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A Message from the O. L. A. President



We have had several RED LETTER DAYS during the past few weeks. The first of these important days was the one on which Senate Bill 16 was passed; still another came with the passage of the recommendation to create an Interim Study Committee for the purpose of making an extensive survey of library conditions in our State during the next two years. And the final exciting day was the one on which we received the check from the Federal government for the first \$40,000 available under the Library Services Act.

The passage of Senate Bill 16 was due largely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Allie Beth Martin and the members of her Legislative Committee, and to the work of you Association members who were in touch by letter, telephone and personal visits with your Senators and Representatives. We were so fortunate in having so much good advice and cooperation from the members of the Legislature, and we need their help, both now and in the future. Please write your Senators and Representatives to let them know that we appreciate very much their efforts on behalf of libraries in Oklahoma.

Allie Beth Martin and Frances Kennedy, Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the coming year, worked long and hard on the proposal for the Interim Study Committee. The recommendations of this Committee will have tremendous importance for the development of a pattern of library service which will provide all of Oklahoma's citizens, young and old, with books and other library materials. We have many problems to solve, but by working in close cooperation with the Committee, and by taking a long, hard look at our own libraries, we shall have the beginning of a solution for some of our difficulties.

Mrs. Leta Dover and Mrs. Allie Beth Martin have been appointed as Consultants to the Extension Division of the State Library, and they have already spent much time, energy and effort on frequent trips to Oklahoma City to confer with Esther Mae Henke on the hundreds of details to be thought out, and worked out on our State Plan. Our first grant from the Federal government is tangible proof that we have an exciting opportunity to move ahead into the beginning of a program which can make the next five years almost as fruitful as the past fifty have been. Each one of us has a responsibility for scrutinizing our own library programs to determine our needs, and plan ways in which we can participate in the State Plan. We must keep the citizens in our communities informed of our needs, and interpret the Plan to them so that they may share in the over-all program which we want to develop.

One of the pleasures of the office of President of the Oklahoma Library Association is receiving the many written and spoken offers of help from the membership. These are deeply appreciated and gratefully accepted. I should like to thank again the Committee chairmen and Committee members, who worked long and faithfully to make our Golden Anniversary Meeting one which I hope we shall long remember. It is your cooperation and encouragement which make it possible to strive towards the realization of a goal of adequate library service for every person in Oklahoma.

OLA Annual Conference Report

"The Past 50—The Next 50" was the theme of the Golden Anniversary meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association. The meeting was held in Oklahoma City, March 21-23 with headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel. A meeting of the Legislative Committee was held at 2:30 p.m., the Executive Board at 3:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. a buffet supper.

General Session

The first general session of the Oklahoma Library Association convened at 9 a.m. in the Civic Room with President John Stratton presiding. Mr. Stratton welcomed the members and guests and spoke briefly on the books, publishing, library services and systems of the past 50 years with a look toward the future.

Miss Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian, Oklahoma State Library, explained how federal funds would affect the State Library in extension of library service and by developing multi-county libraries. The State Plan has not been sent to ALA since we have asked for new money and they require the matching funds available. The tentative Oklahoma Plan will be printed in the next issue of the *Oklahoma Librarian*. It is their plan to strengthen the work of the State Agency with a bookmobile and additional field personnel. The aim is to make library service available to every resident of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, gave an inspiring talk on the work of the Legislative Committee and its efforts in getting Senate Bills 15 and 16 passed. Mrs. Martin related personal experiences encountered in the procedure of preparing the bills for the legislature, sitting in on conference committees, hearings, etc. Mrs. Martin introduced Representative Nigh from McAlester and expressed the Oklahoma Library Association's appreciation for his assistance in working on the library legislation. Senate Bills 15 and 16 are now in Joint Conference Committee on Appropriations, a committee that recommends the amount to be Appropriated.

Mrs. Martin stated that there were two things every OLA member should do. Each person should get 10 people to write a letter to

Governor Gary expressing interest in the bills and write one's own congressmen asking for continued support. A legislative data sheet was passed and the membership was asked to answer the questions and return. The results of the survey were tabulated on a large map of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Martin introduced Representative Nigh and asked for any comments he might wish to make. Mr. Nigh explained that the Joint Conference Committee takes the money available and divides it as best they can among the agencies requesting money.

Mrs. Martin reminded the members of the importance of expressing appreciation to the legislature for their assistance. What happens in the next 5 years is up to us.

Mr. Stratton read a telegram from the President of the Arkansas Library Commission sending greetings to OLA. Mr. Stratton then introduced Miss Florene Jordan, Librarian, Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library, Magnolia, Arkansas. Miss Jordan brought out the thought "Have I done everything I could with what I have?" Plan ahead—do not worry about the mistakes you made yesterday. Are you doing the best with what you have? She stressed the importance of librarians knowing who and what they have in their own area. We have help from the ALA Office, state libraries, state colleges and universities. Miss Jordan showed slides of the different libraries in the State of Arkansas, the type of buildings used for libraries, the mode of transportation for distributing books, bookmobiles, etc. Also shown were pictures taken in Philadelphia, Miami Beach, New York, and other scenic spots where Miss Jordan had traveled in connection with library extension work.

Mr. Stratton introduced Mrs. Grace Stevenson of the ALA Office, Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Representative, Louisiana State Library, and Dr. Maurice Tauber, Professor of Library Service, Columbia University, New York.

Meeting adjourned.

Luncheon Meeting

Miss Mariam Craddock, Second Vice-President, presided at a luncheon meeting held in the Civic Room. The members responsible for the lovely Arrows to Atoms decorations were intro-

duced. The 24 firms represented with exhibits were named and thanked.

Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Representative of the Louisiana State Library spoke on the subject: "The Sum of Many Small Victories".

Golden Anniversary Dinner

Mr. Edmon Low presided at the Golden Anniversary dinner which was held in the Civic Room of the Biltmore Hotel. The tables were decorated with teepees and other decorations reminiscent of early Oklahoma.

Mrs. Tom Paxton opened the meeting with an organ solo.

Mr. Low thanked Mr. Naughton for the lovely 5 layer anniversary cake, the courtesy of the hotel. Each layer represented 10 years of OLA progress and represented best wishes for continued growth and success.

Telegrams of best wishes were read and distinguished guests introduced.

Pioneer citations were given to twelve librarians who have had 35, or more years of service. Mr. Stratton represented the following who were unable to attend the meeting: Mrs. Ula

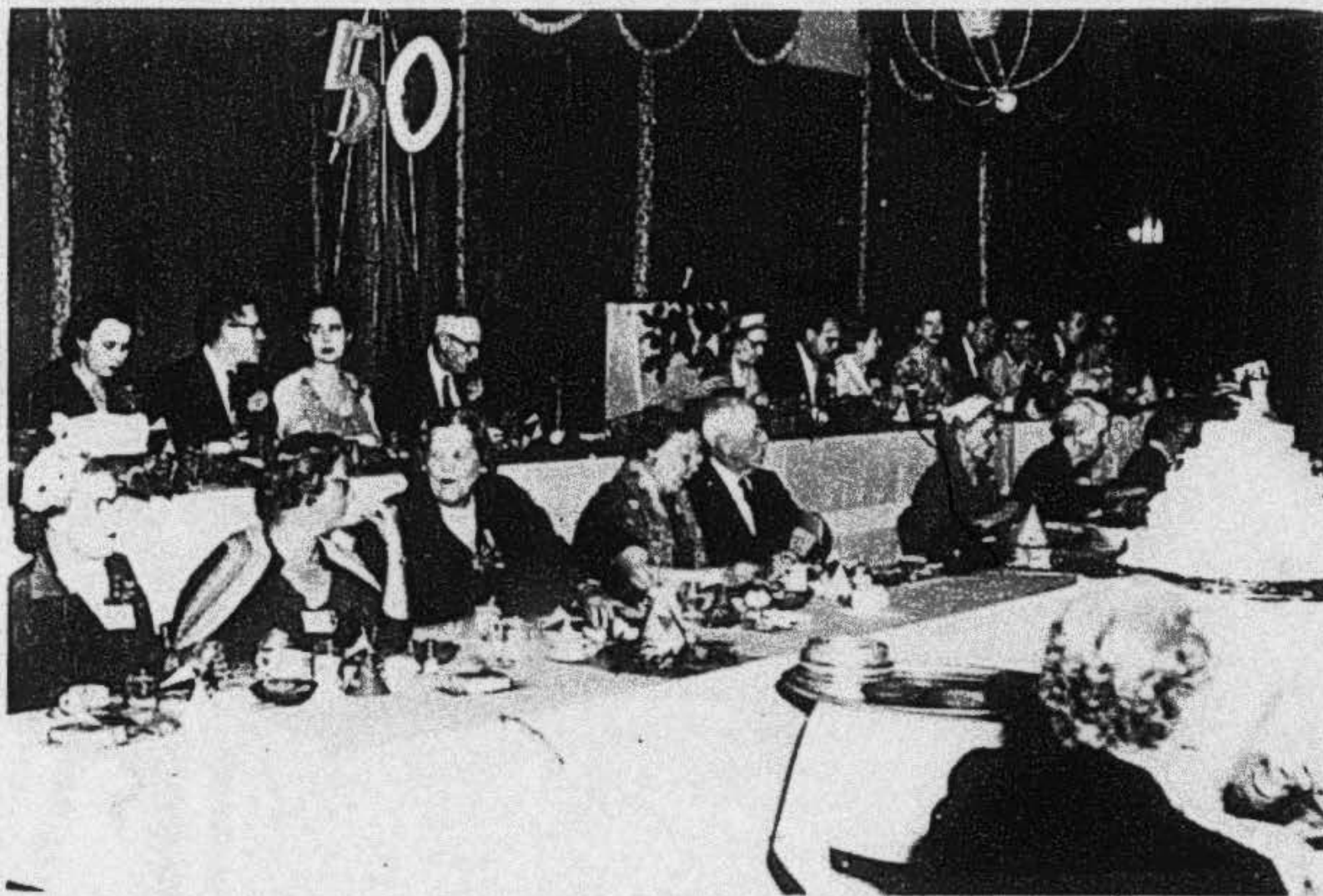
Frost; Fairview; Miss Essa Nena Gladney, Tahlequah; Mrs. Sara Allphin, Anadarko; Miss Metta Woodward, Woodward; Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Anadarko. Mrs. Cox represented her mother Mrs. Cora Case Porter, and the following were present: Miss Etta Gray Watkins of Cherokee who established the first City-County Library in Oklahoma; Mrs. Mamie Small, Lawton; Mrs. Mabel Peacock, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. R. Dale, Oklahoma City; Jessie Lee Rader and Mrs. Mary Hays Marable of the Oklahoma University Library School.

Mr. Rader spoke briefly expressing the appreciation of the recipients for the honor.

Dr. E. E. Dale gave a colorful description of his reminiscence of **Statehood Day In Guthrie** which he attended as a member of the National Guard. The memorial ceremony of the marriage of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory took place on the steps of the Guthrie Library.

Mrs. Rose C. Darnell was recognized and introduced as a charter member of the Oklahoma Library Association.

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Golden Anniversary dinner meeting of OLA held March 22 in the Civic Room of the Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel. Seated in foreground are recipients of the Pioneer Citations. In back row are the speakers, other honored guests, and officers of OLA. Text of the Pioneer Librarian Citations will appear in the Golden Anniversary Issue (October 1957) of the *Oklahoma Librarian*.

Recent Developments in Academic Libraries

(Paper presented to College and University Libraries Section, Oklahoma Library Association, Oklahoma City, March 23, 1957)

I am pleased to have this opportunity to speak to the College and University Libraries Section of the Oklahoma Library Association. This is my first trip to Oklahoma and I am grateful to be invited to participate in your fiftieth anniversary. In the writing of *The University Library* with Dr. Wilson, I visited 37 states. Since that time I have been able to get to four others. Now only Mississippi, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota remain. I have not tried to delve deeply into the characteristics of academic libraries in Oklahoma in 1907, but the facts would suggest that the number of such libraries, and their richness in terms of resources, would be relatively small. This would be true not only of Oklahoma but of many of the western south-central and western states of the Union. The State of Oklahoma, formed in 1907 by the joining of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, to become the forty-sixth state, is relatively young. About seventy years ago the state was pretty much of an open prairie.

Thus, Oklahoma as a library state is a relatively new phenomenon, when one considers the development of libraries in the East. In addition to 4,400 public schools, Oklahoma has 33 colleges, universities, and junior colleges. Nineteen of these are state supported, a demonstration of the interest of the state in education. The increase of colleges and universities in Oklahoma, and the subsequent growth of libraries associated with the institutions, are among the amazing things that one learns when he reads about the progress in the state.

In the *New York Times* for March 10, 1957, there appears a special section entitled "Oklahoma—Golden Anniversary, Golden Opportunity, Industry's New Frontier." It was attractive to me, realizing that I would be speaking to Oklahomans in less than two weeks. Describing the state's tremendous mineral and fuel resources, the articles and photographs impressed the reader with the progress made in such a short period of fifty years. "From Arrows to Atoms, From Tepees to Towers," was the title of one article.

Into that short period of fifty years is crammed an amazing and bizarre history—from the pell-mell Monte Carlo manner of its settlement by lottery and "runs" for land through the sudden wealth of the oil boom to the modern day development of industrial new frontiers, including petro-chemicals and atomic energy research.¹

The articles deal with labor productivity, natural and cultural resources, vocational training, waterways navigation, variety in factory development, parks and playgrounds in Soonerland, and, most appropriately, the spirit of the people of Oklahoma. As one interested in education and libraries, I was impressed with the statement in the article entitled, "Frontier Spirit Now Aimed at Exploring the Future."² Note was made of the Frontiers of Science Foundation, an organization of leaders of business, government, and education in the state. The organization, so the article reads, is (1) to promote an understanding of science information and opportunities to stimulate a greater interest in the frontier, (2) to develop a science program to improve science teaching in the schools, and (3) to develop Oklahoma's existing research and industries based on science and increase this element of Oklahoma's economy. The article goes on to suggest that Oklahoma needs competent teachers. Obviously, it needs competent librarians as well. These librarians will want to further the scientific and industrial progress that one can describe as outstanding among the states of the Union.

The year 1907 apparently was also an important one for Oklahoma libraries. The Oklahoma Library Association was founded at that time, and the evidence suggests that this Association has had a significant role in the development of library service and libraries in the state. I was quite impressed by Dr. Dale's observation about the integral part of Oklahoma librarians in the cultural and social development of the state. As one reviews the history of the libraries in the state, the names of important library personages are revealed. Milton Ferguson and Carl Milam overlapped in their work at the University of Oklahoma, Ferguson being librarian from 1902 to 1907, and Milam a page in the library from 1904 to 1907. Jesse Lee Rader, who

became acting librarian in 1907 and librarian in 1909, has remained as a strong builder of the University library and in the work of training Oklahoma librarians.

What was happening in the world and in the United States in 1907? It was a year of financial panic, as seen by the 250-year chronology, **Detroit in Its World Setting**, issued by the Detroit Public Library in 1953. The Second Hague International Conference to promote disarmament and peace met. Gustavus V. became king of Sweden. Russia was included in the Anglo-French Entente, and an American fleet of sixteen warships started around the world. We learn from this interesting document that the Gibson girl style for women was at its peak, that Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque started the cubist school of painting, that Mary Garden, Geraldine Farrar, and Feodor Chaliapin were the opera stars, that "On the Road to Mandalay" was the popular song, that **The Merry Widow** was the hit of hits, that Synge's **Playboy of the Western World** was first performed by the Irish Theatre, that vaudeville featured Salome dancers after Richard Strauss' scandalous opera **Salome** was performed in the United States, that Eddie Foy, Julia Sanderson, Joe Cook, Harry Houdini, Elsie Janis and Pat Rooney were vaudeville headliners, that over 400 nickelodeons were in operation, that various movie competitors to Edison were arising, that **Three Weeks** by Elinor Glyn was a popular book, that **The Shepherd of the Hills** made Harold Bell Wright famous and the symbol of writers who preached sermons in novels, and that **The Spell of the Yukon and Other Verses** established Robert K. Service as a popular poet. We also learn that Heidelberg man was discovered by Otto Schoetensack, that the first washing machine, the Thor, was marketed, and that General George W. Goethals was appointed chief engineer in the construction of the Panama Canal.

We are still trying to promote disarmament and peace; warships become less important in an atomic and hydrogen bomb age; women's styles are still changing, including the current interest in Bermuda shorts and slacks; rock 'n' roll has captured the youth of the country; and the nickelodeon has been replaced by Cinema-scope and Cinerama. Vaudeville has folded its tents, and "Oklahoma" become a hit of hits. Painting has innovators too numerous to mention, and the opera has Renata Tebaldi and Maria Callas. We have our best sellers, whether it is **Peyton Place** and **The FBI Story** this week or some other titles. But television has been an

important, if not the major change in the communication media; radio still plays a role in this respect.

But this is not intended to be an historical account of no purpose. Libraries represent but a small part of the educational, economic, cultural, and social progress of the nation, but their activities are influenced by this progress. A glance at the contents of the **Library Journal** for 1907 reveals that librarians then were concerned with such matters as the principles and practices of bookbuying, new reference works, the love of books as a basis for librarianship, libraries of the U.S. Army and Navy, library legislation, Sunday and holidays hours of opening, books about the American Negro, incunabula, education of a reading public, modern teaching and the library, the educational opportunities of the library, school library activities, the problems of government documents, care and disposition of duplicates, the National Association of State Libraries, the Bibliographical Society of America, the art of leather mending, instruction in books in library schools, the reading of fiction, cataloging of prints, the A.L.A. **Subject Headings** list, reference work compared and contrasted in public and college libraries, the functions of the college library, staff meetings, and the successful loan desk assistant. There were editorials about these and other areas of librarianship. In short, one might say that in 1907 many of the problems that are being discussed today were considerations then.

Before venturing some comments concerning problems in academic library administration generally, it would not be amiss to refer to academic library developments in Oklahoma. The purpose of this brief diversion is to demonstrate that the problems of Oklahoma college and university librarianship do not differ much from those of academic libraries generally.

Activities in Oklahoma

A review of the **Oklahoma Librarian** for the period 1950 - January, 1957, shows that there is continued attention to such areas as (1) resources, (2) personnel, (3) library education, (4) buildings, and (5) services. For example, in resources, we learn that the Oklahoma A. and M. Library has become a depository for U.S. patents and Atomic Energy Commission reports, that the University of Tulsa obtained \$10,000 for the purchase of journals, and was given a rare book room by Tulsa bibliophiles, that Oklahoma City University was able to acquire microfilm and microcard readers, and that the University

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OLA Division Reports

CATALOGING

The Cataloging Division of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Mirror Room of the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, on March 22, 1957, at 2:30 P.M., with more than sixty members of the Division and of the Association present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Lowry, Chairman.

Mrs. Alice Pattee gave a report of the Committee on Relationship with OLA, pointing out that since the reorganization of ALA, the Regional Groups of Catalogers have become a part of the Technical Services Division of ALA, thus automatically dissolving the problem of the relationship of the Oklahoma Regional Group of Catalogers to the Oklahoma Library Association. Mrs. Pattee moved that the report be accepted. Miss Edith Scott seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Lowry called for nominations from the floor for officers for the coming year. Miss Ruth Cox was nominated for the office of Chairman by Bess Stewart. There were no other nominations. Miss Ruth Gibson moved the nominations cease, and Miss Cox was elected unanimously. Miss Jean Harrington was nominated for the office of Secretary by Miss Clarice France. As there were no other nominations, Mrs. Pattee moved the nominations cease, and Miss Harrington was elected unanimously.

Immediately following the business meeting, a program was presented on "Centralized Cataloging for Multi-County Libraries in Oklahoma." Miss Lucy Ann Babcock of the Oklahoma State Library presented the State Plan which was followed by a panel discussion, the panel being composed of Miss Hollis Haney, Pawhuska Public Library; Miss Jean Harrington, Enid Public Library; William Morse, Ardmore Public Library; and Mr. Mortimer Schwartz, member of the board of the Norman Public Library. The members of the panel represented libraries which may become part of the multi-county plan. A summary and some interesting comments were given by Mr. Maurice Tauber, Professor of Library Service, Columbia University.

Meeting adjourned.

Betty Alcock, Secretary

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

A meeting of the Children's Division of the

OLA met in the Oriental Room of the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, March 22, 1957. Seventy-three members were present. Presiding as chairman was Ida Self, Norman Junior High Library. Members were urged to join the N.L.A. by the chairman.

Mary Ann Wentroth, Head of the Boys' and Girls' Section of the Oklahoma City Libraries, discussed the availability of stickers for Newbery and Caldecott Award books.

New officers elected unanimously for next year: Beth Welch, Oklahoma City Libraries Boys' and Girls' Section, Chairman; Doris Park, head of Florence Park Branch Library, City of Tulsa, Secretary.

Mrs. Kim George, Children's Reading Consultant, Tulsa Public Library, discussed the manner in which the Newbery and Caldecott Awards were chosen. After which, a program consisting of a panel of children directed by Mrs. George, discussed the books receiving the awards and those that were chosen as the "runner-ups." The children participating were:

Olivia Hogue, Sixth Grade, Hoover School, Tulsa.

Rickey Felker, Sixth Grade, Hoover School, Tulsa.

Bob Buffington, Sixth Grade, Hoover School, Tulsa.

Jane Plummer, Fifth Grade, Oklahoma City.

Greg Johnson, Fifth Grade, Oklahoma City.

Perry Starkey, Fifth Grade, Oklahoma City.

The meeting adjourned following this program.

Isabel Daniel, Secretary

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The College and University Libraries Division met on Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the Oriental Room with forty members present, Dr. Arthur McAnally presiding as chairman pro tempore. During the short business meeting Mr. Edmon Low presented, in behalf of Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, the Legislative Data Sheets and encouraged the group to back the library bill.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mr. Low. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Chairman, Mr. Ernest Thomas, Southwestern State College, Weatherford; Secretary, Jeanne M. Aber, Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa.

Dr. McAnally presented Dr. Maurice F. Tau-



Above are new OLA Division Chairmen: (left to right, top row) Mrs. W. S. Corbin, Ernest A. Thomas, Wanda A. McCollum; (bottom row) Ruth Cox, Sam Smoot and Beth Welch.

ber, Melvill Dewey Professor at the Columbia University School of Library Science, who reviewed the history of Oklahoma libraries and librarians in his address, "College Librarians: 50-50."

The meeting adjourned.

Mary E. Long, Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met Saturday, March 23, 1957, at 10:00 in the Old Timers' Room of the Biltmore Hotel. Mrs. Virginia Collier presided. Fifty-five were present.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved.

The following officers for the year 1957-58

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were elected: Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Corbin; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Smith.

Esther Mae Henke, Oklahoma State Library, announced that there will be a Trustee Institute held at the University of Oklahoma April 25 and 26 and urged that trustees attend. Announcements and programs are to be mailed soon.

The Chairman introduced the following who served as a panel for a discussion on "Planning for the Future":

Sallie Farrell, Field Representative, Louisiana State Library.

Florene Jordan, Librarian, Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library, Magnolia, Arkansas.

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Legislature Votes Funds for Rural Library Plan

It's history now! The 26th Legislature passed SB 16 appropriating \$27,579 to match \$40,000 available in federal funds to get a program of rural library development underway in Oklahoma. SB 15, which would have provided a like amount for each year of the next biennium, did not survive the last critical days of the legislature. Happily, the Oklahoma State Plan as submitted by the State Library Extension Division to the U.S. Office of Education was approved (June 1) and the federal check for \$40,000 has been received. Already ordered are three Pioneer bookmobiles which may soon be rolling over Oklahoma highways as the new program gets going.

Leta Dover and Allie Beth Martin have been appointed by the Oklahoma Library Association to serve as consultants to the Library Extension Division of the Oklahoma State Library in putting the new plan into action. Mrs. Dover, librarian at Bacone College, Muskogee, and Mrs. Martin, Extension Librarian, Tulsa Public Library, are both past presidents of OLA, and Mrs. Martin served as Legislative Chairman during the 26th Legislative session just concluded. Mrs. Dover, as Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission, and Mrs. Martin, as Field Representative, both pioneered in setting up services to rural libraries in Arkansas.

Plans are being outlined for the first library demonstrations and information on how to qualify may be obtained upon application to the Library Extension Division of the State Library.

The appointment of two Field Librarians to work with Esther Henke, Librarian of the Library Extension Division, has been announced.

Miss Ann Rule, who received the M.L.S. degree from the O. U. Library School this year, has begun her new duties as Field Librarian by spending two weeks working with the field staff of the North Carolina State Library. Miss Rule, a native Oklahoman, was formerly Acting Librarian of the Special Services Division of the State Library. Miss Virginia Owens, Editor of the *Oklahoma Librarian*, will join the staff of the State Library Extension Division on August 1. She received the M.S. in L.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1936. Since 1947 she has been on the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries, where she was Library Services Coordinator.

SB 16 was not the only triumph for the OLA

Legislative Committee during the last legislature. At OLA's request, the Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 541 directing that the State Legislative Council appoint a subcommittee during the 1957-59 interim for the purpose of studying the problems of libraries in Oklahoma and make a report to the 1959 Legislature. Frances Kennedy, new chairman of the OLA Legislative Committee, is already working to see that the committee to make the study is appointed at an early date. She may be asking for your help in the weeks and months to come. Such a study can benefit all libraries in Oklahoma, and insures that the 1959 legislature will be well-informed on the status and needs of Oklahoma libraries. Text of HCR 541 follows.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541—By Nigh and Cox of the House, and Perryman of the Senate.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE DURING THE 1957-59 INTERIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES PROVIDING FURTHER, THAT A REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BE MADE TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, publicly supported libraries have in the past, and should in the future, play an important role in the continuing education and well being of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, for the overwhelming majority of our people, the public library should offer the best and most convenient access to the world's best thought; and

WHEREAS, libraries are the only educational agencies serving all the people all their lives; and

WHEREAS, although the young State of Oklahoma may be justifiably proud of its progress in many areas, it ranks a shameful 43rd in the nation when it comes to providing its citizens with an adequate public library system, and

WHEREAS, one-half of the citizens of Oklahoma have no library service of any type, and

WHEREAS, of the 77 counties in Oklahoma, 21 have no public library within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, twenty-six additional counties

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Notes from Executive Board Minutes

March 21, 1957

The Executive Board of the Oklahoma Library Association was called to order by President John Stratton. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Ida Self, reported a balance of \$998.34, and the paid membership as of March 20, 1957—147 individual members, 6 institutional and 9 subscriptions.

MEMBERSHIP:

Methods of setting up the membership files, and campaign tactics for new members, were discussed. Appreciation was extended for the work of Mrs. Wendall Haugh in getting Oklahoma Library Association members. The need for a membership campaign immediately following the Annual Conference was expressed. It was decided that the committee appointments for such action would be the authority of next year's president.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

Allie Beth Martin reported on the work done by the Legislation Committee. The committee recommended that the Executive Board of the OLA set aside funds prior to the legislative session in 1959 for expenses incidental to covering the expenses of the legislative campaign.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY:

William Lowry gave an outline report on the revenue and expenditures of the Oklahoma Librarian for the year 1956-1957. The Executive Board expressed thanks to Mr. Lowry and the others who have worked so hard and well to make the Oklahoma Librarian such a splendid publication. Mr. Lowry reported on the exhibit space rented at the convention and the rental charged.

CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE:

Mr. Stratton presented the report of Mary Ann Wentworth, Chairman of the Children's Book Award Committee. The Committee expressed the need for funds to carry on the work of such an award. The report of the committee was accepted.

Allie Beth Martin discussed similar awards of other states and told of her conversation with

Marguerite Henry, winner of the William Allen White Award of Kansas. Mrs. Henry told her about the expenses, the merits of their award, and her great pride in being a winner.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DIVISION:

Mrs. Kiser reviewed the program and business which she was planning to present to the School Libraries Division. She reported that a questionnaire regarding school library legislation would be prepared and passed to the members attending the meeting. It is hoped that the questionnaire would help determine the feeling of the school librarians regarding the school library legislation. It was the consensus of the Board that a more extensive study of school librarians and school libraries in Oklahoma should be made before the next session of the Legislature. Closer cooperation between the O.E.A. Library Section and the O.L.A. School Libraries Division would work to the mutual advantage of each.

ANNUAL MEETING 1959:

Mr. Stratton announced that the OLA had received an invitation from Casper Duffer to hold its 1959 Annual Conference in Ada.

FINANCES:

The President reminded the Board of recommendations for additional funds made by the Children's Book Award Committee, Recruitment Scholarship and Library Legislation promotion. He stated that the amount of the OLA dues should be considered. It was decided that the individual dues should remain at \$2.00 and that the Membership Committee make an all-out drive for new members.

The agenda of the conference business meeting was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

April 6, 1957

After the call to order and the approval of the minutes, the Treasurer's report was given. Mrs. Self reported a balance of \$835.25, and a total membership of 253 members. It was noted that all bills for the Golden Anniversary meeting were not in.

John Stratton reviewed the Golden Anniversary Meeting, and reported that it was considered one of the Oklahoma Library Association's best meetings. Mr. Stratton also reported on the Rose Christy Darnell Day in Clinton, where he

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Annual Conference

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A reception honoring the pioneer librarians was held in the Mirror Room following the Anniversary Dinner.

Second General Session

The annual business meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association was held at 9:30 a.m. in the Civic Room of the Biltmore Hotel with John Stratton presiding.

Virginia Owens moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Pawhuska meeting inasmuch as they had been printed in the Oklahoma Librarian. Allie Beth Martin second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Ida Self, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$998.34 as of March 20, 1957, and 236 paid members.

Pioneer Citation Committee:

Mrs. Andy Gravitt, Chairman of the Pioneer Librarian Citation Committee, introduced the members of her committee: Lucy Ann Babcock, Gertrude Sterba and Mildred Williams. She thanked the association for the privilege of serving on this committee and told of the inspiration and gratification received from working with the librarians who received the Pioneer Librarian Citations.

Library Recruitment Committee:

Dr. Arthur McAnally, Chairman of the Library Recruitment Committee, introduced the members of his committee: Mrs. R. C. Bruner, Sue R. Thornton and Teresa Roberts. Since the shortage of librarians is acute the committee presented several recommendations and called attention to a number of recent career publications on the library profession.

James E. Gourley reported that at the Past Presidents breakfast the 10 members present had agreed to donate \$10 each, thus making \$100, for a Library School Scholarship. Allie Beth Martin moved that this money be accepted. Esther Mae Henke second, motion carried.

Robert Motter, Jr. announced the meeting of the Library Binding Institute which will be held at Western Hills Lodge, Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, Oklahoma on May 8-10, 1957. He extended an invitation to all OLA members to the meeting. Mr. Stratton pledged the support of the OLA to help make the meeting successful.

Allie Beth Martin explained the data sheet which was passed to check on Oklahoma legislators contacted and asked the members not at-

tending the first session to fill in the report.

Nomination Committee:

Marian Dierdorff, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, remarked about the space for signature on the ballot card and assured the membership it was not necessary that their signature be on the card. She thanked Bill Lowry and Virginia Owens for printing the cards, also Frances Kennedy and Ruth Cox for assisting in counting votes.

There were 365 cards mailed and 219 returned, electing the following officers: James E. Gourley, President-Elect; Mary Leach, Second Vice-President; Esther Mae Henke, Secretary and Ida Self, Treasurer.

Mr. Stratton announced that an abstract of minutes of the Executive Board meetings would appear in the Oklahoma Librarian.

The 1958 Annual Conference will be held in Norman on April 18-19.

Mr. Stratton thanked the organization for the privilege of serving as its president.

Resolutions Committee:

Jean Harrington, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, introduced the members of her committee: Maureen Flynn and Frances Kennedy. Miss Harrington read the attached resolutions and moved they be accepted. Esther Mae Henke second, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Luncheon Meeting

The OLA membership met for the final luncheon meeting of the Golden Anniversary Conference on Saturday, March 23 at 12:30 in the Civic Room of the Biltmore Hotel with Irma Tomberlin, President-Elect, presiding.

Distinguished guests, new officers, and the publicity chairman, Virginia Owens, and William Lowry, exhibits chairman, were introduced.

Elizabeth Cooper, Local Arrangements Chairman, was introduced and thanked for all the work she had done to make the conference such a successful and smoothly run meeting.

Miss Cooper introduced the committees which had assisted: registration, Frances Beattie and Carmi Harrauld, chairmen; special planning, Sarah Jane Bell and R. R. Berry; hospitality, Frances Penfold; information, Virginia Fesler; meeting rooms, Louise Smith; decoration and meals, Juanita Means.

Dr. Arthur McAnally reminded the high school librarians of the High School Day which would be held at the Oklahoma University on April 5, 1957 and urged them to visit the university at that time.

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New Library Buildings And Building Plans

On May 13, 1957, the Board of City Commissioners, Bartlesville, approved the plans of the Library Board calling for the expansion and renovation of the Public Library. This will permit a library bond issue in an amount of \$250,000.00 to be placed before the people in the very near future. Date for the election had not been set at this writing.

Construction on the new library building at Eastern Oklahoma A & M College is nearing completion, according to Thelma M. Gunning, Librarian. New furniture has been purchased from Remington Rand and will be installed August 1.

The new Drumright Public Library opened to the public May 6, although new furniture had not yet arrived. May Calkins is Librarian. The new library was built on the same site where a tornado struck and demolished the old building last year.

An open house was held on April 23 to dedicate the new public library at Texhoma. Of modern design, the building was a gift to the city from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Riffe. The large reading room is paneled in mahogany with laminated hemlock exposed beam ceiling. The shelving, desks and reading tables are of birch. The floor is tile covered. The room features indirect lighting and year round air conditioning. There is also a smaller room designed for entertaining and minor repairs and a full basement which will contain bindery and major repair equipment and storage shelves. A paved patio surrounds the building on the south and east.

Tulsa Library Board members and citizens groups are agreed on the need for improved main library facilities. Following a five-month study, members of the Tulsa City-County Citizens Advisory subcommittee studying Tulsa libraries reported in favor of building a new central library rather than remodeling the old Tulsa County Court House as had been proposed by the library board. Chairman Lee Erhard suggested that both proposals might be put on the ballot with voters to decide their preference at the next election. He pointed out that Tulsa has never defeated a library bond proposal.

Jaycees Honor Winn For "Operation Library"

Gene Winn, Librarian of the Bartlesville Public Library, was recently recognized by the Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce at their state convention in Muskogee (May 17-19) as one of the four top committeemen for 1956-57. These four were selected for this honor out of the membership of fourteen committees. Mr. Winn's recognition came for his work on "Operation Library."

Regarding "Operation Library," Winn said, "Although there is little to report about specific accomplishments during its first year, we feel that a good start has been made and a number of responsible individuals, including members of our state legislature, have been made aware of the library needs of Oklahoma. This is a continuing project and I am sure that the project will be renewed by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. As a matter of fact, the national Jaycee committee already has funds in sight for its continuation and many states are already reaping rewards from this project."

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Necrology

L. L. Dickerson, charter member of the OLA, died at his home in Oklahoma City in March, 1957. He was librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library until his retirement in 1944.

Minnie M. (Mrs. J. F.) Moore died at her home in Luther on September 28, 1956. She had been librarian for over thirty years at the Washington High School, and was a member of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Legislature Votes

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have only one public library, each serving a small fraction of the county population; and

WHEREAS, only a few of the existing libraries receive financial support to function effectively; and

WHEREAS, library statutes need to be recodified and conflicting laws clarified; and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to study the financing procedures for public libraries at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, certification and provisions for professionally trained librarians need consideration to solve existing personnel problems; and

WHEREAS, there is also a pressing need for a careful analysis of school library operation, standards and supervision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. That the Education Committee of the State Legislative Council appoint a subcommittee during the 1957-59 interim to study the problems pertaining to public libraries and school libraries in the State.

SECTION 2. That the findings and recommendation of this sub-committee of the Legislative Council be reported to the Twenty-seventh Oklahoma Legislature when it convenes in 1959.

Recent Developments

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of Oklahoma received the Harry W. Bass Collection in business history and was building up its rare books, as well as its microfilm and microcard collections.

In library education, consideration has been given to the efforts of university librarians to secure advanced degrees, and to the professional development of college and university librarians in attending professional meetings, and in participating in such activities by reading papers and assuming committee assignments and offices of associations. The various state colleges, and the Oklahoma A. and M. College and the University of Oklahoma were providing courses in library training to improve the professional standards of librarians of the state. Similarly, the University of Oklahoma established a program of library training, with undergraduate courses, and a Master's program for advanced students. The undergraduate program in the state colleges has been coordinated with the University program.

New library buildings were acquired by Oklahoma A. and M. College, Benedictine Heights College, the State Agricultural College at Warner, Panhandle A. and M. College, and Oklahoma City University. The Bizzell Library of the University of Oklahoma was air-conditioned, certainly an accomplishment for any building program. The Oklahoma A. and M. College Library had this feature as part of the original construction. The new addition to the University of Oklahoma Library is an important development in library construction in the state.

Efforts to improve services to students include such innovations as open stacks in various colleges and universities, the granting of library privileges to the public by the Southwestern State College at Weatherford, and the development of collections of audio-visual materials. Catalogers, working through an active regional group, have been cognizant of the problems arising in their field.

These are the items which appear in the *Oklahoma Librarian*. They do not in any sense cover all the developments in the college and university libraries of the state. But even in these one is able to see growth in facilities, personnel, and services.

Current Problems

In January, 1956, the second edition of *The University Library* appeared. The final chapter

of this book is concerned with "Problems in University Library Development." In the first edition of this work this final chapter was entitled, "Future Development of University Libraries." It is difficult to discuss the future, since one is usually so busy with the present. But we are sufficiently aware of the various developments in college and university educational and research programs to know that the librarians of academic institutions will have a heavy load to carry in the future. Libraries have already been hit by the increasing enrollments, the development of new curricula in many institutions, the special needs of growing bodies of undergraduate students, and the introduction of research projects, many sponsored by governmental and industrial agencies. The pressures on library staffs, resources, and space will continue and grow in intensity, and libraries must be prepared to meet them.

What are some of these problems? They may be discussed under several headings, such as (1) administrative organization, (2) resources, (3) cataloging and classification, (4) quarters and equipment, (5) preservation and photoduplication, (6) personnel, (7) readers' services, and (8) cooperation and specialization.

Administrative Organization. — Academic libraries, and particularly university libraries, have sometimes developed administrative patterns haphazardly. This is probably truer of the older universities than of the newer ones. There appears to be a general consensus, however, that centralized administrative control will be the pattern of the future. Already, there appears to be a movement in that direction by some of the institutions which have had loosely organized control.

In internal administration, there is an effort at greater distribution of responsibility among councils of librarians, consisting of the key personnel. This is not only desirable from the point of view of more effective administration, but apparently the councils have helped to develop greater *esprit de corps* among the personnel. We need careful analyses of the work of these councils.

Although there are efforts among a number of institutions to bring departmental and school libraries under central control, the question of how far this should go still is one of controversy, particularly in relation to professional school libraries. Undoubtedly, local conditions are important in any solution of the problem for a particular institution. The development of branches of universities at distant points from

the main campuses is pertinent to this problem of administrative control.

Related also to the general problem of administrative organization is the growth of departments of special collections in academic libraries. What are the purposes and functions of such departments? What are the criteria for establishing such departments? What problems have they created in the libraries which have them, in terms of costs and services?

Resources. — All problems of academic libraries are related to the acquisitional policies, even if they are unwritten, that they pursue. Current attention to collecting policies should in the long run be beneficial to the libraries of the nation as a group. The criticisms that have been made of college and university librarians that they have been collecting materials which they do not need should be taken as a challenge. It has been generally understood by the librarians of even the largest institutions that their libraries cannot and should not attempt to be inclusive in all fields of collecting. Reasonable use of collections in other libraries should be considered a part of the acquisition program of libraries, and various cooperative enterprises have underlined this view. Undoubtedly, in the future, microreproductions, even though they may present problems of use which have not been considered fully, will offer an even greater opportunity than exists for the acquisition of materials otherwise unavailable and to reduce the pressure on space.

Resources present problems in more specific terms.² The increased enrollments will make it essential for libraries to have more materials available for the ready use of students, particularly if the new emphasis on reading are put into practice. The need for duplication, already a serious problem, will become even more serious. This will be especially true of the interdisciplinary studies. The establishment of new graduate and professional branches of universities, the development of teachers colleges into liberal arts colleges with advanced programs, and the founding of new junior colleges and the growth of curricula in older junior colleges suggest the difficult role that academic institutions will have in the future in providing the materials to meet the needs of faculties and students. In a number of institutions, too, there have been developed research programs which consider practically all parts of the globe. Academic libraries have always been interested in acquiring materials from Europe and other foreign countries. The establishment of institutes and

special research projects involving the Slavic and Balkan countries, the Near, Middle, and Far East, South and Southeast Asia, and Africa, however, have placed new loads upon these libraries. Publications from these far places of the earth are difficult to acquire, and, once acquired, place a strain upon the library personnel. The solution of the problems raised by these new demands will come only when libraries are staffed to acquire, handle, and service these publications.

The role of the faculties in the development of library resources has always been taken for granted. With the pressures on space, staff, and services, the faculties will need to play an increasing part in the acquisition program. Particular attention will need to be paid to the collection of materials which fall outside of the responsibilities of the specialists on the various departmental and school libraries. The faculty will need also to participate in the systematic weeding of duplicate materials and other items which are unrelated to the instructional and research programs. Such weeding might well be a part of a positive program of collection building for the future, and may or may not be related to the development of a storage plan for little-used materials.

In connection with the general organizational problem which has arisen as a result of segregating special collections, mention should be made of the need for a policy of collecting manuscripts and personal files not related to the particular educational institution. The pressures that these collections place upon space and care should be weighed carefully against the need for them in research. Undoubtedly, academic libraries of the future will be more discriminating in collecting materials of these kinds. This does not mean that a college or university library might not have collecting responsibilities for institutional archives.

Cataloging and Classification. — The activities of cataloging and classification have always been special problems for the academic library, as they are for most libraries. The literature in the professional journals on these activities is voluminous, and there does not appear to be an early end to it. Although there have been loud critics of these activities, there have not been available substitutions which librarians are willing to accept. Carefully cataloged collections in systematic arrangement will appear to be necessary, and acceptable suggestions that have been made for their elimination have not been forthcoming. Perhaps some changes will be

made in the future. There is no question but what librarians, administrators and catalogers alike, have been concerned about the growing costs of cataloging and classification, of the presence of arrearages, of the increasing complexity of catalogs, and of the difficulty of recruiting able catalogers who are concerned about these matters. The efforts of catalogers to simplify their procedures, to introduce short-cuts for the handling of certain materials, and to press for greater production should be continued. The future role of centralized and cooperative cataloging, long discussed in the literature, is relevant to this discussion of solutions of problems in cataloging and classification, and in the general area of documentation of bibliographical control.

Of course, there are some who believe that we make too much of studying our problems and seeking new ways of doing our work more effectively. In his recent paper in the *Library Journal*, Lawrence C. Powell remarked:

When the social scientists, educationalists, and documentalists entered the book world, they brought their jargon with them. Order and cataloging work became **Technical Processes** and **Bibliographical Control**, reference work the **Retrieval of Information**. Librarians became Meditators in a world of **Spatial Mobility**. Communication became a word as sacrosanct, and meaningless, as *virus* and *allergy*.⁴

In his further remarks, Dr. Powell rebukes these individuals for patronizing the great 19th century librarians for not being scientific researchers. He remarks:

They say our predecessors just guessed the needs of their patrons and the methods by which those needs could be met, often with astonishing accuracy, it is admitted, but, it is stated, this basis for the derivation of library technology is no longer necessary and it should not be perpetuated. This reveals profound contempt for the achievements of our great forerunners—to depreciate their experience, their instinct, and wisdom simply by guessing.⁵

Thrice in his article, Dr. Powell refers to a passage from an old Shaker song called "Simple Gifts," used in the final dance melody of Aaron Copland's suite from his ballet, "Appalachian Spring." The lines are as follows:

'Tis the gift to be simple
'Tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down
Where we ought to be

No one disputes Dr. Powell's belief that librarians ought to be with books. Not only with books, but with journals, manuscripts, maps, films, music, and the many other resources which make up a modern college or university library. One might well query his contention, however, that we know all we need to know about library technology, and that improvements should not be explored. Terminology can be overplayed. A person who is so fond of books, passionately so, must realize that every day his library acquires volumes which divulge new findings in the many disciplines in which man is interested. No one deprecates the experience, instinct, and wisdom of our predecessors. No praise is too much for them. But the world changes, and we should examine every possibility of meeting the increasingly complex demands on time and economy which are being made of librarians. From the nickelodeon to Cinerama and Cinemascope is quite a jump. Any discipline including librarianship, is built up slowly and through patient dedication. It is no longer a simple task to operate a library acquiring, cataloging, and caring for thousands of items in many languages annually, supervising several score employees, and providing service for increasing numbers of readers.

Quarters and Equipment. — Certainly one of the areas of study for the future will be that of library buildings and equipment. The modern library is quite different from older structures, and there is some reason to believe that we have not reached the end in our achievements in making libraries more useful from a physical point of view. Despite advances, we are still in need of exacting studies of buildings erected recently, so that future buildings will not contain flaws which have been discovered in the actual use of the structures. Librarians will need further guidance in such matters as the applications of modular construction, compact storage, variations in reading spaces, illumination, ventilation, flooring, and other aspects of library buildings.

Personnel. — As I examine the lists of members of the Oklahoma Library Association, I see a number who are known nationally in the profession of librarianship. In his paper on "The Gift to Be Simple," Dr. Powell rightly spends considerable time on the people who become librarians. Librarianship is a service profession—it requires people who are readers themselves and who want others to gain access to the books, journals, and other materials which they need in their work. In college and university libraries,

personnel represent the key to effective service. We would all agree with Dr. Powell that "To administer libraries calls for gifts of the mind and the spirit, as well as theoretical knowledge of management and a knack of gimmicks and gadgets." It is proper to believe that we in librarianship are engaged in the best of all work. It is also proper to recognize that young men and women going into librarianship seek the material returns that will make their lives as happy as possible so that they will provide full service to other people. College and university librarians are people, too. They deserve the proper treatment by college and university administrators in terms of career possibilities, adequate salaries and other benefits which accrue to academic personnel who have similar backgrounds and responsibilities, and sufficient clerical support so that they can find the time to read and develop their strength in books. This does not mean that a professional should never do clerical work, but something is wrong when he does too much clerical work.

In the various surveys of academic libraries in which I have been fortunate to take a part, one of the real difficulties has been the recruitment of responsible personnel. Many of the problems in organization and administration, resulting in inadequate service to the users, have developed from the failure to provide strong people. Perhaps we have the wrong people in the profession—but I doubt it—because they are interested, as other people are, in developing their careers. It may be possible to ignore these interests. But not for long. The effective administrator never ignores them. Recruiting and development of staff, then, are among our most pressing problems, now and for the future.

Readers' Services.—Libraries are established to provide service to readers. Acquisitions, cataloging and classification, binding, and other activities are performed for the purpose of making it possible to give effective service to readers—students and faculty members primarily.

The development of proper reference services, the provision of instruction in the use of the library, the encouragement of reading beyond one's course work, and the service which gives students and faculty members the materials they need when they ask for them—these are constant problems in college and university libraries. Able reference and circulation services depend on able personnel — personnel who are familiar with the instructional and research programs of the institutions, and who can work smoothly with faculty members. The faculties of academic in-

stitutions, one learns after a while, range from those who are familiar with library problems and those who are impervious to such problems. The middle group join in the library program sufficiently to make it possible for the library personnel to do a satisfactory job with students. But integrating the library's services in the educational and research programs of the institution remains a number one service problem. There is no happy formula to solve this, unless it is hard and conscientious work. Changing library staffs and faculties require that this matter of integration be constantly before the library administration.

In a current study of the Columbia University Libraries, we found that despite efforts to provide channels of communication to the librarians in regard to developments of new curricula or programs of research, there were sufficient slips to make it necessary to call attention to the need for improved relationships. The small as well as the large library requires this type of coordination if there is to be effective library service.

The conflict between open and closed stacks has not been completely settled, despite the tendency of librarians to open up shelves. Many of the new buildings emphasize open stacks and restricted exit points. Again, in the recent study at Columbia, many faculty members thought that closed stacks would be the answer to the common complaint of students and others that it was difficult to find books on the shelves, and that there appeared to be a distressingly large number of items which "disappeared," or which were not recorded in the circulation files. However, despite this loss and failure in service, more faculty members and graduate students considered open shelves so important that they were willing to take the disadvantages that go with them. The evidence clearly suggests that open shelves should be part of the educational program of academic libraries.

It would be most likely that in the colleges and university libraries in Oklahoma a situation in regard to faculty use of collections would be similar to that we find in other libraries. This is the long-term borrowing by faculty members. We talk glibly of service, but as many students observed in the Columbia study—and this is true of reports in other surveys of libraries—a library does not give service when it is not able to provide the books when asked for by students. The cooperation of faculty members in this respect is apparently difficult to obtain. A few libraries have in recent years developed facult-

manuals of library use in which lending rules are emphasized. Perhaps frequent rotation of faculty members on library committees will help in this respect, although it has been pointed out that library committee members have sometimes been the most flagrant violators of borrowing regulations.

Library Cooperation.—Lack of cooperation on a library campus, therefore, may be a serious obstacle in gaining effective library service. I may be looking for trouble, then, to suggest cooperation on a regional or national basis. The interest of Oklahoma college and university libraries in cooperative undertakings has been demonstrated by the activities of several of your librarians and libraries in the program being developed for the Southwest Library Association. Whether it is through interlibrary lending, development of union lists and bibliographies, specialization in collecting, and the furtherance of microfilm and microcard production, it would appear that Oklahoma librarians have much to gain by pooling resources and services. A quick look at the resources of the libraries of the state suggests that taken all together the collections do not equal that of a Yale Library, and certainly not of a Harvard or a New York Public Library. The growth of the University of Oklahoma Library, which now has about 600,000 volumes and of the Oklahoma A. and M. library, which possesses some 400,000 volumes, has been remarkable.

I note with gratification in the *Oklahoma Librarian* remarks by Allie Beth Martin, your former president, and John B. Stratton, your present president, that Oklahoma is quite concerned about library cooperation and extension. The work of the Oklahoma Library Association in rural reading projects, in school libraries, extension service, and publicizing the value of libraries has been vital and direct, and I am sure will continue. In his message of July, 1956, Mr. Stratton stated that "A system of library service for the state of Oklahoma is a goal worth considerable effort." There appears to be no question about this program on a state basis.

College and university libraries might well take a leading part in this program of cooperation and extension of library service. The success of such programs in the Pacific Northwest has been notable, and academic libraries have participated fully. This is also true of the activity in the Midwest and the Southeast. In the newer portions of the country, the lack of library resources make such cooperation more urgent.

In the wake of the growing industrial and technological enterprises of Oklahoma, one may speculate that more and more reliance upon libraries will come in the future. The general tenor of cooperation and mutual assistance which one senses about Oklahoma in reports about the state suggests that the relations between the academic libraries, especially those which are state-supported, and industry, science, and technology should become stronger. One should not need to remind academic librarians that their work is not done in a vacuum. They must grow as they master their growing problems. The professional librarian, whether he is an academic librarian, a school librarian, or any other type of librarian, must continue to develop a critical sense of his work. If a profession is to flourish and attract able men and women to the fold, its members must be alert to the social pressures placed upon it. The problems of all libraries are the problems of every librarian, even though the individual librarian may be a specialist in a narrow field. Through cooperation and participation in the activities of organizations dedicated to the furtherance of librarianship, the individual librarian can help in promoting his profession. There is still much to be done.

In his *The Anatomy of Bibliomania*, Holbrook Jackson stated that "Libraries are the best consolations, retreats, harbours, refuges of the soul of man." He also observed that they "need no applause, no excuse." But they need vigor, and this must come from the personnel of today. Fifty years from now librarians should be able to state simply that their predecessors recognized their problems and approached them objectively and with resourcefulness. Less we cannot do.

1. *New York Times*, March 10, 1957, Section 16, "Oklahoma," p. 7.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 11.

3. Some of these problems were suggested by Frederick H. Wagman, in his review of *The University Library*, in the *Library Quarterly*, XXVI (1956), 390.

4. Lawrence C. Powell, "The Gift to Be Simple," *Library Journal*, LXXXII (Feb. 1, 1957), 313.

5. *Ibid.*

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presented Mrs. Darnell one of the Pioneer Librarian Awards.

PAST PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Mr. Gourley recommended that the Scholarship Fund be accepted on a tentative basis until the Past Presidents have decided how they wish to handle the Fund. Frances Kennedy reported that Mrs. Cora Case Porter had sent a ten dollar check for the fund.

Before turning the meeting over to the new President, Mr. Stratton expressed his pleasure in working with the Board and reported that attendance this past year had been almost 100 per cent. Mrs. Tomberlin began her duties as President of the OLA by thinking everyone for their assistance in making the Golden Anniversary Meeting a success.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Allie Beth Martin reported that the House members of the Joint Conference Committee on Appropriations had been appointed. Mrs. Martin read the names of the membership of this Committee and asked that each Board Member see, call, or write one or two of the members to urge them to favor Senate Bills 15 and 16. John Stratton moved that the Legislative Committee draw up a statement concerning the area of study of library service in Oklahoma that might be carried on by a Legislative Council Interim Study Committee for the next Board meeting. Ida Self seconded the motion, and it carried.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:

John Stratton read a memo from William Morse, calling for plans to recognize laymen who had contributed to library development during this Golden Anniversary year. Mrs. Tomberlin was instructed to discuss this idea with the Golden Anniversary Committee as a possible project.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Board recommended that Irma Tomberlin ask Robert L. Bailey, member of the House of Representatives, to introduce a resolution in the Legislature commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Association and the librarians who received the Pioneer Librarian Award.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Dates for the 1958 Oklahoma Library Association meeting in Norman will be April 18-19. (Editor's Note: Dates have been changed to

April 10-12, 1958, because of a conflict in the O.U. schedule.) Mrs. Tomberlin and Mr. Gourley were given the following dates as possibilities for the 1959 meeting: March 12-14, April 9-11, and April 16-18. They were asked to report at the next meeting concerning dates and location of the meeting.

STATE PLAN:

Esther Mae Henke reported on the status of the State Plan and the conference with Evelyn Mullen from the U. S. Office of Education. A special meeting will be called as soon as the plan is revised according to Miss Mullen's suggestion.

Frances Kennedy invited the Board to continue meeting in the Oklahoma City University Library which invitation was gratefully accepted.

The meeting adjourned.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mr. Stratton pointed out that the award given at the Oklahoma Library Association Golden Anniversary Meeting was the Pioneer Librarian Citation rather than the Pioneer Librarian Award. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ida Self reported a balance of \$630.87. The Treasurer's books have been checked by Opal Carr, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, and Ruth Spalding, member of the Auditing Committee, will check the books very shortly.

HOUSE RESOLUTION:

House Resolution 549 was introduced in the Oklahoma Legislature commending the Oklahoma Library Association and the pioneer librarians who received citations. A copy of the Resolution was sent to each librarian receiving the citation.

OLA MEETING, 1959:

Mrs. Tomberlin reported on a letter from the manager of the Ada Hotel concerning the possibility that the Oklahoma Library Association would meet in Ada in 1959. Mrs. Tomberlin will check further to determine hotel restrictions and arrangements. The Board considered the dates of April 16-18, 1959 as best for the meeting.

PAST PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Leta Dover reported that fifty dollars had been received for the Past Presidents' Scholarship Fund and that questionnaires will be sent to the Past Presidents asking them what they want to do with the fund.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Allie Beth Martin reported that the Trustee Institute, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library in cooperation with OLA, Oklahoma University School of Library Science and Oklahoma University Extension Division, was a big success. She pointed out that one fine result of the Institute was that Virginia Jennings, Trustee of the Norman Public Library, while talking with one of the Representatives about Senate Bills 15 and 16 found out that they were not on the Executive Committee list to receive funds. Mrs. Martin also reported that she and Mrs. Tomberlin and Virginia Fesler had spent considerable time in the Capitol talking to legislators about the bills and that she had met with the Legislative Chairman of the Oklahoma Education Association. It was decided that a delegation of librarians, trustees and interested citizens should call on the Governor on May 6, and also see their legislators while in the Capitol.

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE:

Representative George Nigh introduced House Concurrent Resolution 541 "directing the Education Committee of the State Legislative Council to appoint a sub-committee during the 1957-59 interim for the purpose of studying the problems of public and school libraries." Mrs. Self moved that the Executive Board endorse HCR 541. This was seconded by Mary Leach and the motion carried.

The Board decided that letters be sent to the authors of the Resolution, praising them for their foresightedness and offering assistance in making the study a success. Allie Beth Martin and Frances Kennedy were instructed to meet with Jack Rhodes, Director of the Legislative Council, soon.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

It was the feeling of the Board that a Federal Relations Committee should be appointed rather than a single Coordinator, as in the past. The following members were appointed: Esther Henke, Leta Dover, Frances Kennedy, and Edmon Low.

STATE PLAN:

Members of the Executive Board had received copies of the State Plan preceding the meeting and when Esther Henke presented the Plan many questions arose concerning it. Mrs. Tomberlin asked Leta Dover, Chairman of the Planning and Policy Committee, to meet with Ralph Hudson to present these questions.

Meeting adjourned.

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BARTLESVILLE, Public Library—Mrs. Jean Lane has returned to her duties as a member of the staff after a leave of absence.

EDMOND, Central State College — Mrs. Vernon Johnson, librarian since 1929, retired in May and has been succeeded by Ainsley A. Whitman, BS in LS Louisiana State University. Mr. Whitman's varied experience includes service as head librarian of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon; the Southern Branch of the University of Georgia; and California Polytechnic College. He is a past president of the Oregon Library Association (1953-54). Miss Marguerite McGuire will continue as assistant librarian, and Mrs. Ada Ingram has joined the staff.

HUTCHINSON, Kansas, 418 E. 15th St.—Miss Metta Woodward, longtime librarian at Woodward, Oklahoma, writes from the above address that she is making a scrapbook of letters and communications from her friends in Oklahoma libraries. Miss Woodward, recipient of the OLA Distinguished Service Award, was not able to be present to receive the Pioneer Librarian Citation at the Golden Anniversary Meeting.

KINGFISHER, Memorial Library — Congratulations to Mrs. Hazel A. Lacey, Librarian, who will complete 25 years of service on September 23, 1957. A new appointment to the Kingfisher Library Board is Mrs. John A. Ruth, who succeeds Mrs. Laura Morseman. Dr. Hodgson has been re-appointed.

NORMAN, Public Library—A full-time children's librarian, Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, took over her duties on May 1. Mrs. Oliver (MS in LS Western Reserve 1952) has served as librarian at the Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, and for two years was in charge of children's work in the Oakland, California, Public Library.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Capitol Hill Jr. HS—Mrs. Ann Goff, librarian, was awarded the Ralph E. Gray Achievement Award at the seventh annual Oklahoma City Movie Makers Club banquet held in April. The award, given annually to the member contributing most to the advancement of home movies, was presented to

Mrs. Goff for her service to the club as librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Douglass High School — Mrs. Sarah Jane Bell, librarian, has been named winner of the Grace E. Herrick award for 1956-57. It is given annually to the highest ranking student in the O. U. School of Library Science.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma State University—Edmon Low, Librarian, will teach again this summer in the University of Michigan Library School. His classes will be "Cataloging," and "Library of Congress Classification." Mr. Low has recently been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commissioner of Education on the Library Services Program.

Miss Helen Donart, librarian of the Stillwater Public Library for a number of years, will join the university library staff on September 1, and will work in the Humanities and Social Science Areas.

Miss Eileen Austin (MS in LS Oklahoma 1957) will assume duties as a Junior Cataloger on September 1.

Richard King became Junior Documents Librarian on June 17. He is a graduate of Baylor University who received his library science degree at North Texas State College this year.

Miss Joanne Thompson and John C. Monk, Jr., were married on June 19. Before her marriage, Mrs. Monk worked during the past two summers in the Education Area, and for the last three years was librarian of the Labette County Community High School, Altamont, Kansas. She was previously Assistant Librarian at Southwestern State College, Weatherford. She will be moving to Washington in the fall with her husband who is attending Georgetown University Law School.

TULSA, University of Tulsa Library—James Murray (MS in LS Our Lady of the Lake College) has been appointed head of the Science and Technology Department. He has held positions in the San Antonio Public Library, the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education, and St. Edward's University at Austin.

ALA Conference Report

The Kansas City ALA conference was well attended by Oklahomans, some of whom took part in the program and shared offices in the Association. Those who lingered after the Oklahoma breakfast, held June 26 at the Philips Hotel, got an extra thrill when fire broke out in the kitchen off the coffee shop, apparently causing much smoke but little damage. Oklahomans and adopted Oklahomans present at the breakfast were: Lucile Best, Florence Braley, Mary Carnahan, Christie Cathey, Mrs. W. S. Corbin, Ruth Cox, Mariam Craddock, Lura Currier, Sallie Farrell, Jacquelyne George, James E. Gourley, Hollis Haney, Mary Jeanne Hansen, Esther Henke, Ed Hill, Josephine Howard, Leah Law, William Lowry, Wanda McCollum, Eugenia Maddox, Allie Beth Martin, Juanita Means, Virginia Owens, Bob and Nancy Schmidt, Bess Stewart, and Irma Tomberlin.

About 25 alumni attended the O. U. Library School breakfast held June 27.

Elected to the ALA Council were Allie Beth Martin, for a term expiring in 1960, and Clarence S. Paine, term expiring in 1959 (also elect-

ed to PLD Board of Directors).

Ralph Hudson was elected Chairman of the Governmental Relations Section of the Library Administration Division, making him a member of the LAD Board.

Esther Mae Henke was elected Secretary of the newly organized State Library Agencies Division of ALA.

Edith Scott was elected chairman of the Council of Regional Groups of the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division.

Dr. Arthur McAnally spoke at a meeting of the University Libraries Section on "Dynamics of Securing Academic Status." Ralph Hudson, as president of the National Association of State Libraries, presided at the meetings of that association.

The big story of the conference for librarians in this area was action on the proposal to move ALA headquarters to Washington. Over 200 signatures protesting the move were submitted in time to halt action by the Council and as a result the proposed move will be submitted to a mail ballot of the membership.

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BARTLESVILLE, Public Library—The Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to sponsor a Friends of the Library Group. The library will sponsor a Vacation Reading Club and a series of story hours during the summer, using the Certificates of Good Reading supplied by the State Library Extension Division.

The library staff report great satisfaction with the Recordak microfilming machine for book charging which was installed last November.

CLAREMORE, Will Rogers Library—two new members took their places on the library board in May: Mrs. Raymond Scott and Mrs. W. A. Heritage. Mrs. W. F. Hays was made a life member of the Board. Other members are Dr. Noel Kahn, president, Mrs. Frank O'Bannon and Mr. John McKeever.

A new section of counter-height shelving, the beginning of a reading nook, has been installed.

CRESCENT, Community Library — The library board sponsored a Chuck Wagon Feed the first week in May as a benefit for the library.

ELK CITY, Carnegie Library — Velma L. Dober, Librarian, reports that W. W. Blackburn, former mayor and an outstanding citizen, has accepted appointment on the Library Board.

FREDERICK, Carnegie Library—Basement rooms at the library, completely redecorated and renovated to accommodate groups, have been made available by the library board to any adult group in the county. The Federation of Farm Women's Clubs and the Frederick Federated Clubs and the Garden Clubs of the city have all helped in the furnishing.

MIDWEST CITY, Public Library—The summer reading program will feature "Reading Your Way to the Stars" by means of a space ship. As "planets" are reached the progress will be noted on individual charts with appropriate stickers.

Mrs. Lillian Crumpler, librarian, has returned from a vacation spent in Havana and Nassau.

Three new board members have been announced: Mrs. Cecil Fisher, J. C. Ray, and Rev. Richard Poole.

PERRY, Carnegie Library—The Perry Study

Group, the Council of Garden Clubs, and the FFA joined forces to landscape the library grounds during May, planting new grass and installing flower boxes.

MUSKOGEE—Robert T. Motter, Jr., is president of the newly organized Friends of the Library. Other officers elected include Mrs. Rodney A. Finlayson, vice president; Mrs. Marguerite Bass, secretary ex-officio; and Hoy R. Bohanon secretary.

NORMAN, Public Library—Mr. Fred Shellabarger, Mrs. W. H. Atkins, and Mr. Don Symcox have been newly added to the library board. In a reorganization meeting, Mr. Mortimer Schwartz was re-elected chairman; Mrs. C. B. Minner was elected vice-chairman; and Miss Jeanette Barbour, assistant librarian, was re-elected secretary of the board.

A downstairs library has been established, which will house a new children's room with a separate entrance. Other space will be used for new shelving for bound volumes of periodicals, overflow books, and unbound copies of magazines. An air conditioner and drinking fountain have been installed in the children's section, with Remington Rand to provide the furniture and shelving. An electric booklift has also been installed.

OKARCHIE, Holy Trinity High School Library—Sister Mary Petrona, librarian, announced that a Friends of the Library group was organized during the PTA student conference in April.

PONCA CITY, Public Library—"From Tepees to Books" is the theme for the library's annual Vacation Reading Club. Children are encouraged to read at least one book on Oklahoma during the vacation season, in keeping with the semi-centennial of statehood.

TULSA—A Tulsa friends of the Public Library group was organized at a meeting held May 16. Officers elected were: M. Darwin Kirk, president; Mrs. Hanz A. Norberg, 1st vice-president; Jack N. Hayes, 2d vice-president; Mrs. Scott Brooks, secretary, and Mrs. Phillip L. Howell, treasurer. Approximately 40 prominent Tulsans were named directors of the organization.

Trustees Take Part in Successful Institute

Oklahoma's first institute for library trustees was held April 25-26, 1957, on the O. U. campus, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library in cooperation with the Oklahoma Library Association, the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science and the O. U. Extension Division. Ruth Warneke, Director of the ALA Library Community Project, was consultant.

In spite of tornado alerts and bad weather, thirty-nine people attended the Institute, including twenty-four trustees representing fourteen libraries.

After a welcoming address from Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Vice-President of the University of Oklahoma, the first session opened with a panel discussion of the subject, "What should men and women expect from our libraries?" Each trustee had something to contribute to the discussion that followed, and everyone participated. The group was divided concerning the library's obligation for supplying material to its public. Should the library buy what the people want or what they should have? The discussion ended in a compromise.

The second session was a workshop discussion session, designed to carry out the second objective of the Institute. Each participant took part in two group discussions on the topics of his choice. The two most popular topics were "Library Policies" and "Public Relations." Next in popularity were "The Board at Work" and "Services to Groups and Organizations." This session ended with the trustees feeling that a written statement of policy is necessary for public libraries, trustees need to be more familiar with the existing library laws, Oklahoma library laws need to be rewritten and brought up-to-date, and trustees need to be more informed concerning their responsibilities.

During the informal question and answer period, Thursday evening, individual library problems were discussed including the clarification of what a "Multi-County Library System" would mean to Oklahoma and individual libraries.

An "agree-disagree" sheet was used for the third session. The group was divided into smaller groups to discuss the statements on the sheet. A "panel of experts" tackled the statements where there was the least unanimity of opinion. Such statements as "We think a trustee is valuable for his business or legal knowledge, or his community leadership, and it makes no differ-

ence whether he is a library user or not," were freely discussed.

Trustees participating in the program had studied topics assigned to them before the meeting and those who observed were impressed with the seriousness and efficiency they displayed in their role as leaders. They were indeed "experts on the subject."

Trustees departed saying, "The rest of our board is going to attend next year." Enthusiasm was equally high among the people involved in making the Institute possible.

As a result of the Trustee Institute, the State Library has received requests for material on library policies, library by-laws, and more information on services to organizations.

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The Dictaphone Corporation was thanked for the use of their machines and R. R. Berry for operating them.

Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary, American Library Association, Director, Office of Adult Education, spoke on "To Read a Book."

Irma Timberlin asked if the members were interested in starting a caravan to the Kansas City ALA Meeting, and urged all that would like to travel with a group to write her.

This meeting closed the Golden Anniversary Conference.

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OLA ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 10-12, 1958

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Mrs. Sterba Honored By Ponca City Leaders

Mrs. Gertrude Sterba was the subject of an official resolution adopted by the Ponca City Board of Commissioners on March 18, 1957, commending her for thirty years service as director of the municipal library. The resolution, signed by the Mayor and other City officials, notes that Mrs. Sterba "has devoted her energy and professional training towards the establishment of municipal library facilities of the highest standard," and resolves that "this permanent record be made honoring and commending GERTRUDE K. STERBA for her long and successful municipal career" and further resolves that "this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of said City." In further recognition of her thirty years of service, city officials were present at a surprise party held in the library for Mrs. Sterba.

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Grace Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary, ALA.

Ruth Warneke, Director of ALA's Library-Community Project.

The following topics were brought out by the panel and discussed by the group: I. Public Library Standards — Restated, II. Operation Library — "Interpretation" of the library is of vital importance as well as concrete support, III. Library Services Act of Oklahoma — Librarians are sold on the plan. Patrons must be contacted and the new services explained, IV. Citizens and Friends of Library Groups — Such groups must have a clear cut program and a long term plan.

Meeting adjourned.

Willa Grace Hardy, Secretary

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Special Librarians in Oklahoma met at a breakfast in the Mirror Room of the Biltmore Hotel Saturday morning. Chairman Sam Smoot presided and led a discussion of how to inspire library people in Oklahoma to attend meetings. Everyone present took part in the discussion.

The following subject fields were mentioned for consideration during 1957: Art, Business, Education, Home Economics, Biological, Documents, Geological, Medical, Chemical, Engineering, Military, Utilities.

After a talk by S. J. Bragg urging librarians to plan for the future and to make recommendations to designers and manufacturers, the meeting adjourned.

S. J. Bragg

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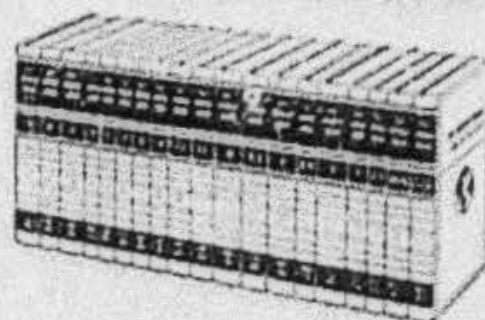


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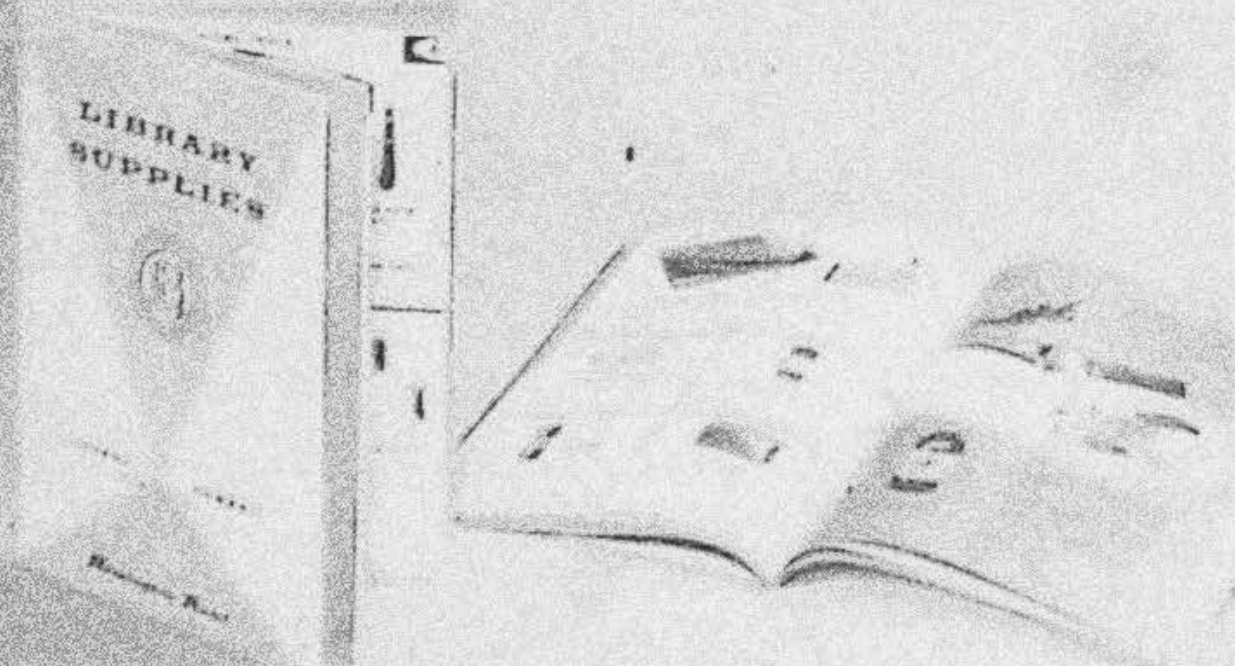
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