also reported that the bills for the State Library Budget had passed both Houses at the Budget Recommendation figures. She also reported concerning three measures before the House concerning School Library Legislation.

A vote of commendation was given Allie Beth Martin, and the other Members of the Legislation Committee, for their splendid work.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:
The report of Mrs. Andy Gravitt, Chairman of the Awards Committee, was read. Allie Beth Martin moved that the Committee's fine work and report be accepted with thanks and moved the Pioneer Librarian Citation be given to Jesse Lee Rader, Mrs. Ula Frost, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Mrs. Mamie Small, Miss Etta Gray Watkins, Mrs. Mary Hays Marable, Mrs. Sarah Allphin, Mrs. Cora Case Porter, Miss Essa Nena Gladney, Miss Metta Woodward, Mrs. J. R. Dale, and Mrs. Mable Peacock. Irma Tomberlin second, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the design of the Pioneer Librarian Citation, and its presentation. Allie Beth Martin moved that the planning of the Pioneer Librarian Citation, and its presentation be referred to the Chairman of the Program and Planning Committee. Mariam Craddock second, motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING:
Irma Tomberlin reported on the program as set up for the 1957 Annual Conference which will be held on March 21-23 with headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel. Elizabeth Cooper, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, gave a detailed report regarding the work accomplished and the arrangements made for the 1957 OLA Annual Conference.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:
President John Stratton announced the appointment of Mortimer Schwartz as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ralph Hudson.

The Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the January 1957 Oklahoma Librarian was discussed.

The Executive Board directed Virginia Owens, in cooperation with Mr. Schwartz, to prepare an errata insert sheet for the Constitution and By-Laws printed in the January 1957 Oklahoma Librarian, listing all errors in order that the Constitution will read as adopted and amended.

COMMITTEES:
The ballot form used by the Nominations Committee was discussed, and an explanation was given regarding the place for a signature.

It was announced that the ballots will be counted on Thursday, March 21.

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Joint Session Scheduled For Binders, Librarians

Program for the May 9 joint session of librarians and library binders during the coming Library Binding Institute at Western Hills Lodge, Fort Gibson Lake, has been announced. The all-day session will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a panel discussion on "How and Why A Library Volume Is Bound." to be moderated by Edith Scott, in charge of Technical Processes at the O.U. Library. Following the panel discussion, colored slides will be shown of "A Trip Through a Library Bindery," and seven bookbinders will give short talks on different operations of binding, to be followed by a question and answer period.

Librarians will be guests of the Institute for lunch at 12:30. Edmon Lowe, Oklahoma A & M College Librarian, will give the "Welcome to Oklahoma" address, and will present scrolls for outstanding service to this year's recipients. The awards, given for the first time last year, are similar in purpose to OLA's Distinguished Service Awards.

Following the luncheon, the afternoon session will hear a talk by Malcolm Frost, Executive Director of the Book Manufacturers' Institute, on the subject of the Library Club of America, Inc. Dudley A. Weiss, director of the Library Binding Institute, will also talk on the subject of the proposed commercial standards for library binding and prebinding. There will be entertainment in the evening for those who plan to stay over.

Over 100 members of the Library Binding Institute are expected to attend this year's annual meeting, scheduled for May 8-10. For more information, address Bob Motter, Jr., Motter Bookbinding Co., Muskogee.

Presiding at the joint meeting will be Zack G. Haygood, president of the Library Binding Institute.

On Saturday morning, May 11, the members of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Muskogee Public Library have invited L.B.I. members and guests to a Kaffee Klatch.

Members of the Central Oklahoma Libraries association are considering chartering a bus to attend the joint session in a body, stopping to visit libraries along the way. Persons interested should get in touch with Juanita Means, Oklahoma City University Library. This will be the first meeting of L.B.I. in the western part of the country.

Letters from OLA Fans


Dear John: It is with deep appreciation that I write this note of thanks to you for the generous contribution of $100 to the work of the Washington Office. It is certainly splendid to know that we have the interest and support of so many of the State and regional library associations for our legislative activities.

These added funds will make possible many things in our legislative work which would not be possible within our regular budget. We know from past experience last year how important such funds can be.

Again, my sincere appreciation to you and the members of the Oklahoma Library Association for this generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Julia D. Bennett
Director, ALA Washington Office


Dear Mr. Stratton: On behalf of the officers of the American Library Association, I would like to express the Association's gratitude to the Oklahoma Library Association for their gift of $100 for the use of the ALA Washington Office in its efforts to obtain the full Congressional appropriation to implement the Library Services Act.

This generous support from the membership is most welcome and heartening.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Stevenson,
Associate Executive Secretary
Director, Office for Adult Education
Frances Kennedy

AL.A Councilor Reports

One of the liveliest of ALA’s Midwinter conferences was held in Chicago January 29 to February 2, 1957. President Ralph Shaw, in his opening report to Council, presented the problems and difficulties resulting from ALA’s acceptance of the management survey. He stressed particularly the need for divisions to define their fields of responsibility in specific terms, to eliminate, as far as possible, the overlapping of interests and functions.

In a later Council meeting the report of the Committee on Organization was rejected as unconstitutional. The continuance of this committee’s work was delegated to a new Special Committee, whose status has not yet been clarified.

The ALA Executive Board has, in the meantime, appointed a Special Committee of the Board to study President Shaw’s parliamentary rulings, and the transcript of this Council meeting. All thirteen ALA divisions will continue to exist on a tentative basis until the Kansas City meeting.

ALA to Meet in Canada

ALA will be Montreal-bound in 1960, for a joint conference with the Canadian Library Association. Although rental from limited exhibit space will not be sufficient to meet conference expenses, the Council approved the joint meeting in the interest of international understanding and professional cooperation. The $20,000 anticipated deficit will be absorbed by ALA or met by an as yet undetermined income. The week of June 19-26, 1960, has been set for the conference.

Library Services Act

The Library Services Act was discussed and reported upon at several points during the conference. A resolution was sent to Congress urging the full appropriation of $7,500,000 instead of the President’s recommended $3,000,000. Oklahoma Library Association was the first of a number of state and regional associations to pledge funds for the support of the ALA Washington office. Prior to the Midwinter meeting the OLA Executive Board had authorized the expenditure of $100 for this purpose.

Another resolution of the Federal Relations Committee, in support of the bill for federal aid to school construction, was approved by Council.

Committee Reports

Council endorsed the report of the ALA Bookbinding Committee, withholding acceptance of the proposed commercial standards for library binding until more than one standard is proposed for the differing types of library materials.

The 1956 edition of Notable Books, and the list of Books for Young People were presented for distribution. The plans and projects of Jaycees throughout the country, under “Operation Library” were outlined by Arthur Parsons.

Conclusion

The responsibility of a member of the ALA Council is not a light one under the reorganized structure of the American Library Association. It is hoped that reports on which action must be taken can be forwarded to members well in advance of conferences, so that voting will reflect an intelligent understanding of issues presented.

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ALA Completes New File On Adult Education

A new resource of especial interest to librarians interested in developing adult education programs of all kinds is now available at Headquarters of the American Library Association.

The Resources Committee of the Adult Education Section of the ALA Public Libraries Division has just completed a year-long task — finding and bringing together in a file the names of more than 450 librarians and non-librarians who have had important experience in adult education as consultants, researchers, speakers, panel members, discussion leaders or resource people. The committee chairman is Robert S. Ake, Public Library Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education.

The new Adult Education Resource File classifies these persons by their specialties: (1) Community study (delineation of trade areas, development of questionnaires, analysis of population, etc.); (2) Leadership training for community service, group techniques, and discussion methods using films, recordings, printed materials, etc.; (3) Program planning and services for special groups (the aging, labor, family, etc); (4) Evaluation of programs and services (establishment of goals, collection of data, tabulation, analysis, etc.); (5) Other adult education services (film production and use, public relations, etc.)

The ALA Library-Community Project is now enabled to give prompt reply to requests for help in locating resource people — in all parts of the country — from non-library groups as well as from public, school, college, and special libraries to serve as consultants for workshops, institutes and other types of library meetings. Inquiries should be directed to Miss Ruth Warnecke, Director, ALA Library-Community Project 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The Institute is sponsored by the ALA Adult Education Division, in cooperation with the ALA Office for Adult Education and the ALA Library-Community Project.

Institute Chairman is Mrs. Muriel C. Javelin, deputy supervisor in charge of work with adults, Boston Public Library, who is Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the AED. Robert Lee, Consultant, Library-Community Project, is Coordinator for the Institute.

Describing the aims of the Institute, Mrs. Javelin said:

'The community study provides a sound basis for long term planning of the library's program of adult education. This is recognized as an important need in developing programs of libraries of all sizes and was recently stressed in Public Library Service, the revised post-war standards, which set forth as Standard 66: 'Continuous and periodic study of its community should be made by the library in order to know people, groups, and institutions thoroughly, and to keep up with developments and changes.' Objectives of the Institute are to develop understanding of some basic principles, methods, and problems of community study; and to examine some ways of organizing and interpreting data.'

Registration for the Institute will be $2. Advance registration is not necessary. For further information write to Mr. Lee at ALA Headquarters, Chicago.

Tulsa Advisory Group Visits Oklahoma City

As part of a study on Tulsa’s needs, 47 members of the City-County Citizens Advisory Committee, together with other interested Tulsaans made a pilgrimage to Oklahoma City on February 26, 1957. The group first inspected the existing Central Library at Third and Cheyenne in Tulsa, then boarded two chartered buses for Oklahoma City to examine and study the new library building there.

Several plans are under study by the committee to help ease Tulsa’s growing need for proper library facilities, plans which include use of the old County Court House at Sixth and Boulder, and the possibility of building a new Central Library and placing more emphasis on additional branch libraries.
Library School Hunts Missing Alumni

(The following letter has been received from Karl Brown, former editor of the Library Journal.)

I am compiling and editing for the New York State Library School (Albany) alumni association the final edition of its biographical Register: 1887-1926, last published in 1928 and supplemented by an address list in 1951. The Albany school was absorbed in Columbia University's School of Library Service in 1926.

Many "Albanians" have been lost sight of. Of the 1079 names in the 1928 edition, 648 were recorded in 1951. Some of these latter are not traceable in the current directories. At the moment, I am pestering every librarian in the country who may have clues to the whereabouts of those not heard from since 1928.

As this Register will be the James I. Wyer Memorial Edition, in honor of the School's great Director, I am eager to have the records of its graduates as satisfyingly complete as human ingenuity and energy can make them. The records of the Association are in good order, but many graduates have over the years not troubled to keep in touch. I have special problems in tracing those who left the profession before normal retirement (when the Library Journal might have picked up the news), and of course with those who then died.

The following are actively engaged in seeking information for the new Register: Isabella K. Rhodes, 454 Riverside Drive, New York, 27, N.Y.; Alice L. Jewett, 303 S. Columbus Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; and (the writer of this appeal), Karl Brown, Box 44, Butler Library, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27, N.Y.

Write to any of us if you have the slightest clue to the whereabouts of former "Albanians," particularly the graduates from the earlier classes.

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Boon to Small Library

Help to the small, semi-private library, a "silent library clerk" is the invention of a tool-handly Oklahoma City architect. Made to meet the need for help in the orderly processing of loaned books in the absence of a live assistant, John D. Jeffers' desk on wheels was designed for and is in daily use at the new First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City.

This equipment, the approximate size of a tea wagon and on wheels, answers the problem which arises in any small library which desires orderly circulation of books but has no regular assistant to check books out and in. Facilities are provided by means of which the library patron, having found the book he wants to borrow, may charge it to himself and, when ready, to return it, may leave it where its return will be properly noted so it can be replaced in its rightful spot on the shelves. The borrower can even compute his own fine and pay it into a secure compartment.

For, as Mr. Jeffers has discovered, the greatest problem of circulation in the small unattended library is the return of books, since the well-intentioned borrower will return the book to what he thinks was the spot from which he took it. Even if (by luck) he gets the book back in the right place, this fact is not noted in the record of the loan and to all useful purposes the book remains "out."

A slot in the end of the deskwagon receives the book, which is then gently transferred to the bottom of the locked inside area by an inclined board suspended by a spring which expands as more books are inserted.

The Jeffers invention doesn't stop there. It holds a calendar which by adjustment will reveal the due date for the succeeding two weeks, and will serve as it is for 75 years. A slot is provided for depositing the cards of books checked out.

Brief and simple instructions for using the device are a part of its surface, as well as cards for suggestions and a quotation from John Milton on the value of books. Made of plywood, vinyl, and aluminum, topped with a pencil with chain in socket, the device comes with an extra spring and can of paint for touchup stowed in the interior against the day when they will be needed.

Legislative Activity

The opportunity to help improve Oklahoma libraries through work with legislature and other officials is stimulating, exciting and just plain fun. Also, it's hard work. The capitol corridors are long and the stairs steep, especially if your heels are reserved for special occasions. The opportunity to meet responsible officials and talk about books and libraries is far more reward than the relatively small effort to gather one's hat (even if you have to borrow one!) and white gloves and visit the capitol.

A.B.C.'s for the Capitol Visitor

1. The legislators and other officials expect their constituents to come to the capitol and visit them or to write them. They have no other way of knowing what people want.

2. Libraries are just as deserving of support as any other government function and are entitled to it. It is true that there is great pressure for the government dollar but we render our profession a disservice if we do not insist that libraries receive a share. A sincere smile and a convincing statement regarding the importance of library legislation will receive a sympathetic reception by your elected representative.

3. Be patient about tracking down your representative and do not hesitate to nab him on the run. His secretary will help you locate him. Make your first visit brief and to the point and offer to return when he has time to talk to you.

4. Lay people are as effective, if not more so, than librarians seeking support for libraries. Both are vital if the lawmakers are to be convinced of the importance of library legislation.

5. Say thank you. Public officials are beset daily with people demanding attention. It is said that those who remember to drop a note of thanks are in the minority. Even if the person to whom you talked indicated he would not support your cause, thank him anyway, for his time, for his consideration, for his sincere efforts to do his best under trying conditions. Your word of appreciation may be as effective as your original plea.

Join the OLA Now!

Join forces with other librarians who are working for more and better libraries in Oklahoma. Send $2.00 for individual membership in OLA to Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, Norman Junior Highschool. Membership includes your subscription to the Oklahoma Librarian.
State Plan

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2.13 Expenditures by the State agency under the approved State plan will be audited by State auditors as follows (Give extent and frequency of such audit.): Annual audit of all Oklahoma State Library expenditures is made by the State Examiner and Inspector’s department.

2.14 Local agencies participating in the State plan will be subject to audit or review by State auditors or examiners as follows (Give extent, frequency, and identify the State agency which will perform the audit.): 74 O.S. 1951 § 212.

3.0 Policies and Methods of Administration

3.1 General Aims and Policies of the Plan. Following are the general aims and policies which will be the judgment of the State library administrative agency assure the use of funds under the State plan to maximum advantage in the further extension of public library services to rural areas without such services or with inadequate services:

A. Aims.

1. All residents of the State to have free access to adequate collections of books and other library materials, and when desired comprehensive collections through interlibrary loan.

2. The services of able and conscientious professional librarians should be available to everyone.

3. Sufficient library resources and personnel should be provided to give information in response to all requests.

4. Organize strong multi-county library systems.

5. Local libraries are to be improved, better organized and supported in order to become effective units of service.

6. The State agency for library service is to have the necessary means to accomplish all of its duties and functions in order to give both leadership and aid in achieving the goals listed above.

7. More funds for library service to be received from local governmental units.

B. Policies.

1. The formation of multi-county libraries.

2. Multi-county libraries to comply with, as nearly as possible, the minimum standards established by the Act and by Public Library Service: A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards, American Library Association, 1956.

3. Federal funds to be used in conjunction with local funds for a period of one and one-half years to two years. The first grant to be an amount sufficient to establish the system and the succeeding grants to be smaller.

4. A plan for a long range program of library development of the area is to be required. This plan to be prepared and adopted by the library district. The district will agree to accept the responsibility for continued and effective operation when Federal funds are no longer available.

5. Control and basic support of the county and multi-county libraries will be on the local level. Federal funds will not be spent unless the multi-county library has raised at least a portion of the budget district.

6. Administration of a library unit to be under the direction of a fully qualified librarian with respect to training, experience and personal qualifications.

C. Criteria.

1. Areas of Oklahoma, excluding incorporated cities having a population of over 10,000 persons, which do not maintain a public supported library shall be considered “without library service.”

2. Area with “inadequate service” will be measured by the standards listed in “Postwar Standards for Public Libraries.”

3. Area of the proposed library service unit.

4. Financial need of the area in relation to the number of inhabitants without library service.

5. Potentiality of the area to continue adequate support of the district library after Federal funds are no longer available, and the possibility that such support will be forthcoming.

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6. Probability of successful promotion, establishment, operation and support of a multi-county library in the area.
7. A portion of the budget to be appropriated by the counties in the district.
8. Multi-county systems to be considered only.
9. Date upon which the requirements are fulfilled.

3.2 Methods of Administering the Plan. The following is a description of the types of extension activities and services to be undertaken by the State agency and the methods to be used in discharging them:
1. Administration of the State Plan of grants to multi-county library systems.
   A. To solicit participants.
      1. General publicity through regular channels and through letters.
      2. Specific work on likely counties by extension personnel.
   B. Awarding funds.
      1. Application for funds.
      2. Choice of multi-county systems to be based on criteria (3.1 Section C). In case of more applications than funds available priority shall be given those libraries which, in the opinion of the administrative agency, have the greatest need combined with the best chance of a continuing successful operation.
      3. The amount of funds awarded will depend on the rural population of the counties (incorporated and unincorporated areas of less than 10,000 population according to the 1950 census).

II. Administration of the State Plan in Strengthening the State Library Extension Services.
A. Extension Division needs
   1. Field Librarians with qualifications of library training and experience.
   2. Bookmobiles to be used by the state agency for extension purposes.
   3. Books and the library materials for use on the bookmobiles and to meet the demands of new library systems.
   4. Operational costs for books, equipment and travel expenses for field librarians.

4.0 Reports, etc.
4.1 Reports. It is agreed that the State library administrative agency will make such reports as to categories of expenditures as the Commissioner may from time to time reasonably require.
4.2 Promise to Repay. It is agreed that the funds paid under the Act shall be expended solely for the purpose for which paid and the State recognizes its obligations to the United States for any funds which have been lost or diverted from the purposes for which paid.
4.3 Free Public Library Services. All library services furnished under the plan are required, by regulation of the State agency, to be available free of charge to all members of the community, district, or area served.

5.0 The State Program and Budget for the Fiscal Year
5.1 Program for the Fiscal Year. Following is a description of the program by projects designating the rural areas to be served for the fiscal year 1957 (Give each project a number or title):
   Project 1. Strengthening the State Agency. This first period will be given to preparation on the part of the Oklahoma State Library for a full year's program to begin July 1, 1957. Before a complete plan for the development and promotion of library service in Oklahoma can be properly evolved and placed into operation, it is necessary to strengthen the State Library agency.
   The State agency will employ from one to three Field Librarians (or consultants) to give consulting service to existing libraries and to work with people in areas now without library service. Priority will be given to the implementation of the Library Services Act and the standards set forth in Public Library Service. Every effort will be made to formalize the plans already made in multi-county areas so they can be included in the state plan for the next fiscal year. Work is needed in other areas to form multi-county library systems and to impress upon citizens and governing officials the advantages of larger units of service. The State agency will

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ANADARKO, Public Library—Miss Katie Sage is the new librarian of the Anadarko Public Library succeeding Mrs. Joan Cochran.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma—Mrs. Elise Owings, Architecture Librarian, is on leave of absence to spend a year in New Zealand with her husband, who will be lecturing on a Fulbright Fellowship. Mrs. Mary Edmonson will serve as Architecture Librarian during Mrs. Owings’ absence.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City Libraries—Dorothy Holcomb, Great Books Program coordinator, resigned to take a position with the Fort Worth Public Library effective March 1 where she will direct the library’s adult education activities. New Oklahoma City Libraries staff members working with the World Politics and Great Books Discussion programs are Mrs. Tony LaReese and Mrs. Genevieve Wright.

Staff members Mildred Knight, Order Librarian, and Charles Krumtum, Asst. Reference Librarian, retired in March. Mrs. Knight had been on the library staff since 1926, serving as head of circulation from 1934 to July 1949, when she became head Order Librarian. At a party for the two retiring staff members held in March, Mrs. Knight received a fur stole as a gift from the Library Board and staff. She was also presented with the library’s Life Patron Award, consisting of a gold-finished life borrower’s card, and a citation which read as follows:

“To Mildred Knight, for distinguished service to the Public Library and its program of continuing education for all, and to the City of Oklahoma City, during thirty-one energetic and fruitful years on the Oklahoma City Libraries staff, marked by the generosity and integrity with which she gave her talents to her work and to her associates.”

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City University—Mrs. Florence Peckham became a member of the staff in February, as an assistant in the Reference and Catalog Departments. Mrs. Peckham is a former OCU student who received her B.A. degree from O.U. In January she received a master’s degree in Library Science from the O.U. Library School.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College Library—Edmon Lowe, Librarian, was a member of the committee which inspected the Denver School of Librarianship for accreditation early in April. The committee, appointed by the chairman of the ALA Board of Education for Librarianship, consisted of Mrs. Florryn Morton, Director of the Louisiana State University Library School; Richard B. Sealock, Librarian of the Kansas City Public Library; and Mr. Low, Mr. Low is continuing his activities as consultant on new library buildings. Currently he is acting as consultant for the Northwestern State College Library, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and North Park College Library, Chicago.

Mrs. Alice Pattee, Head of the Catalog Department, is chairman of the committee charged with writing a new constitution for the Cataloging and Classification Section of the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division. The Constitution was approved in principle at Midwinter and, after further rewording, will be presented for adoption at Kansas City in June.

On March 12, Alton P. Juhlin, Head of the Special Services Department, and currently chapter president of Phi Alpha Theta, assisted in the installation of a new chapter of the honorary history society at the University of Oklahoma.

TULSA, Public Library—Two employees, Billie Russell and Patricia Kesem, recently resigned. New additions to the staff are Sue Harbison and Katrina Savage.

TULSA, University of Tulsa Library—Miss Ruth Rowland, who had charge of reserve books, retired in August, 1956. Miss Rowland joined the University of Tulsa Library staff in 1932, coming to Tulsa from the University of Wisconsin where she was a librarian in the Bureau of Information and Program Services from 1923 to 1931. Prior to that, Miss Rowland was employed in the Oklahoma City Public Library for two years.
From the Four Corners

*NEWS OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIES*

NORMAN. University of Oklahoma—A valuable collection of over 600 literary works and books about the entertainment world has been given to the University of Oklahoma Library by Mrs. N. Gordon Clarke of Okmulgee.

The collection represents in part the personal library of the pioneer eastern Oklahoma family. It will add to the library's resources about public entertainment as well as improving the resources in American and English literature.

TULSA. University of Tulsa Library—The library of the late Dr. Carol Mason, professor of geography at the University of Tulsa, was bequeathed to the University's McFarlin Library. This collection, consisting of 1700 books and journals, was received in January.

The staff of the University of Tulsa's McFarlin Library were hosts at an open house February 26 for all of Tulsa's junior and senior high school librarians and their student assistants. During their visit the guests were conducted through the library building and shown an exhibit on the making of a textbook from the American Textbook Publishers Institute. Of particular interest to the visitors was the Whitman Room where they saw a first edition of "Leaves of Grass" as well as other rare books and manuscripts from the Whitman collection.

Panelist answering questions about Tulsa and Oklahoma City Libraries. Audience was 47 Tulsans who went to Oklahoma City on two buses on February 26 to study Oklahoma City Libraries. Left to right: Allen Whiteside, Chairman Tulsa Citizens Committee to Study Tulsa Public Library; James E. Gourley, Librarian Tulsa Public Library; Mrs. Walter Gray, President Oklahoma City Library Board; Clarence S. Paine, Director, Oklahoma City Libraries; Leo Erhard, President Tulsa Library Board.
Interesting Adult Books for Young People

The Association of Young People's Librarians—a Division of the American Library Association—has issued its list, "Interesting Adult Books of 1956 for Young People." The annual list was presented at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

Jane A. Ellstrom, Public Library, Lakewood, Ohio, Chairman of AYPL, stated that the Book Selection Committee makes its choice from the entire output of adult books published during the year. The AYPL has come to be watched for by librarians, high school teachers, parents and youth leaders as a guide to reading for young people.

Mrs. Audrey Biel, Chief of the Youth Service Department, Detroit (Mich.) Public Library, Chairman of the Committee said that after 34 titles were selected by the Committee, 22 youth librarians throughout the country gave them close consideration. The final selection of 20 books was then made. She added:

"Titles were selected for their appeal to various types of young people—those who read well and are interested in good writing, as well as those who like adventure and action and are more interested in content. The Committee endeavored to choose titles which the young reader would actually enjoy rather than those titles, which, as librarians, they would choose strictly for literary merit. Most of the books have been used with a high school age audience and have proven themselves to be popular books with that age group."


The list follows:

**INTERESTING ADULT BOOKS OF 1956 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Anderson, Marian, *My Lord What a Morning*, Viking. A sincere and dignified autobiog-

raphy of a great woman and a great artist. Bowles, Cynthia, *At Home in India*, Harcourt, Brace. The experiences of an ambassador's daughter who learned to appreciate the culture of her adopted country and tried to understand its problems.


Brick, John, *Jubilee*, Doubleday. A Yankee captain sacrifices friendship and love as an intense sense of duty inspires him to shape a green regiment into one of the great fighting units of the Civil War.

Chute, Beatrice Joy, *Greenwillow*, Dutton. Usually fine country background enriches this delightful fantasy of a home-loving young man who feels himself destined to be a bachelor vagabond.


Gipson, Frederick, *Old Yeller*, Harper. Old Yeller was an ugly, ornery mongrel dog but he'd tackle anything from an angry bear to a mad wolf to save his Texas frontier family.


Hargrove, Marion, *Girl He Left Behind*, Viking. Andy exchanges the life of a pampered civilian for that of a private in the new peace time army in a story full of humor and "suc-cotash."

Hessey, John Richard, *Single Pebble*, Knopf. A young American engineer's eventful journey by junk up the Yanetze river in search of a site for a dam symbolizes the contrast between East and West.


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Adult Books
Kane, Harnett, Miracle in the Mountains, Doubleday. Inspiring story of Martha Berry's efforts to bring education to poor children of the Georgia mountains.
Kennedy, John, Profiles in Courage, Harper. Crucial decisions of eight American statesmen which took courage and integrity.
MacLean, Alstair, H.M.S. Ulysses, Doubleday. Vivid description of the sacrifices and courage of the exhausted, half-frozen crew of an English cruiser on World War II convoy duty in the Arctic.
Mallan, Lloyd, Men, Rockets, and Space Rats, Messner. Detailed, but absorbing report on recent developments in American aeronautics, told in terms of the man who made them.
Maugham, A. M., Harry of Monmouth, Sloane. The colorful world of fifteenth century England comes alive in this dramatic story of the boisterous young prince who became the great Henry V.
Merrill, Margaret, Bears in My Kitchen, McGraw-Hill. A Chicago girl who married a forest ranger tells many amusing and exciting episodes from their life in the U.S. national parks.
Mikes, George, Leap Through the Curtain, Dutton. True and exciting narrative of the experiences and marriage of two famous Hungarian ballet dancers and their flight from behind the iron curtain.
Truman, Margaret, Souvenir, McGraw-Hill. These reminiscences of a famous White House daughter reveal a very likable and typical American girl.

Debo Checklist Compiled
Although Angie Debo retired as Map Librarian, Oklahoma A&M College Library, in the summer of 1955, she is still regarded both affectionately and possessively by the library staff as a member of their group. A check-list of her published writings, consisting of seventy-six imposing items, appeared in the September-December 1956 issue of the Bulletin of Bibliography. The check-list was compiled by Helen J. Poulton, Head Reference Librarian.

Enid Votes April 2 On $500,000 Library
If the voters of Enid approve a bond issue April 2 providing $300,000 for a new library building, the Champlin Foundation of Enid stands ready to donate the sum of $200,000 more, thus making available $500,000 for the proposed new library.
Jean Harrington, Enid librarian, was present at a meeting of the city commission on February 28 when Dr. Paul B. Champlin, president of the Enid Friends of the Library, presented the Champlin Foundation's offer to the city.
The new library, if voted, will be located on five lots in the 400 block West Cherokee, a location described as "ideal for a library." It is three blocks from the City square and fronts on the city's widest street.
The only conditions attached to the offer by the Foundation were:
(1) That the City of Enid approve a bond issue of $300,000.00.
(2) That the site be satisfactory to the Foundation.
(3) That the Foundation have joint approval of the plans and specifications.
(4) That an adequate operating budget be recommended by the City Commission.
The library's present annual budget is approximately $35,000.00. The Foundation is asking an annual budget of $50,000.00.
The present Enid library, a Carnegie building, was dedicated on August 1, 1910.

Book Program on KOCY
"This is Hollis Russell, the bookseller. I'm not a writer nor a critic. I'm not even a book reviewer. I'm just a guy who married a bookstore."

These opening words set the stage for BOOK CHAT, a 15-minute program heard over radio station KOCY, Oklahoma City, at 2:45 each Sunday afternoon. The program is written and produced by Hollis Russell, whose bookstore is located at 426 N. W. 10, Oklahoma City. Mr. Russell emphasizes that he does not review books—he talks about them. One really important book is featured on each program. Guests on the program have included such literary figures as John Mason Brown and Alice Marriott.
State Plan

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1. Build up its book collections for an improved book service program
2. Expand its reference and technical services to local libraries now giving inadequate library service
3. Purchase three bookmobiles for demonstrations and for use in local areas
4. Make an all-out effort to inform the State's librarians, library trustees, citizens, governmental officials, organized groups, etc. of the potential for rural library development during the next five years under the Library Services Act.

5.2 Budget for the Fiscal Year for Projects by Categories of Expenditure

A. FUNDS BUDGETED BY CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE

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B. FUNDS BY SOURCE FOR FISCAL YEAR

1. State  $27,579.00
2. Local  $0
3. Federal $40,000.00
TOTAL   $67,579.00

6.0 Certifications

6.1 Certification by the Head of the State Agency. State agency's certification.

6.2 Certification by the State Attorney General. State attorney general's certification.

The following news item, carried by the Associated Press, was recently published in papers throughout the country:

"THIS JOINT JUMPS"

Tulsa, Oklahoma. The McFarlin Library at the University of Tulsa is 'hep.' One of the 360 file drawers holding the reference card catalogue has this heading, "Roe - Rol."

April, 1957
Library Day Planned

The School of Library Science of the University of Oklahoma will sponsor its third annual High School Library Day on Friday, April 5, on the campus at Norman. All junior and senior high school librarians in Oklahoma, and their student assistants, are invited to attend.

The conference is scheduled to open at 10:30 a.m. and will be adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The general morning session will be followed by group meetings on the general theme “What is Librarianship?” The afternoon program will be devoted to the student library association which was organized last year. General sessions will be held in Meacham Auditorium of the Union. In addition there will be a luncheon in the Ballroom of the Union building.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 5, in the lobby of the Union building. The registration fee is 25 cents per person. Advance registrations for the luncheon ($1.15) are necessary and are being made by mail to the Department of Short Courses, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
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