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A Message from the O. L. A. President



On the occasion of our fiftieth anniversary, I should like to extend my personal thanks and the thanks of Association members over the years to all of the librarians and friends of libraries who have contributed years of effort, enthusiasm and inspired ideals to the development of library services in Oklahoma. Your work and your ideas are responsible for the accomplishments of the past fifty years, and it is your dedication to library interests which will write the record of our next fifty years.

It seemed fitting on this anniversary to ask Mrs. Gertrude Sterba, who was President of the Association on our Silver Anniversary to write a few remarks for this column. She very graciously replied as follows:

Greetings to the Oklahoma librarians on this the Golden Anniversary.

As the Silver Jubilee president of the Oklahoma Library Association, with the meeting held in Ponca City, it is a distinct honor and pleasure to write a few words.

Each librarian has left an imprint and contribution to the development of Better Oklahoma Libraries. Library service has been extended and many new buildings have been built. In Ponca City, we are proud of our modern library and the free service given to the rural areas.

However, on this Golden Anniversary much remains to be accomplished. May the inspiration of the pioneer librarians be a guiding light to the fulfillment of our dream, "Books for every man, woman and child in Oklahoma!"

We are very grateful to Mrs. Sterba for this fine message, and I know that her devotion to the development of good library service will continue to be a source of pride not only to citizens of Ponca City, but to all Oklahomans.

I would like to remind you that Miss Eugenia Maddox, Librarian of the Tulsa University Library, is Chairman of our Nominating Committee. She earnestly requests and would welcome your suggestions for officers of our Association for the next year. One of the privileges and responsibilities of membership is that of selecting your officers. Please write to Miss Maddox today.

I hope that many of you are planning now for ways in which your library can participate in *National Library Week* next spring, March 16-22. This week has been officially proclaimed by President Eisenhower and the Congress and is designed to focus attention on the vast resources of libraries and the printed word for education, self-development, cultural advancement, recreation and civic improvement through the work of State and local committees throughout the nation. It gives us an excellent opportunity to work more closely with leaders in business, professional groups, and citizens organizations in order to promote support and use of our libraries. The Chairman of our State Committee will be named shortly, and plans will be underway for the ways in which the Oklahoma Library Association can help to promote this important week. Meanwhile, it is not too soon to start thinking and planning for your own library's participation. Let us help to make *National Library Week* such a success that it will become an established annual event.

The Golden Anniversary of O.L.A.

The date was May 16, 1907, the place, Carnegie Library in Oklahoma City. Nineteen persons were there, representing the University of Oklahoma, the three territorial normal schools, and six of the eight public libraries then in existence. The names of the persons who were present can be found elsewhere in this journal, and the list is an important one. Some of the persons attending this organizational meeting were not librarians, but club women who deserve much of the credit for library progress in the early days. Some of them served as officers in the Association, and also became librarians later.

"Several of the others who were present for these sessions that constitute the first OLA meeting were librarians and remained so for many years. Mrs. J. A. Thompson served for a number of years as librarian of the Carnegie Library in Chickasha before she was succeeded in 1930 by her first assistant, Mrs. Ida May Sherman. Another of the original signers was Rose Christy, who was librarian of the Southwestern Normal School at Weatherford. Miss Christy is known to present-day members of the profession as Mrs. Rose Darnell, librarian of the Clinton Public Library. The names of others, too, are forever interwoven with the first decades of librarianship in the State of Oklahoma."¹

* There were three librarians from the University of Oklahoma present, two of whom were student assistants at the time. One of these students, Carl H. Milam, later served as Executive Secretary of the American Library Association (1920-1943) and then became the first director of the United Nations Library. The other student, Jesse Lee Rader, became Director of the University of Oklahoma Library, and founder of its Library School. The late Milton J. Ferguson at the time of the founding of OLA was director of the University Library, and later served as head of the California State Library (1917-1930) and as Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library (1930-1954).

This, then, was the beginning of the Oklahoma Library Association. In preparing this history on the occasion of our Golden Anniversary, it was decided to limit the account to the last twenty years and to try to supplement the excellent thirty-year history of the Association which was published by the Oklahoma Library Commission in 1937. The membership of the Association has grown from one hundred and fifty in 1937

to over three hundred in 1956. The projects and programs of OLA during the last two decades have reflected the problems which have confronted the nation and its libraries, particularly during the war years and immediately after.

It was decided in 1937 that in alternate years the annual meeting of the Association would coincide with time and place of the biennial meeting of the Southwestern Library Association. The By-Laws were amended at that time to provide for the OLA meeting during the SWLA meeting every two years, and it was not until 1947 that this action was rescinded.

We have been particularly fortunate in the guest speakers who have honored us with their contributions to our meetings. The officers and representatives of the American Library Association have been more than generous with their time and energy, and through the years have brought many stimulating and interesting reports to the members of the Oklahoma Library Association. We have drawn heavily on our own state and our own membership for many of our programs, and on neighboring states.

In 1937, at our meeting in Shawnee, Dr. Icko Iben, then librarian of Oklahoma A & M College, joined Dr. J. W. Raley, President of Oklahoma Baptist University, Professor Kenneth Kaufman, from the University of Oklahoma, and Mr. Burton Rascoe, a well-known literary critic, formerly a Shawnee resident, to discuss such topics as "Libraries and Higher Education," "Oklahoma's Library Resources," "Oklahoma's Authors," and "The Library as Everyman's University." It was also at this meeting that Miss Vera Snook, from the Arkansas Library Commission, reported to us on the new state appropriation for the development of Arkansas libraries. This was of particular interest to us because the Library Trustees group in a round table discussion was concerned with exploring the possibilities of state aid as a means of equalizing library services and facilities throughout Oklahoma.

In 1939, meeting in Ada, the emphasis of the discussion centered around the W. P. A. projects which were then getting underway in our state. Miss Eula Fullerton, State Director of W. P. A. projects in Oklahoma, described the aims and the work of the W. P. A. Mr. Arthur Curry, State Supervisor from Texas, and Miss Sarah I. Jones, also a State Supervisor from Nebraska, reported on projects in their states. Miss Jones in her talk urged Oklahomans to work for the develop-

ment of county libraries as the most practical means of library extension.

Miss Dorothy Amaan, who was then President of the SWLA and librarian of Southern Methodist University, reported on the history and organization of SWLA. Other well-known guests were Miss Nora Beust, Specialist in School Libraries from the U. S. Office of Education, and Mr. J. L. Newland, editor of the *Frederick Leader* and president of the Frederick Library Board. Special thanks were given at this meeting to the Motter Book Bindery for presenting printed copies of the newly revised OLA Consitution to all members present.

In 1941, in Tulsa, the attention of all members was focussed on the important subject of national defense. A panel discussion led by Mr. James Gourley, librarian of the Tulsa Public Library, considered the role of libraries in the national defense program. But we were concerned with other library problems, too. Miss Ruth Hammond, who was then librarian of the Wichita City Library, discussed the library's public relations program, and Dr. Morris L. Wardell, Pro-

fessor History at the University of Oklahoma, told us of cultural developments which were possible in Oklahoma.

In 1943, our meeting in Oklahoma City was an "Institute on War and Post-War Problems for Oklahoma." Mrs. J. R. Dale, who was the ALA State Coordinator of Library Institutes, served as chairman. She and her panel members discussed our responsibilities for war and postwar planning in view of social, political and economic questions of the day. Mr. Edmon Low, librarian of Oklahoma A & M College, served as moderator for a round table discussion on "Books for an Informed America." The discussion covered technical books, books of propaganda, books for adults and for children and young people.

In 1944, the Association honored Mrs. J. R. Dale at a reception on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Oklahoma Library Commission. It was also in this year that Mr. Harold Hamill, librarian of the Kansas City Public Library, told us of the postwar standards for public libraries, and Mr. Paul Hoheisel, Advertising

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Constitution
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Art. 1.—NAME.—The name of this Organization shall be the Oklahoma Library Association.

Art. 2.—OBJECT.—The purpose of this Association shall be to promote library interests in the State of Oklahoma.

Art. 3.—CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.—Any person or library interested in the object of the Association may become a member by paying a membership fee of fifty cents to the Treasurer.

Art. 4.—CLUB MEMBERSHIP.—Any federated woman's club of the State shall, on payment of an annual fee of fifty cents, be entitled to name from its number one delegate to each annual meeting of the Association, such delegate to have all the privileges of active membership and be entitled to vote.

Art. 5.—OFFICERS.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treas-

Manager of O. G. & E. in Oklahoma City, discussed ways and means of publicizing our libraries.

It was in 1946 in Phoenix at the SWLA that the Planning and Policy Committee and the Legislative Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association came into being. Here, too, the suggestion was made and adopted that the Association issue a regular news bulletin, but this did not become a reality until several years later.

"Better Libraries for Oklahoma"—this was our theme for the 1947 meeting in Muskogee, and in keeping with this theme, two recommendations were adopted which were to have a strong influence on the work of the Association in years to come. The two newly created committees named above recommended that the Association promote the introduction and passage of a legislative bill which would permit the establishment of regional libraries in Oklahoma, and a bill which would call an election for the express purpose of voting on the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment to permit a one-mill tax expressly for library purposes.

Dr. Grant Foreman, noted Oklahoma author

and historian, told us of his "Adventures in Research," and Dr. Morris L. Wardell honored us with a talk on "What Comes of Reading." Mr. Louis M. Nurse, then Assistant Librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, reported on Missouri's library program and the ways in which it was being implemented.

In 1948 in Shawnee we were privileged to hear Mr. R. G. Miller, "Smoking Room" editor of the *Oklahoma and Times*, on one of his favorite subjects and ours, "Oklahoma." Mr. Bruce Goff, well-known architect and chairman of the University's School of Architecture, spoke to us of new trends in library architecture. The 1939 meeting in Norman paid tribute to the Library School of the University on the twentieth anniversary of its founding. It was a pleasure to have Mr. John MacKerzie Cory, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, speak to us on the future of ALA and also on the tremendous need for more and better libraries.

1950 was an outstanding year for the Oklahoma Library Association, for it brought the first of our Distinguished Service Awards. An

urer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board, who shall act for the Association between meetings.

Art 6.—MEETINGS—There shall be an annual meeting at such place as may have been decided upon by the Association, the time of which shall be chosen by the Association or by the Executive Board, other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board.

Art 7.—DUES AND LEVIES—The annual assessment shall be \$1.00. The expenditures shall be limited to the amount in the treasury and special levies may be voted at regularly called meetings of the Association.

Art 8.—QUORUM—Ten members present at any annual or called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art 9.—AMENDMENTS—This Constitution may be amended by three-fourths vote of those present at any meeting of the Association, notice of amendment having been specified in the call for that meeting, which call shall be made thirty days before the time of meeting.

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Mr. M. J. Ferguson, Norman, Okla., University, Librarian.

article by Frances Kennedy very aptly describes the Award:

"The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor which can come to an Oklahoma librarian. It is the OLA seal of approval on a life well lived and a job well done—not the job for which each of us draws his salary—but what is accomplished in addition to our positions, in the interest and advancement of the profession of librarianship. The Distinguished Service Award was established in our constitution of 1950 to recognize those men and women whose contributions to our profession cannot be measured or even adequately described, but should be recognized."

The recipients of this Award are listed together at the end of this report. Another event of major importance this year was the publication of the first issue of the *Oklahoma Librarian*. Mr. Neal Austin, Journalism Librarian at the University of Oklahoma, was the first editor. This was also the year in which we adopted a newly revised Constitution for the Association. Mr. Clarence R. Graham, President-Elect of the American Li-

brary Association and librarian of the Louisville Free Public Library, was our distinguished guest, and he spoke to us on the libraries of today. The Association undertook the preparation of a bulletin telling of the special collections in Oklahoma libraries for distribution at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. This was done under the capable guidance of Frances Kennedy.

The rational world situation was reflected in the theme of our next meeting in 1951. "Libraries in an Explosive World." It was a great pleasure for us to have a former Oklahoman and charter member of the Association as our honored guest, Dr. Carl H. Milam, who had been Director of Library Services of United Nations Library. It was at this meeting that Dr. Milam was presented with our Distinguished Service Award. Special emphasis was placed this year on interesting librarians and library trustees, with talks and luncheons planned for their interests and in their honor. The Children's and School Librarians Section of the Association stated strongly that it was in favor of visits to other libraries and the privilege of attendance at OLA meetings without loss of salary. They further stated that they look forward to the early appointment of a qualified school library consultant in the State Department of Education. It is interesting to note that this year saw the introduction of bills in Congress which would provide federal funds for the extension of library services to rural areas.

The 1952 meeting in Chickasha devoted its attention to "Plans and Progress" in Oklahoma's libraries. Our guest speakers brought to us an insight into libraries in other countries. Dr. Charles Kitcheson, History Professor at O. C. W., spoke to us on "Libraries in England and Switzerland," and Mr. James Meeks, who was at that time the librarian of the Enid Public Library, reported on "American Libraries Operated by the State Department." It was interesting to hear Mr. Carlos Moseley, Director of the University's School of Music, tell of "Music Collections in the American Information Libraries," and our own Elizabeth Cooper tell of her experiences in Army libraries overseas. We were very fortunate in having two ALA representatives with us this year. Mr. David H. Clift, Executive Secretary, and Mr. R. L. Richardson, then editor of the *ALA Bulletin*. Mr. Clift's address, "The World of William Random, Librarian" is one which will long be remembered by all of us. Mr. Walter S. Campbell, distinguished author and teacher, spoke to us on "Authors, Books and Librarians."

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Crowds in the photograph above have assembled to join in the celebrations held November 16, 1907, on the steps of the Guthrie Carnegie Library signalling the union of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory to form the new state of Oklahoma. Photo is from the local history files of the Oklahoma City Libraries.

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With citizens, ever loyal, marching dozen
The slopes of victory, conquering ghostly fears—
An unworthy badge of ground breaking pioneers!*



*Wisely, she chose the palm, peace pipe and stars
To lead the Flag forward, following bold Loebinzars
Who would seize the colors flying, in greed or hate,
To drag through soil none dared to desecrate—
Soil blooming rich from poppy colored sod
Our souls to animate, leavening the clod,
People this soil the Master builder foresaw,
With hearts of equal justice for all under law.*

*Between the half century and a glimpse of the new
Space hangs a host of pictures in dauntless review:
Blizzards, parched earth, gray dust creeping over
The bloom of the prairies and fragrant breath of clover;
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1926—E. C. Wilson	Tulsa (joint meeting with S.W.L.A.)
1927—Mrs. Elsie D. Hand	Oklahoma City
1928—Jesse Lee Rader	Oklahoma City (joint meeting with O.E.A.)
1929—Mrs. Elsie D. Hand	Oklahoma City
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1949—Edmon Low	Norman
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1952—Gaston Litton	Chickasha
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ENROLLED HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 549

BY: BAILEY (Cleveland)

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THIRTEEN PIONEER OKLAHOMA LIBRARIANS.

WHEREAS, the year 1957 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Oklahoma Library Association, a society devoted to the development of "all library interests and services in the State of Oklahoma;" and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Library Association has faithfully and persistently striven to raise the standards of libraries and library services and to make good library services readily available to all of our citizens with the intent of forwarding the frontiers of knowledge and the intellectual growth of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Association honored thirteen pioneer librarians at its recent Golden Anniversary Conference and presented its Pioneer Librarian Citation to Mrs. Sarah Allphin, Mrs. J. R. Dale, Mrs. Rose Christy Darnell, Mrs. Ula Frost, Miss Essa Nena Gladrey, Mrs. Myrtle M. Jones, Mrs. Mary Hays Marable, Mrs. Mabel Peacock, Mrs. Cora Case Porter, Mr. Jesse Lee Rader, Mrs. Mamie Small, Mrs. Etta Gray Watkins, and Miss Metta M. Woodward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE that the Oklahoma Library Association be greatly commended for its long and steadfast service to libraries and to the advance of knowledge in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives express its sincere appreciation and thanks to the pioneer Oklahoma librarians, honored by the Association, for their extensive contribution to the intellectual welfare of the State and to the profession of librarianship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent journal of the House of Representatives and that authenticated copies be dispatched, with the regard and appreciative thanks of the House of Representatives, to the President of the Oklahoma Library Association and to each of the recipients of the Pioneer Librarian Citation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 1957.

Speaker of the House of Representatives
/s/ B. E. Harkey

Pioneer Oklahoma Librarians

SARAH ALLPHIN

Mrs. Sarah Allphin, Librarian of the Anadarko Public Library, came to the Library in 1920, and has seen the book collection grow from 524 volumes to the present 14,227. Borrowers now number 3,942. Under her guidance, the library has become a homelike place which serves not only the citizens of Anadarko but county residents as well. Five nearby towns use the Anadarko Library.

Attention has been given to reading for adults, and the collection includes religious

books, material on gardening, and a fine special collection of American Indian history.

The reference collection is frequently used, particularly by high school students. Mrs. Allphin serves the young people of the community with summer reading clubs, a story hour for pre-school age children, and with assistance in locating research material for debate and science courses and school reports.

In the words of one of her trustees, Mrs. Allphin "has made the town library conscious. She has served the public with understanding and patience, and has been zealous in her endeavor to please."

MRS. J. R. DALE

Mrs. J. R. Dale, for many years Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission, began her career in 1912 as librarian of the Hobart Carnegie Library, serving in this capacity until 1915. In 1919 she was appointed Secretary of the newly established Oklahoma Library Commission and held this position until her retirement in 1950. She now resides at 617 N.E. 23 St., Oklahoma City.

During the 32 years Mrs. Dale served as its Secretary, the Library Commission assisted in the establishment of 60 public and county libraries. Its staff grew from one to ten members, and the book collection from none to 80,000 volumes. During these years, some 30,000,000 books were circulated to rural borrowers.

Mrs. Dale served as President of the Southwestern Library Association in 1928-29, and it is doubtful if she ever missed attending a meeting of OLA, SWLA, or ALA during these active years. She was also active in the Oklahoma

Federation of Women's Clubs, and has served as State Chairman of the Library Service Division from 1908 to the present. She served two years as National Chairman for Library Service in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1937, Mrs. Dale was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and in 1949 she was named as Oklahoma City's Woman of the Year. Her extracurricular activities have revolved around club work, art, public speaking, and personal assistance to young people. In 1950, OLA acknowledged her outstanding contribution to librarianship in the state by awarding her its Distinguished Service Award.

ROSE CHRISTY DARNELL

Mrs. Rose Christy Darnell, a charter member of OLA, served as librarian of the Clinton Public Library for twenty years until her retirement this past spring.

Mrs. Darnell first entered the library profession in 1903 at Guthrie's Carnegie Library.



Two of Oklahoma's Pioneer Librarians, Jesse L. Rader and Mrs. J. R. Dale, examine the award citation presented at the Golden Anniversary Dinner last March.

After two years in that position, she was employed by the Southwestern Normal School in Weatherford, where she remained until 1903. From 1908 to 1918 Mrs. Darnell was a member of the library board in Arapaho, and in 1920 she was appointed to the Clinton Library Board. She became Assistant Hub City Librarian in 1927 and from 1937 to 1957 served as Head of the Clinton Public Library.

Mrs. Darnell served the OLA as Secretary in 1949 and continues to be actively interested in the Association.

As an expression of her community's appreciation, the Mayor of Clinton, J. M. Smith, Jr., declared March 29, 1957, as "Rose Christy Darnell Day." His proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Rose Christy Darnell, 710 South Sixth Street, Clinton, Oklahoma, recently retired from her position as librarian of the Clinton Public Library after many years of faithful and devoted service as such librarian, and,

"WHEREAS, due to the administration of Mrs. Darnell, the Clinton Public Library has grown from a small beginning to a public library of which the citizens of this community are justly proud, and,

"WHEREAS, the faithful, efficient and devoted service of Mrs. Darnell as librarian has been continued at considerable personal sacrifice,

"NOW, THEREFORE, in appreciation of Mrs. Darnell's loyal, efficient and devoted service, and to justly honor a faithful and zealous public servant, I hereby proclaim that Friday, the twenty-ninth day of March, 1957, be, and the same hereby is designated, Rose Christy Darnell Day in the City of Clinton, Oklahoma."

ULA FROST

Mrs. Ula Frost, Librarian, Fairview City Library, has served in this position for 43 years, and in this time has seen the library grow from a collection of about 300 solicited books to approximately 10,000 volumes. The library was begun by five young men in 1909, but since 1912 has been supported by the city.

Mrs. Frost has always tried to open new horizons to young readers and to maintain a high level of reading in the county. The library is open to county residents, and besides the 2,411 registered borrowers, schools are served with large book loans. Library hours (1 to 9) were chosen for the convenience of the public. A good reference collection has been assembled.

The community is pleased with the service that the Fairview Library provides and it stands high in their estimation. Mrs. Frost is interested

and active in the community and belongs to numerous organizations, serving as officer in many. Her best contribution has been her effort to hold the library in the consciousness of the community, and in so doing she has found a place for herself in the love and loyalty of the town.

ESSA NENA GLADNEY

Miss Essa Nena Gladney, Librarian of the Tahlequah Carnegie Library, has served in this capacity for 35 years. This is one of the oldest libraries in the state, having been built with a Carnegie grant in 1907. During her period of service, Miss Gladney has seen the book collection grow from 500 to more than 10,000 volumes, with a yearly circulation of 12,000.

Miss Gladney's convictions about good library service are expressed in the long hours when the library is open to the public. She has performed such valuable community services as providing circulating collections for rural teachers, public hospitals, garden clubs, and city schools. She classified and cataloged the high school library and trained the student help to care for it. It has always been her practice to count her services not in hours, but in supplying a need for any knowledge within her grasp

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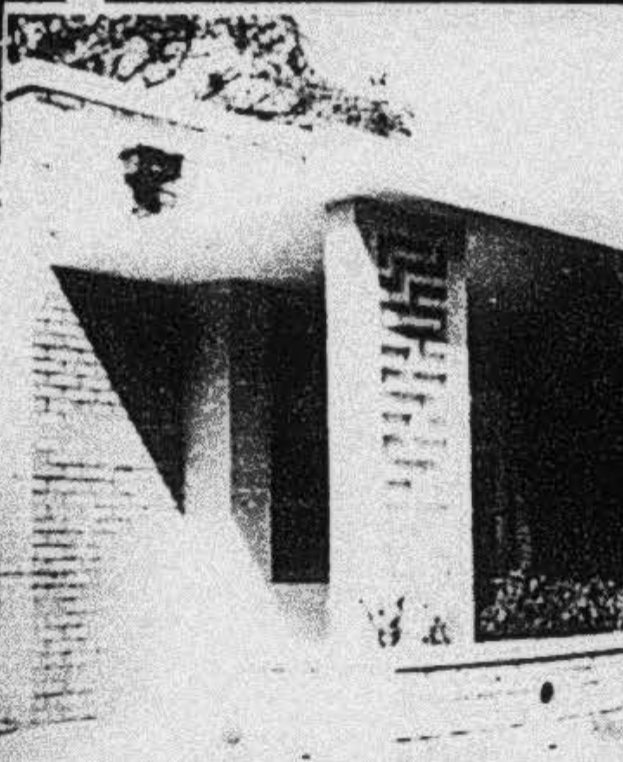
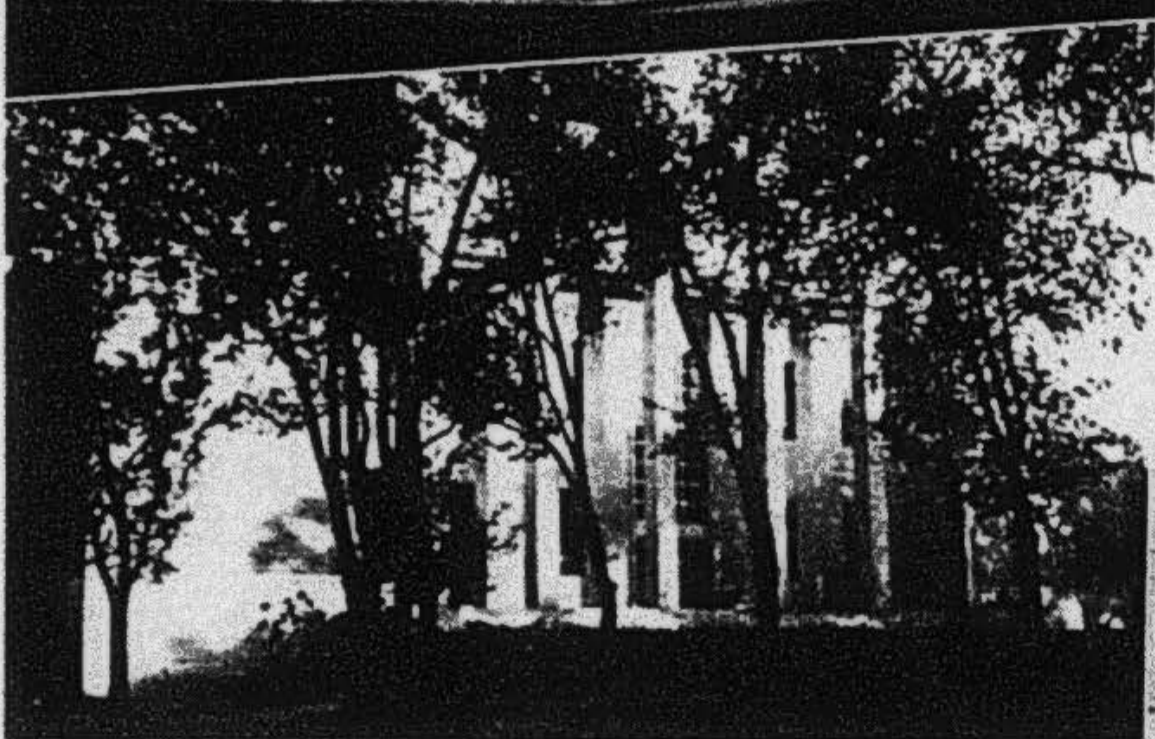
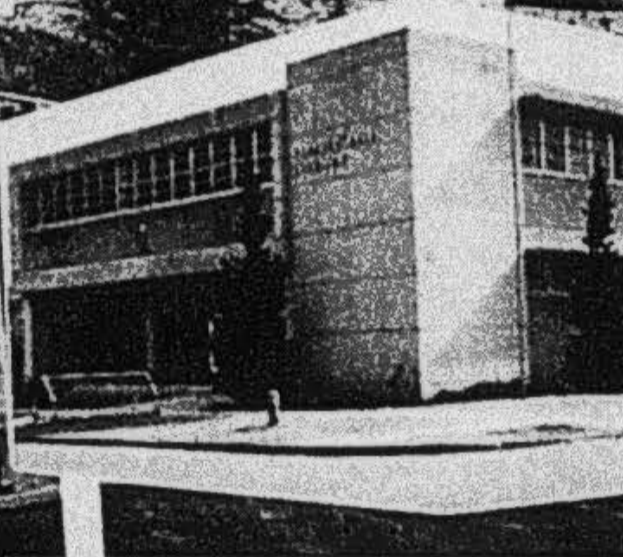
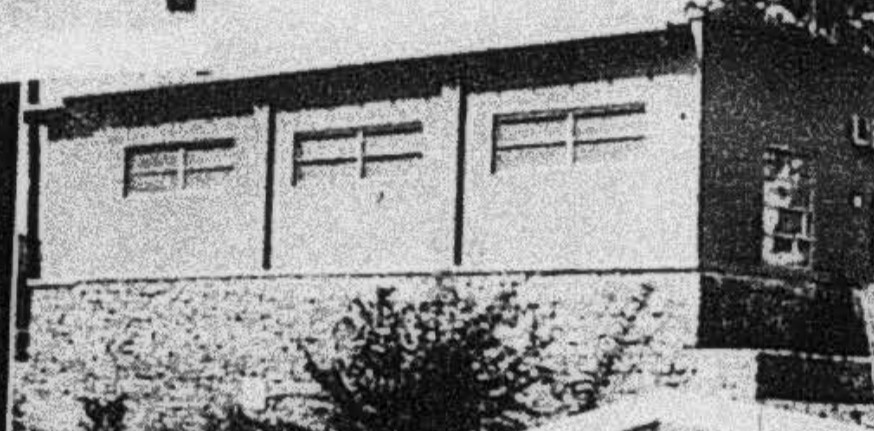
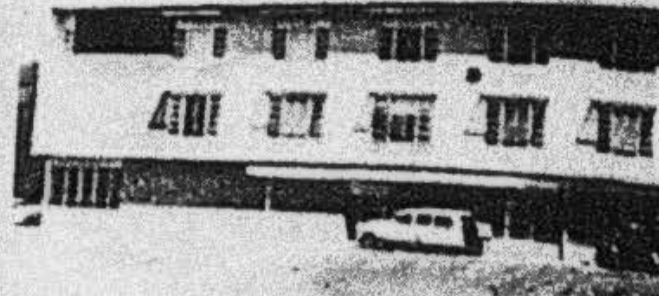
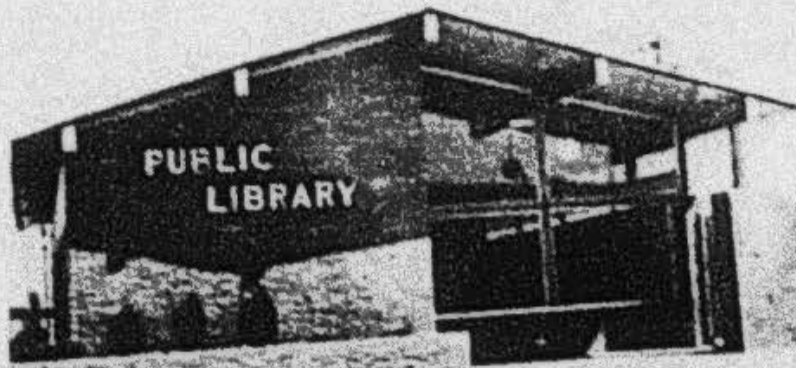
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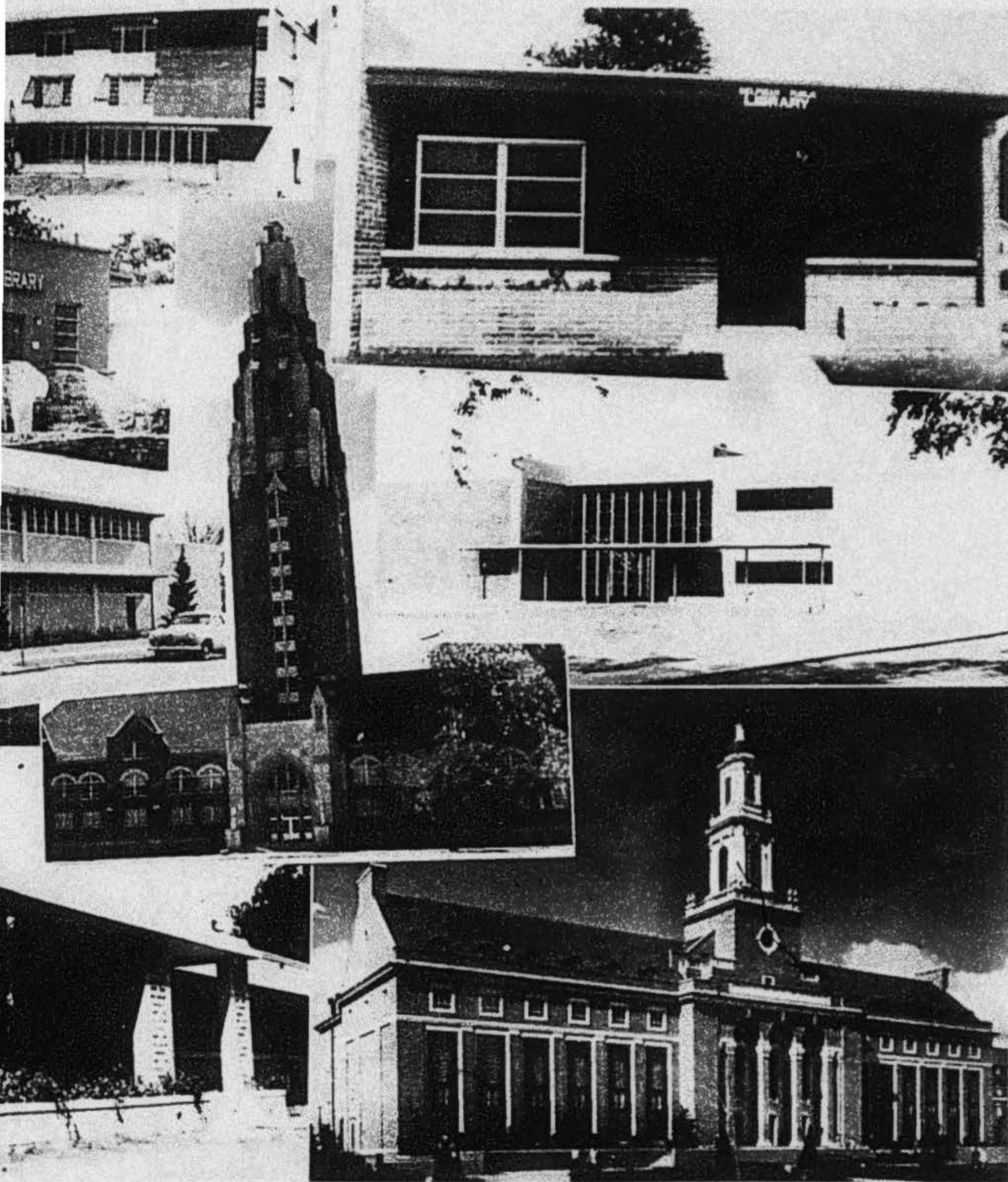
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Libraries pictured are as follows. Left to right, top row; Texhoma Public Library; Library-Classroom Building, Eastern Oklahoma A & M College Wilburton; Delphian Public Library, Laverne.

Middle row: Oklahoma City Main Library; Drumright Public Library (above); Cap-

Oklahoma's Library Landscape



itol Hill Branch Library, Oklahoma City (below); Oklahoma City University, Gold Star Memorial Labrary; Central State College, Max Chambers Library, Edmond.

Bottom row: O. C. W. Library, Chickasha; Pawhuska Public Library; Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater.

Pioneer Librarians

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at the library on the part of anyone in the community. In return, she has had the support and appreciation of her library board and the community she has served so faithfully so many years.

MYRTLE M. JONES

Mrs. Myrtle M. Jones, a charter member of OLA and Librarian of the Ardmore Public Library for 40 years, now resides at 701 Lahoma Street, Norman. It was she who founded the Ardmore Library, almost single-handedly, and for many years she was the only person on the staff. She succeeded in securing the help of Andrew Carnegie for the library. Always operating on a limited budget, Mrs. Jones nevertheless built up a fine book collection numbering 30,000 volumes, and obtained many gifts of fine books from private citizens and clubs. An early advocate of the Oklahoma Library Commission, she worked in close cooperation with that agency after its founding.

Mrs. Jones is highly respected in cultural and literary circles. Her administrative abilities were well demonstrated in her conduct of the Ardmore Library. Quietly and without fanfare she carried the whole burden of the library for 40 years, demonstrating a consistent leadership and attainment.

MARY HAYS MARABLE

Mary Hays Marable, Professor of Library Science, University of Oklahoma Library School, has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship in Oklahoma dating back to 1910, when she was appointed Assistant Librarian of the Oklahoma City Carnegie Library. She served as Librarian from 1916 to 1919. In 1926, she became Librarian of the Oklahoma City University Library, serving until 1937, when she was appointed Instructor in Library Science at the University of Oklahoma. In 1955 she was raised to the rank of Professor.

Mrs. Marable received the B.A. degree from Oklahoma City University in 1930, and the B.S. in L.S. and M.S. in L.S. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1933 and 1942. Her academic specializations are children's literature, cataloging, and public libraries. She has taught in the summer sessions at the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Marable is the author of *Handbook of Oklahoma Writers* (1938), as well as numerous professional articles. Her book reviews in the

Sunday Oklahoman, which she has done for years, are known and appreciated by a host of readers. Well-known for many public appearances throughout the State, she is a person of integrity and a splendid teacher, inspiring, thorough, and respected.

A long-time member of OLA, Mrs. Marable served as president of the Association in 1944, and is a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.

MABEL PEACOCK

Mrs. Mabel Peacock, Librarian of the Kerr-McGee Oil Company and for many years head of the Oklahoma City Carnegie Library, has served her community and the library profession for 42 years. She joined the staff of the Oklahoma City Carnegie Library in 1915, and in 1919 was appointed head librarian, serving in this capacity until her retirement in 1947.

Mrs. Peacock assembled about her an efficient and hard-working staff, and constantly sought to extend the library's service to the community. She established the system of branch libraries in Oklahoma City, two of which are still in operation. Under her direction, the City and the Board of Education for a time jointly operated community branch libraries located in the junior and senior high schools.

Mrs. Peacock was and is an active member of OLA and SWLA. When the new building of the Oklahoma City Libraries was dedicated in January 1954, Mrs. Peacock was honored with a Life Patron Award. The accompanying citation ably sums up her outstanding contribution to librarianship: "For distinguished service to the Public Library and its program of continuing education for all through almost thirty years service as Librarian, during which time she established the Library as a vital part of the city's community life."

CORA CASE PORTER

Mrs. Cora Case Porter served the Muskogee Public Library for 20 years, and altogether has spent some 37 years in devoted service to librarianship in Oklahoma. She now resides at 219 E. 12th Street, Ada.

Mrs. Porter received the Master of Arts degree from Potter College, now Western Kentucky Teachers' College in Bowling Green, and later studied at the New York Chautauqua Library School, receiving a library assistant's certificate. In 1924 she completed the work for the B.S. in L.S. degree from the University of Illinois.

Her service in Oklahoma began in 1908 when she joined the staff of the Oklahoma City Carnegie Library as Library Assistant and Cataloger.

She headed the Enid Public Library from 1913 to 1923, and in 1920 organized the Garfield County Library, the first county library in the state.

A tour of duty as Librarian of the Wilshire Branch Library, Los Angeles, California, took Mrs. Porter out of the state in 1924-25. She returned to Oklahoma and became librarian of the Muskogee Public Library in 1925, serving until her retirement in 1945.

A working member of many professional and literary organizations, Mrs. Porter is the author of a book of poems and of a professional manual of library practice. She has been a member of OLA continuously since 1909, and has held many offices in the Association: President, 1913-1915; First Vice-President, 1921-23; Second Vice-President, 1912 and 1920; Secretary, 1926. She was a charter member of the Southwestern Library Association, and served as the Vice-President for Oklahoma in 1929-30 and as President of SWLA in 1934-36.

Mrs. Porter was commissioned to do AEA Travelling Library war work on the Mexican border in 1918, and in the summer of 1927 served as library staff member for the Second AEF headquarters in Paris.

Mrs. Porter received the OLA Distinguished Service Award in 1955, and maintains an active interest in the Association. Her poem, "Golden Half-Century," appears elsewhere in this issue.

JESSE LEE RADER

Jesse Lee Rader, Librarian Emeritus, University of Oklahoma Libraries, received the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma and attended Library School at the University of Illinois. A charter member of OLA, he was a student assistant at the O.U. library when OLA was founded. When Milton J. Ferguson resigned as University Librarian, Rader became Acting Librarian (1908) and Librarian in 1909, serving in this capacity for 43 years until his retirement in 1952.

Under his able leadership and wise direction the library resources of the University grew from 12,000 to 400,000 volumes, and the library staff from himself alone to 45 full-time persons. In 1929 he founded the O. U. Library School.

Three times elected president of OLA, Mr. Rader received the Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1950. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Delta Chi, he served on the Oklahoma Library Commission, and was named an honorary member of the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1949. In 1950 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of

Arts, Great Britain, and in May, 1955, he was named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

His published writings include *Readings in Oklahoma History* (with Dr. E. E. Dale) and a scholarly bibliography of the Southwest, *South of Forty: From the Mississippi to the Rio Grande*.

The fine rare book collection in the O. U. Library is the result of years of careful and patient accumulation, a product of Mr. Rader's love and interest in books. To his tasks he brought a love of books and a friendliness and interest in others which inspired affection and gained him many friends.

MAMIE SMALL

Mrs. Mamie Small has served as Librarian of the Carnegie Public Library at Lawton for 37 years. She came to the library in 1921, and has built up the book collection from 3,000 to 42,425 volumes in spite of a small budget over the years.

This very active library serves 12 public schools with 50-volume book kits each week, rotating them each month. Three story hours are held each Saturday with a projection show each month. The library sponsors five youth reading clubs, and Mrs. Small serves as reading advisor and director for 10 adult clubs. Lawton has shown appreciation for this high standard of service in its loyal support of the library. Last year more than 80,000 books were loaned.

Mrs. Small's enthusiasm for her work, her understanding of the needs of readers, and her knowledge of books have been important factors in her success. She has won the appreciation and respect of her community for her fine program of book service to both juvenile and adult readers.

ETTA GRAY WATKINS

Mrs. Etta Gray Watkins has an enviable record of 36 years service as librarian of the Cherokee City-County Library. In 1921 the library was started with 350 books, an old table, and three chairs. Since then it has weathered one fire (uninsured) and a depression. Mrs. Watkins has always been the motivating force behind the library. After the fire, she immediately began collecting books for another library, enlisting the help of clubs, churches, and other city organizations.

In 1929 the library became the Cherokee City-County Library, and in 1939 a building was built with the help of the schools, county officers, civic clubs, and churches. The library has since become a true community center, and the community has shown its appreciation by giving it

full use, making generous gifts to the library, and providing excellent upkeep of the property.

Mrs. Watkins has maintained an active program of service. She supplies the schools with book collections each month, maintaining 58 traveling libraries for the rural schools. She assists the summer religious training groups and youth reading clubs and has provided for delivering books to shut-ins. The book collection now numbers 13,000 volumes.

As a librarian, Mrs. Watkins has made a place of importance for herself in the community through her work with church, club, lodge, and civic groups.

METTA M. WOODWARD

Miss Metta M. Woodward served as Librarian of the Woodward Carnegie Library, Woodward, Oklahoma, from 1918 to 1954. She is now retired and resides at 418 E. 15th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

During her 36 years of service, the commu-

ity of Woodward gave her many honors. At one time she was named the outstanding woman citizen of the town. In 1948, she was honored with the observance of a "Metta M. Woodward Week," during which she was presented a \$100 War Bond by local civic organizations. One of her most prized possessions is a diamond ring which was presented to her by the children of the city as a token of their regard.

Under Miss Woodward's guidance, the library collection grew from 1,500 to 16,000 volumes.

Miss Woodward was a member of OLA and SWLA and faithfully attended meetings of these associations during her long career. She was also one of the earliest honorary members of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national organization of women educators.

Miss Woodward herself has said that "cooperation has been the key to library success." For her outstanding contribution to librarianship in Oklahoma, she received an OLA Distinguished Service Award in 1950.



OLA officers present the Pioneer Librarian citation and their felicitations to Mrs. Myrtle M. Jones. Shown with Mrs. Jones in the above photograph are John B. Stratton, Jesse L. Rader, Dr. Martha V. Rinsland and Irma Tomberlin.

Frances Kennedy

The Legislative Committee Reports

Before the next meeting of the Oklahoma State Legislature, librarians, laymen, and legislators should be much better informed on problems facing all types of libraries in the state. As you remember, the 26th Legislature passed a concurrent resolution directing the Education Committee of the State Legislative Council to appoint a subcommittee to study these problems, and to report findings and recommendations to the 27th Legislature.

The interim study was approved by the Executive Committee of the State Legislative Council at its organization meeting on June 24. At that time Representative Elmo B. Hurst was appointed Chairman of the Public School Education Committee, and Senator Clem M. Hamilton, Vice-Chairman. The committee has not yet met, but October has been named a favorable month for inauguration of activities. A sub-

committee will be appointed to carry on the study, and librarians of the state will be asked to cooperate and furnish needed and meaningful statistics and information. Letters have been sent to Mr. Hurst and Mr. Hamilton, offering whatever help we may be able to give. One of the profession's good friends, George Nigh, attended the Executive Committee meeting, and letters have been sent to him, also, urging his continued and effective activity in behalf of libraries.

The fruitfulness of such a study depends partially upon the personnel of the committee appointed, and their interest in existing problems. The names of Committee members will be sent to you when they are announced—then—let's bolster or renew their interest in problems which face our libraries, our patrons, and our personnel!

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A symposium by Oklahoma librarians telling of new and exciting library buildings, either still in the planning stage, in the process of being built, or nearly completed, rounded out the program for this year.

In 1953, the OLA voiced wholehearted approval of the principle of a single administration for the state agencies of library service, as set forth in a bill in the Oklahoma Senate. The Association also unanimously agreed to actively endorse the Federal Library Services Bill which was then pending in Congress. Again we were indebted to the ALA for two fine speakers, Dr. Robert Downs, President of ALA and librarian of the University of Illinois, and Mr. David H. Clift, Executive Secretary, Mr. Stanley McElderry, Assistant Director, University of Oklahoma Library, and Mr. R. R. Oglesby, Dean of Students at Oklahoma A & M, were other outstanding speakers for this meeting.

In 1954, in the handsome new Oklahoma A & M Library, we turned to "Wider Horizons for Oklahoma Libraries." This was truly a star-studded meeting, for it was here that the "Oklahoma Plan" made its first appearance. It proposed multi-county library units as the most feasible means of achieving good library service for all corners of the state. The emphasis of the entire meeting was on the working together of all types of libraries to develop better library service for the entire state. Sharing the spotlight with the "Oklahoma Plan" and adding to it were Mrs. Lura Currier, Field Representative of the Mississippi Library Commission, and Miss Flora Belle Ludington, President of the American Library Association. Mr. David H. Clift and Miss Julia Bennett, Director of the Washington office of ALA brought us a vital and interesting report from ALA. Mr. Joseph Shipman, Librarian of the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, told us of "Special Resources in the Middle West and Southwest."

It was announced to everyone's pleasure that the *Oklahoma Librarian* would now become a quarterly publication. A plan for a series of regional or district meetings, for the librarians in different areas of the state was put into effect this year. Through these informal meetings, it was hoped that all librarians in the state could meet with others in their areas to share mutual interests and problems.

In 1955, in Oklahoma City, the Association was "Setting the Course for the Next Decade." Again

emphasis was on discussion of the "Oklahoma Public Library Plan," and on current library legislation, the Multi-County Library Act, which permits counties to cooperate in establishing and extending library service if they so desire. We were fortunate to have with us as our speakers Mrs. Merlin A. Moore, Chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission, Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, Director of Children's Traveling Book Exhibit of the Kansas State Teachers' Association, and Mrs. Elizabeth Owens, librarian of the Union Electric Company of Missouri. It was indeed a compliment and a pleasure to have Mrs. Lura Currier return to Oklahoma this year to meet with us. Many changes were taking place within the Association. A new method of electing officers permitted a mail ballot on the nominees, often biographical information about each nominee had been given in the *Oklahoma Librarian*. Dues were raised this year, too, because of the heavy financial demands on the Association from its widening interests and increasing activities. Section names of the Association had been changed to Divisions, and OLA was now ready for chapter designation in the American Library Association. Oklahoma libraries and librarians were honored at the 74th ALA meeting in Philadelphia, when Oklahoma City University Library and the Post Library at Fort Sill received John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards. Dr. Gaston Litton, formerly President of OLA, was elected to membership in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

1956 found the Association in Pawhuska, "Developing the Oklahoma Library Plan." This meeting, too, brought us many well-known speakers, all of whom made excellent talks which will long be remembered. Miss Patricia Paylore, President of the Southwestern Library Association, Mrs. Orcene Mahoney, Executive Secretary of the Division of Cataloging and Classification of the ALA, Miss Virginia Mathews, School and Library Consultant of Longmans, Green and Company, Dr. Angie Debo, well-known author and historian, Mrs. Alice Brooks McGuire, editor of the School and Children's Section of *Wilson Library Bulletin*—all contributed to make this one of the outstanding meetings in the Association's history. Add to this array of talent the names of Mr. John S. Richards, President of the ALA and the librarian of the Seattle Public Library, and Mr. John Joseph Mathews, noted author from Pawhuska, and you have a program which was truly memorable. This year saw the passage of the Federal Library Services Bill, and the appointment of an OLA Advisory Committee to assist the



HALF a century has brought us to 1957. Where the next half will take us is almost beyond conjecture. But whatever we as a State may achieve that is fine—in substance, in intellect and in spirit—we may be sure will be largely attributable in the next 50 years as in the past 50, to the accumulation and dissemination of knowledge, through libraries.

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State Library in drafting a state plan for the expenditure of federal funds under the Library Services Act. Another outstanding librarian, Mr. Jesse Lee Rader, charter member of OLA and a former president of the Association, was elected to Oklahoma's Hall of Fame. And again, an Oklahoma library achieved distinction at the Miami Beach Conference of ALA when the Oklahoma City Libraries received the John Cotton Dana Publicity Award.

This brings us to our fiftieth year, when we shall be taking a look at "The Past 50 and the Next 50." Guest speakers who honored us by meeting with us in this anniversary year were Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary of the ALA and Director of the Office for the Office for Adult Education; Dr. Maurice Tauber, Professor of Library Service at Columbia University; Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Representative of the Louisiana State Library; Dr. Angie Debo; and Miss Florene Jordan, librarian of the Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library, Magnolia, Arkansas. The Golden Anniversary Dinner honoring our Pioneer Librarians was an exciting affair, with Dr. Edward E. Dale, historian and author, telling of the wonderful events of "Statehood Day in Guthrie," and Mr. Edmon Low doing a masterful job in presiding over the dinner, and presenting the Pioneer Librarian Citations.

The first Library Trustees Institute was held this year and was sponsored jointly by the State Library, the Association, and the Extension Division of the University. This was an eventful year for library development in Oklahoma, with the appropriation by the Legislature to match federal funds to start a program of rural library development. Two outstanding Association leaders, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin and Mrs. Leta S. Dover, were appointed as consultants, to advise with the Extension Division of the State Library on the implementing of the Oklahoma State Plan. A scholarship fund was established by the Past Presidents of the Association, which will be of tremendous value in future recruiting.

Looking back, we find that there are many things which have resulted from the efforts of the Association. To mention only a few, we might list the following. The establishment of the Oklahoma Library Commission came about as a result of years of planning and work. In 1953, the union of the State Library and the Commission, by legislative act, provided the means for enlarging and extending the services of the unified agency so that it can give greater service to the people of Oklahoma. Another particularly outstanding event was the founding of the Library School at the University of Oklahoma, which has

resulted in improved trained service in the state. By the initiation of the Distinguished Service awards we are able to express in a small way our appreciation to those persons who have made remarkable contributions to librarianship in Oklahoma. Certainly the Multi-County Library Act represents a milestone in the achievements of the Association, for it is through this act that we are able to promote library service in rural communities. Finally, we consider the *Oklahoma Librarian* to be a professional journal, which we can claim with pride, for it continues to be a source of inspiration and provides an excellent means of communication between the officers of the Association and the membership.


The Oklahoma Library Association of today is a far cry from that small group who met in the basement of the old Carnegie Library Building in Oklahoma City in 1907. But the charter members who met at that time gave their names and service to a cause in which they believed, and the results of their efforts have been reflected in the achievements of recent years.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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 Dierdorff, Marian E., John Marshall HS, Oklahoma City
 Doughty, Mrs. Alma G., NW Classen HS, Oklahoma City (7)
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 Hand, Mrs. Elsie D., Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City (5)
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 Jackson, Bernette, Bristow PL

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 McCoy, B. E., Remington Rand, 216 N.W. 10, Oklahoma City
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 Paschall, Faye Marie, 507 E. Broadway, Enid
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 Sullivan, Mrs. Irene D., Phillips Univ., Enid
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 Youngs, Una Nell, Bartlesville PL

New Institutional members are:

Aradarko Public Library
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 Pawhuska Public Library,
 Pryor Public Library

The name of Mrs. Della Thomas, Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater, was incorrectly listed in the July issue as Mrs. Ella Thomas.

OLA Officers, 1957-58



Left to right, James E. Gourley, First Vice-President and President Elect; Mary Leach, Second Vice-President; Esther Henke, Secretary; Ida Self, Treasurer. See page 79 for photograph of President Irma Tomberlin.

Osage, Pawnee Counties Sign Library Contract

Fast-moving citizens in Osage and Pawnee Counties signed a contract early in September creating Oklahoma's first multi-county library, which thus becomes eligible for an establishment grant-in-aid from the Oklahoma State Library. The Extension Division of the State Library will immediately prepare for an 18-months library demonstration, to go into operation as soon as personnel can be hired and delivery is obtained on a bookmobile already ordered for the area. Books for the new regional library have already been processed and are ready to go.

Members of the library board for the new multi-county system have been appointed by the county commissioners and are as follows:

For Pawnee County: Mrs. M. L. Saddoris, Cleveland; Bill Waller, Ralston; Dorothy Marcum, Pawnee.

For Osage County: Mrs. Britt Baker, Avant; Mr. John Blanton, Pawhuska; Mrs. Phil Reed, Sr., Foraker.

Oklahoma's plan is to establish two multi-county libraries each year that funds are available from the Library Services Act. Only two requirements are made for areas to qualify for establishment grants. (1) Funds will go only to multi-county libraries, established as provided in the multi-county library law passed in 1955. (2) The area must contribute the equivalent of one-quarter of a mill of its assessed valuation for the library to demonstrate its interest in obtaining good library service.

Establishment grants to libraries qualifying the above two points will be made on the basis of first come, first served.

Citizens in both Osage and Pawnee Counties deserve the credit for winning the first multi-county library for their area. An aggressive library board at Pawhuska, headed by the Rev. B. F. Williams as chairman, has long been interested in bookmobile service to the rural areas and has conducted a vigorous information campaign in both counties since the multi-county library law was passed. A citizens group in Pawnee County succeeded in getting a second and successful hearing before the county commissioners, after an earlier hearing had failed to produce a signed contract.

Oklahoma's rural citizens have been quick to understand the new possibilities for good library

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● NEWS OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIANS

CHICKASHA, High School Library—Miss Hazel Fleming has resigned as librarian of the Chickasha High School to accept a position in Enid.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City University—Mrs. Frances W. Penfold has been appointed Catalog Librarian effective September 1 to succeed Miss Ruth Cox, resigned. Miss Cox is now at the University of Southern California as administrative assistant to the acting librarian. Mrs. Penfold, a graduate of O.C.U., received her degree in library science at the University of Oklahoma. Her varied professional experience includes army library work in this country and hospital library service in Japan; the Oklahoma City, St. Louis, and Milwaukee public libraries; Washington University; and her most recent position in the catalog department of the University of Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, City Libraries—Mrs. Ethel Gay, formerly of Kingfisher, where she was associated with the Kingfisher schools as English teacher, has joined the Oklahoma City Libraries staff as an Assistant Reference Librarian. She received the master's degree in library science from O. U. this year.

Miss Christie Furlow has also joined the staff as an Assistant Reference Librarian. She received the master's degree in library science from O.U. in 1956.

Mrs. Rama Nolan has been appointed Boys' and Girls' Librarian of the Capitol Hill Branch Library. She received a B. A. in L. S. degree from O. U. in 1953, and since September 1956 has been serving as an Assistant Reference Librarian in the Oklahoma City main library.

J. A. Federhen, an executive with the Capitol Hill Branch of OG & E, has been appointed to the Oklahoma City Library Board replacing Mr. Gene Henry.

OKLAHOMA CITY, State Library—Esther Henke, Extension Librarian, has been appointed to serve on a committee of nine trustees and three librarians which will meet at Midwinter to plan a library trustees workshop to be held at the San Francisco ALA Conference. Mrs.

Merlin M. Moore, President of the American Association of Library Trustees made the appointment.

Mrs. Pattilou McCoy, Librarian, Special Services Division, has been invited to address a statewide staff meeting of the Arkansas Vocational Rehabilitation Service on November 7 in Little Rock. Her subject will be the role of the regional library for the blind in relation to the total rehabilitation program. On October 26, Mrs. McCoy and her staff will take part in the program of the Oklahoma Federation for the Blind, which will meet in Oklahoma City at the Huckins Hotel.

Mrs. Dorothea Ice, Documents Librarian, recently spent a week visiting the Tennessee State Library, Joint University Libraries at Nashville, and the University of Arkansas Library at Fayetteville, to study the work of the documents division in these libraries.

PAWHUSKA, Public Library—Librarian Hollis C. Haney has resigned to accept a position as librarian of a regional or multi-county library with headquarters at Rockingham, North Carolina.

STILLWATER, Public Library—Mrs. Myrtle Jones, formerly librarian at Oklahoma A & M Technical School, Okmulgee, has been appointed librarian of the Stillwater City Library succeeding Miss Helen Donart, who has joined the Oklahoma State University Library staff.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma State University—Mrs. Della Thomas, assistant professor of library science, has been appointed head of the Education area of the Oklahoma State University Library. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Library School, she has had experience as a teacher, school and public librarian, and textbook consultant. Assisting Mrs. Thomas in the Education area and with courses in library science is Miss Leola Corley, who has served in the reference and children's departments of the Oklahoma City Libraries.

TULSA, Jefferson Elementary School—Miss Helen Rushmore, librarian, who is the author of six published children's books, has had her book *Cowboy Joe of the Circle S* trans-

lated into Turkish, according to a story in the *Tulsa World*. Permission to translate the book was granted to the American Board of Publication, Istanbul, a group which is trying to bring good books to Turkish children.

TULSA, Red Fork Branch Library—Miss Rose Eggers, branch librarian, retired recently after 30 years of service with the Tulsa Public Library. She will live in Memphis with relatives.

TULSA, Public Library—After 28 years of service with the Tulsa Public Library, Mrs. Helen G. Ware has announced her retirement effective September 15. Mrs. Ware began her library career as assistant in the juvenile division in 1929 and has held several positions—branch librarian, head of circulation, and was acting librarian during the war years 1942-45. Upon the return of the Librarian, Mr. James E. Gourley, Mrs. Ware was appointed Assistant Librarian, which position she has retained. The Tulsa Public Library will miss Mrs. Ware and is grateful to her for the long years of faithful service and wishes her health and happiness upon her retirement. Mrs. Ware plans to remain in Tulsa until spring, at which time she and her sister Miss Daisy Greer will

move back to their home town of Anna, Illinois.

Jacqueline George, formerly Consultant Children's Reading for the Tulsa Public Library, is now librarian of the Stephen F. Austin Jr. High School in Midland, Texas. Her television show, "Kim's Klub," which she conducted in Tulsa for more than a year was extremely successful. She also served on the staff of the Boys' and Girls' Department of the Oklahoma City Libraries during her sojourn in Oklahoma.

WAURIKA—Miss Sally Ray King, librarian and English teacher in Waurika for the past 12 years, has taken a year's leave of absence to work as a librarian in a school for children of U. S. Army personnel in Germany.

The newspapers in Cushing, Bartlesville, and Tulsa have been engaging in a friendly debate as to comparative reading done by their citizens. The *Cushing Daily Citizen* in a story dated August 9 says, "Not to become argumentative about it, let's just say that Cushing, Bartlesville and Tulsa are establishing summer records for reading! In other words, we are literate, as opposed to illiterate. And, we have a good library staff!"

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BARTLESVILLE, Public Library—The library bond issue in Bartlesville was defeated August 21 by only 435 votes. \$250,000 for library expansion and modernization had been proposed. In the same election, \$2,274,000 was voted for extending the city's waterworks system.

EDMOND, Central State College—The new half-million dollar Max Chambers library was dedicated in public ceremonies held September 22, in time for use by students and faculty beginning with the fall term. The handsome, functional building features the open stack system. A. A. Whitman is Librarian.

HENRYETTA, Public Library—Mrs. Grover L. Bynum, librarian, reports that the library now owns a new Magnavox and records used in story hours and listening time. A new water cooler has been purchased, and the book budget increased.

NORMAN, Public Library—The library board has approved a project to provide books for patients at the Norman Municipal Hospital. The Women's Auxiliary to the Norman Hospitals will assist in the program.

OKEMAH, City-County Library—A new member of the library board, Raymond Overall, has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Gail R. Kennedy.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma City University—The library has just received as a gift from the Music and Arts University of St. Louis its entire library of books, miniature scores and music. The St. Louis school has recently gone out of existence and selected Oklahoma City University to receive its library and equipment. Included in the gift to the library were a radio-phonograph and a small collection of records. The books in the collection were those on the National Association of Schools of Music lists, and include many importations.

OKMULGEE, City Library—Two airconditioning units were recently installed in the library.

PONCA CITY, Public Library—Library trustees recently re-appointed to serve three year terms are Mrs. O. E. Burris and Mrs. Lee C. Harsh.

A contract was recently signed with the State Department of Commerce and Industry under which a survey will be made of the city library facilities. Funds provided by the city will be matched by the State Department of Commerce and Industry under Housing Law 560 available to cities with less than 25,000 population as of the last census. Purpose of the survey will be to determine if the physical plant is being used to best advantage. The survey is to be completed by December 31.

SEMINOLE, Public Library—The library will launch a fall travelogue program which will be open to the public. Patrons with projectors and slides will be invited to share them with others. — The summer story hour program featured a big tree blooming with 1000 pink blossoms representing the books read by the children.

SHAWNEE, Public Library—Funds for library purposes in the amount of \$1800 have been appropriated by the County Commissioners and approved by the County Excise Board. This contribution from the county to the library's support will again enable rural and non-Shawnee residents to receive the services of the Shawnee Public Library. Restoration of the funds followed protests by the rural residents who wished the service to continue.

TABLEQUAH, Carnegie Library—Library service to the city hospital was resumed in September. The librarian, Miss Essa Gladney, visits the hospital twice each week circulating books and magazines to patients for their use while in the hospital.

VINITA, City Library—A check for \$100 was presented to the library by the architectural firm of Hudgins, Thompson and Ball of Oklahoma City "in appreciation for all that Vinita has done for them." The firm, which held several contracts on the Will Rogers turnpike, had an office in the city hall during construction.

WAYNOKA—Construction of a city library building was begun the first of August as a project of the local Lions Club.

Plans for Library Week Take Shape

Organization and promotion for National Library Week, March 16-22, 1958, are beginning to roll as the National Book Company and the American Library Association, co-sponsors, get ready for the big event this spring. John S. Roblin, director of the promotion and education program, has predicted that the movement "has the interest and support of the country's librarians and will be successful largely due to the enthusiasm of their participation."

Librarians for the first time will have major backing on a national scale in their efforts to promote the wider and wiser use of books. All media—books, magazines, newspapers, radio, and TV—will during this week and before combine their efforts in a campaign to promote the printed word. The theme of the week will be, "Wake Up and Read!"

The direction the campaign will take has been pointed out by Mr. Roblin: "Our approach will be to stress the role of libraries as an important national resource in the education of Americans in an ever-changing world. We will emphasize the rewards of reading as a leisure-time activity and the contribution of reading to career advancement."

State committees are now being appointed by ALA to work with the overall state committees on Library Week. Handbooks and promotion kits are being prepared in New York that will include suggestions for carrying out the campaign. This material will be sent to state and local committees.

Harold Guinzburg, president of the Viking Press, is chairman of the steering committee for National Library Week. Vice-chairmen are: David H. Clift, executive secretary, American Library Association, and Theodore Waller, vice-president, school and library division, Grolier Society. Other members are: Douglas M. Black, president, Doubleday & Company; Ward Cheney, secretary-treasurer, National Book Committee; Marchette Chute, biographer; Louis G. Cowan, vice president, Columbia Broadcasting System; John Fischer, editor, Harper's Magazine; William I. Nichols, editor and publisher, This Week Magazine; and Norman H. Strouse, president, J. Walter Thompson Company.

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Scholarship Announcement

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Interested Oklahomans should apply to Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, SWLA Recruitment-Scholarship Committee, Children's Department, Tulsa Public Library, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Deadline for applications has been set for March 15, 1958.

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service available through the new multi-county library law and the Library Service funds. Already a second multi-county system is shaping up rapidly in central Oklahoma, where citizens of Cleveland, McClain and Garvin Counties have met and endorsed the plan.

The establishment grant to be given the new multi-county library will be made on the basis of \$1.00 per capita of the rural population. This amount will include the purchase of a bookmobile, a book collection, and operation of the library during an 18 months period, including salaries for staff. At the end of the 18-months, the grant in aid will cease, and the area will be entirely on its own. If funds have been made available locally to continue the library with adequate support, the bookmobile and book collection will remain in the area on permanent loan from the State Library.

A bookmobile for demonstration purposes has been ordered, with delivery expected in December, in addition to the two bookmobiles on order for multi-county libraries. Staff of the State Library Extension Division are available to consult with local libraries or citizen groups interested in participating in the program.

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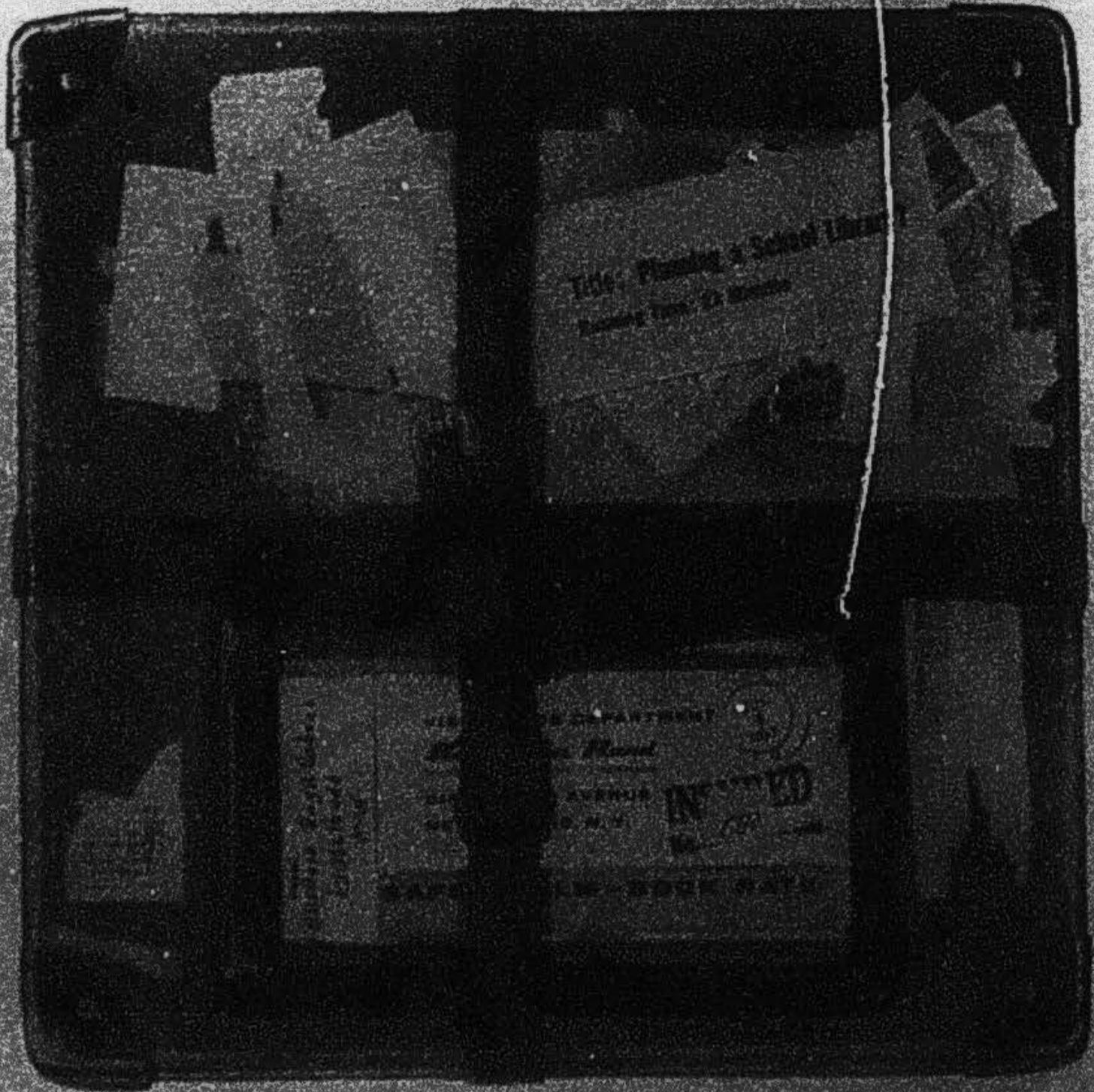


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