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A Message from the O. L. A. President

I should like to extend to all of you my sincere good wishes for the New Year. I hope that 1958 will bring personal happiness to you, and professional achievement to your libraries.

The Oklahoma Student Librarians Association has been temporarily organized, and will hold its annual meeting here in Norman on March 21, 1958 in connection with the High School Library Day, which is jointly sponsored by the University Library School and Extension Division. I hope that all of you high school and junior high school librarians will plan to bring your student assistants and join us for this meeting. It will take place during National Library Week, special exhibits are planned, and we have an excellent opportunity for some person-to-person recruiting.

We are indeed fortunate and pleased to have Mr. Lee C. Erhard, member of the Tulsa Public Library Board, and Director of Public Relations of the Fourth National Bank of Tulsa, as our State Chairman for National Library Week. The members of the State Committee will be named early in January, and we shall be organizing regional library committees at this time also.

"Wake Up and Read" is the theme of NLW, and these four words express so well the goal and aim of librarians everywhere. Not only should all Oklahomans have easy access to books, but they should be encouraged to make full use of these rich treasures, which give them a ready source of personal enrichment, education and entertainment. All types of libraries will benefit through participation in NLW, with increased recognition and support for library programs, closer relationship with the civic organizations and leaders in our towns and communities, and the opportunity to form a solid base for the future growth and expansion of library services throughout the state. I hope that all of us will play an active part in helping to "demonstrate the rewards of reading."

Now is the time to contact our Congressmen while they are at home to enlist their support for the Library Services Act, so that the Federal appropriation for next year will be as large as possible. Please write or call your Congressman, tell him what we have done, and what remains to be done in our state. We have made progress toward the expansion of library service to all our citizens, and we are justly proud of this progress, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. Let's make 1958 a year of real achievement for Oklahoma's libraries!

We'll beLooking for all of you in Norman, April 10-12, for our annual meeting. Program news is elsewhere in this issue. Plan now, to join us for our 51st conference. Also, the biographical information on the candidates selected by our Nominating Committee for offices for the coming year is included in this issue. You will be receiving your ballots before long, and I hope that all of you will cast your votes promptly.
Sallie Farrell

The Sum of Many Small Victories

(Miss Farrell’s speech made March 22, 1957 at the OLA Annual Conference)

I am delighted to be here and highly flattered that you invited me to participate in your Golden Anniversary Meeting with its emphasis on the future and not the past. I liked Angie Debo’s preface to Oklahoma, Foot-Loose and Fancy-Free in which she says: “No psychologist would try to analyze a human personality without careful study of its past. But this is only by way of understanding. In Oklahoma the present is the important thing. That and the future.” And, by the way, Oklahoma, Foot-Loose and Fancy-Free is a gracious, honest and informative introduction to your fascinating state.

As you know full well, speakers have deadlines for the submitting of topics for use in the printed convention programs. And you know full well also that more often than not these speakers do not have their talks prepared at the time the topics are submitted. This situation, of course, presents quite a problem. The topic must perforce be one that reveals nothing, one that is all-embracing.

I asked my boss, Essae Culver, for a suggestion for a topic and she said, “How about The Hill of Vision?” You can look backward from the hill, forward, and all around.” When I finally selected my subject just before the March 8 deadline I tried it out on an assistant in one of our parish libraries, and she said: “That’s just fine, Sallie. They will never guess what you are going to talk about.” This was exactly the reaction I wanted! Off went the topic. And here I am committed to it—“The Sum of Many Small Victories.”

I must say I like it. Bruce Catton used the phrase when he accepted the National Book Award for his Stiliness at Appomattox. I want to read you the sentence in which the phrase appears: “What we see, if we look closely, is that the sum of many small victories won by individual human beings is a victory for all of us... Out of sight, somewhere, something great is moving.”

I thought we might talk today about some of the library victories won, some for which we are currently struggling, and some battles that need to be waged. That’s quite a martial metaphor for a peace-loving librarian!

Outstanding among our victories is the passage of the Library Services Act, but even more impressive than the passage of the bill are the subsequent library activities in the states. It is a thrilling and wondrous thing! State associations have been working tirelessly with state library agencies to devise the very best plan for their states, and to secure the necessary matching funds from the governing bodies.

After the passage of the bill all state agencies received a letter from the ALA Washington Office asking about the benefits resulting from the federal legislation campaign. In Louisiana we answered by saying: “There seems to be a keener library consciousness among members of statewide organizations—notably the Parent-Teacher Association and the Louisiana Federation of Women’s Clubs. Secondly, there is a greater interest in the library extension program of the State Library among members of the state library association not in the public library field.” This situation prevails, I am sure, in most parts of the country. College and university and school librarians have pushed just as hard, in many cases, as public librarians. The state library association has interested itself more actively in the state library program. In many states, the association has taken the lead. But the important point is that the two have worked hand in hand.

Thirty-six plans have been submitted to the U. S. Office of Education and 22 states have received their checks. Julia Bennett was able to tell the Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee hearing the budget of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that the states could match over six and one-half million dollars!

I think you will be interested in hearing some of the accomplishments of the various states as a result of the passage of the bill. After eight years Arizona has received legislative funds for its extension division.

Utah, the one state in the Union without a state library agency, is hopeful that the bill creating its agency will be passed. The bill was up for a second reading in the House a couple of weeks ago, and by this time it has probably been enacted into law.

Just a few years ago the field worker in
Minnesota had only two hundred dollars annually for travel! Today in Minnesota the appropriation for the state library agency has been increased considerably and its program, using state and federal funds, is under way.

In Texas an emergency bill to match federal funds has been introduced into the legislature.

We heard this morning the report of Oklahoma's legislative activities. I have complete confidence that with Allie Beth Martin, the borrowed mink stole, and your enthusiastic help, Oklahoma will get the funds it is seeking.

The passage of the Library Services Act has made it possible to strengthen the Library Services Branch of the Office of Education. Formerly, it was an inadequately supported and under-staffed section, lost in the labyrinth of the Office of Education. Today, its director, Mr. Dunbar, reports to the Assistant Commissioner of Education and does not have to go through endless channels. The Branch has a full professional staff with John Lorenz, former assistant state librarian in Michigan, as associate director and a public library specialist and extension specialists working with him.

I liked the story Julia Bennett told at the recent convention of the Louisiana Library Association. She was driving home after a busy day and heard a Washington news commentator say that a U. S. Congressman had just reported to him that for every letter he received urging the reduction of the President's budget he received five urging that the full seven and one-half million dollars authorized under the Library Services Act be appropriated.

I am sure that fifteen years ago such news would not have been considered worthy of comment and, furthermore, that no U. S. Congressman received any mail about any library activity.

Another word of encouragement is that twenty-five Congressmen requested a hearing before the Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee when the budget for the Library Services Act was being considered.

Of consequence and great usefulness is the recently published Public Library Service, the restated standards for public libraries. These standards were "revised in wisdom and in knowledge," to use a phrase I heard in a recent convention talk. In the early pages of the publication is this statement: "Libraries working together, sharing their services and materials, can meet the full needs of their users. This cooperative approach on the part of libraries is the most important single recommendation of this document."

"The Role of the Public Library," as stated by Gerald W. Johnson in the Introduction, is an eloquent, but down-to-earth statement which will be quoted by librarians and trustees for many years to come.

I have been impressed with the work of the ALA Committee which is promoting interest in and use of the standards through the publication of three items which, it is hoped, will have wide distribution. Particularly significant is the leaflet small enough to stuff into an envelope which is designed for use with citizens. We have come a long, long way, haven't we, when we see right off that it is important for citizens to know about these library matters?

The publication, Public Library Service, is certainly "the sum of many small victories."

We are getting away from, thank goodness, our "unsplendid isolation." At the 1956 White House Conference Ruth Gagliardo said, "Librarians no longer dare plan only with librarians—they are a part of the whole, and the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This is the library's challenge at the Mid-century."

And we are planning with others! Look at "Operation Library" as a dramatic example! Twenty-five years ago I do not believe any male civic organization would have even thought of promoting libraries as part of its national program. Today this live-wire group of Jaycees, with national headquarters in your own state, are eagerly offering their services to librarians.

Arthur Parsons, chairman of the ALA Committee on "Operation Library," made a fine statement about this "new opportunity for citizen support." He wrote in Public Libraries for December 1956.

"The good which 'Operation Library' can do is priceless. It is what all of us have wanted for many years, and its facets are many. What we make of this tender of support is up to you."

By the way, did you know that the Gersten-logo Company at a recent sales meeting voted to contribute $500 to "Operation Library" for the purpose of promoting the program on a national basis?

Another organization of volunteers is the National Book Committee, a citizens' group working in a variety of fields. The statement of purpose describes it as "a society of citizens dedicated to the cause of reading."

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OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
1958 ANNUAL MEETING

TIME: April 10-12, 1958

PLACE: Union Building, University of Oklahoma, Norman

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marguerite Henry, guest speaker for the Children's and Young People's Division, Friday afternoon, April 11.

Dean Thurman White, guest speaker for annual dinner meeting, Friday evening, April 11.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Autographing party honoring Marguerite Henry and Black Gold at the Red Plains Trading Post, time to be announced.

Dedication of the new addition to the University of Oklahoma Library, Friday afternoon, April 11.

Second Trustees Institute, Thursday, April 10.

Rooms available at the Lockett Hotel and the Norman Courts.

Further information on University housing will follow by mail in a few weeks. James E. Gourley is Chairman of the Program Committee and Christie Cathey of the University of Oklahoma Library staff is Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.
Noted Children's Author Will Be OLA Speaker

Marguerite Henry is the author of over 30 books for children, and has won many important awards and honors. The story behind the writing of her latest book, *Black Gold*, with its Oklahoma setting, is told by Jacqueline Kim George elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Henry's appearance at the OLA Children's and Young People's Division meeting on the afternoon of April 11 is sure to be an exciting and well-attended event. An autographing party for Mrs. Henry and *Black Gold* will be held sometime during the conference at the Red Plains Trading Post, located north of Oklahoma City.

For Marguerite Henry's biography, see Kunitz and Haycraft's *The Junior Book of Authors*, and the interesting biographical sketch by her sister entitled "My Little Sister Marguerite Henry" which appears in Newbery Medal Books 1922-1955. Mrs. Henry's book *King of the Wind* won the Newbery Medal in 1949. The Boys Club of America awarded her a medal for *Misty of Chincoteague*, which was a Junior Literary Guild selection, as were *The Little Fellow* and *Justin Morgan Had a Horse*. The last-named book received the Friends of Literature Award for 1946 and the Junior Scholastic Gold Seal Award.

Other favorites written by Marguerite Henry and illustrated by Wesley Dennis include *Brighty of the Grand Canyon* (winner of the William Allen White Award, which is voted by school children); *Born to Trot; Sea Star: Orphan of Chincoteague; Album of Horses; Wagging Tales; and Cinnabar, The One O'Clock Fox*. All are notable for the author's accuracy in supplying background detail and the imaginative power with which the story is put together.

*Benjamin West and His Cat, Grimalkin,* was named by the Library of Congress as one of the juvenile books of 1947 best expressing the American spirit. Several of Mrs. Henry's books have been translated into other languages.

Born Marguerite Breithaupt, she was the youngest in a family of five children. Her father was a Milwaukee printer in whose shop she spent many happy hours. Marguerite sold her first story at the age of eleven (to the *Delineator Magazine*).

January, 1958

Dean Thurman White Is Dinner Speaker

OLA's guest speaker at the annual dinner to be held Friday night, April 11, will be Dean Thurman White of the University of Oklahoma Extension Division. Those who have heard him speak promise convention goers that Dean White's address will be one of the high spots of the meeting.

Nationally prominent in the field of adult education, Dean White is editor of the leading journal in the field, *Adult Education,* published by the Adult Education Association of the United States, and is a member of that organization's executive committee.

A native of Ponce City, he has the A.B. degree from Phillips University, the M.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. He has been on the University teaching staff since 1937 except for short leaves of absence, and since 1956 has been Dean of the O. U. Extension Division. In 1947-48 he was Executive Secretary of the Film Council of America.

The long list of committees which have claimed his time reflects his varied interests. At present Dean White is a member of the important Defense Advisory Committee on Education in the Armed Forces, a member of the Rotary International Service Committee, Chairman of the Research Committee of the National University Extension Association, third vice-president of the State Mental Health Association, and Vice-Chairman of the Clinic & Forum Committee of the State Department of Commerce and Industry to mention only a few.

Dean White, is the author of "Speaking of Films," published by the Film Council of America, and the University of Chicago publication *Training Interests of Adult Education Leaders,* besides articles contributed to magazines. He is listed in *Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the South and Southwest,* and *Who's Who in Education.*
"Wake Up and Read: For a Better-Read, Better-Informed America!" This is the slogan appearing in newspapers and magazines all over the country as promotion for National Library Week gets underway.

What Is National Library Week?

National Library Week will focus widespread attention on reading and on the importance of libraries of all kinds, from the bookshelves in your home to the vast collections of public and university libraries.

The events of National Library Week will stimulate the act of reading itself—for information, for fun, for all the reasons that make the printed word vital in daily life. Radio, television, newspapers, business, schools, and clubs will feature reading during Library Week, March 16-22, 1958.

Why A National Reading Drive?

We live in a complicated and difficult time when we must be well-informed if we are to survive. As a democratic nation we depend on knowledge as we never have before. We cannot afford a country of lazy minds; we cannot afford a nation of non-readers.

Reading is not only essential to a free society but it enriches the individual. It is the reader who has the successful career; business and industry have never been able to find as many educated and intelligent people as they need. And it is the reader who lives in the fullest sense because he makes the experiences of all mankind his own, through the magic of print.

The rising demand for reading has sent libraries into factories and institutions, and out into isolated rural areas; it has brought a flood of books into corner stores and newsstands all over the nation. Reading has increased in recent years as measured in circulation of newspapers, magazines and books, and in library usage, but it has not grown as much as many other uses of leisure time.

The time is right for reaffirmation of the role of the written word, and for common effort to enlarge and extend libraries—the chief agencies for bringing the printed word to the whole community.

Certainly the people of the United States have the time for reading, and the ability; working hours are shorter and the educational level higher than ever before. The opportunity exists, and the leisure, but all Americans have not yet learned what can be done with it.

National Library Week will help them make more satisfying use of leisure time. Its purpose is to encourage the people of the United States to do more reading. With the theme "Wake Up and Read!" Library Week will unite the efforts of all persons and groups concerned with a better-read, better-informed America—National Library Week Committee.
Library Week Planners Already in Action

Tulsan Heads Committee For Library Week in State

Lee C. Erhard, director of public relations for the Fourth National Bank of Tulsa, will head the citizens' committee for National Library Week in Oklahoma. Mr. Erhard is a former chairman of the Tulsa Public Library Board.

Other members of the citizens committee for the state have not yet been announced. The committee of Oklahoma librarians which will work with the citizens group is made up of the following: Chairman, Irma Tomberlin; co-deputy chairmen, Allie Beth Martin and Hunter Miracle of the Tulsa Public Library; Clarence S. Paine, Director of the Oklahoma City Libraries; and Dr. Arthur McAnally, Director of the University of Oklahoma Libraries.

Mr. Erhard is enthusiastic about National Library Week and its purposes and is planning to enlarge citizen support for the project by appointing someone in each county to head the campaign. Watch for the name of the citizen chairman for National Library Week in your county and offer him your support and that of your library.

What They’re Saying About Library Week

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer calls it "a program vital to this region and to the nation."

This Week speaks of "a nation-wide reading promotion campaign which will reach its climax ... in thousands of U.S. cities and towns."

The Associated Press says it's "the first united reading campaign ever instituted ... it won't miss a trick in reaching for your attention through church, club, radio, and the like."

And Publishers Weekly claims it's "the biggest reading-promotion effort ... ever started."

In a special Library Week article, Vance Packard, author of The Hidden Persuaders, points out that "reading is the most personal, the most honest, the most rewarding occupation left to us." And Theodore White, author of Fire in the Ashes, contributes this comment: "At the root of every other triumph of communication, lies the book ... in a world of ever-shrinking identity and personal choice, a book invites you out to shape your own personality in your own world ... to be one whole man again, your own."

What is your library doing about National Library Week?

Who Are Sponsors Of National Library Week?

National Library Week has been organized by the National Book Committee, a non-profit citizens' organization devoted to the wider and wiser use of books. The program has the full cooperation of the American Library Association. It has received the endorsement of the National Education Association. Many national groups, including the Junior Chambers of Commerce and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, are officially coordinating their spring activities with Library Week.

Nationally, a steering committee is raising funds and directing activities. Chairman is Harold K. Guinzburg, President, The Viking Press, Inc.; Vice-Chairman is David H. Clift, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association. Other members of the steering committee are Theodore Waller, of the Grolier Society, Inc.; Bernard Barnes, Vice-President, Time, Inc.; Douglas M. Black, President, Doubleday & Company; Gilbert W. Chapman, President, The Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.; Marchette Chute, biographer; Louis G. Cowan, Vice President, Columbia Broadcasting System; John Fischer, Editor, Harper's Magazine; Robert E. Kenyon, Jr., President, Magazine Publishers Assn., Inc.; Dan Lacy, Managing Director, American Book Publishers Council, Inc.; William I. Nichols, Editor and Publisher, This Week Magazine; Norman H. Strouse, President, J. Walter Thompson Company; John S. Robling is Director of National Library Week.

It is hoped that proclamations of National Library Week by the Governors of the various states will be followed by a Presidential Proclamation.
BLACK GOLD - The Story Behind the Book

A real live author! When I met Marguerite Henry for the first time, I was awestruck as any ten-year-old who had just read *King of the Wind*. I was still as impressed after knowing her for a few days last March.

O.K.A will be fortunate to have this "real live author," Marguerite Henry, as a speaker this year. *Black Gold*, her latest and one of her best books, has a part of its setting in Oklahoma. Mrs. Henry has that rare ability to write books which children enjoy without seeming to write down to or for them. This book is about a horse, a small horse with a big heart, and about two people who loved horses, Al Hoots of Skiatook, Oklahoma, and J. D. Mooney of New Orleans. Al Hoots was owner of U-see-it, an Oklahoma thoroughbred and race winner in her own right; he dreamed of seeing her foal win the Kentucky Derby. Although he did not live to see it, his wife, Rosa, carried on the dream. J. D. Mooney loved horses from the time he was old enough to climb on one, and the ones he tried to ride were horses used to draw the hearse.

Mrs. Henry told us, when she came to Tulsa to do research, that she had heard the story of Black Gold many years ago while working on another book. As she began to hear more versions of the incidents surrounding this great horse, she became interested in finding the truth and writing this story.

Florence Braly, head of the Reference Department of the Tulsa Public Library, began the research after a letter from the author came to James E. Gourley, head librarian, asking for any "nuggets" of information about Black Gold, the mare U-see-it, and the Hoots family. Mrs. Braly by searching many sources found "nuggets" and names which she sent by mail to Mrs. Henry.

In the meantime we made an announcement on the Tulsa Public Library television show, KIM'S KLUB, and asked the children to see if any relatives might remember the horse or the family. One phone call was received before we were off the air and several letters arrived during the week. Each person was contacted and the information received and compiled for later use. One letter from Bartlesville came from a niece of Rosa Hoots.

When Marguerite Henry arrived in Tulsa, she had specific questions in mind to ask, but she was also willing to do a great deal of listening in order to garner any colloquialism or fact to enrich her writing. I learned that the smallest piece of information is important to her. As she found information, she filed it in folders labeled with such headings as "Rosa Hoots," "Skiatook," or "Al Hoots."

Our day in Skiatook was a typical Oklahoma spring day, warm and dusty. It became evident that authors work hardest on the books which are the easiest to read, and that perhaps some of the most exciting items are gained by accident. We first called on the people whose names we had compiled. Like a chain reaction we were sent from one person to another. Each one had a little more to offer. I became so interested that often I found myself interrupting with questions. Mrs. Henry either took notes as we talked to these people, or, if she felt it might restrain them, she waited until we had returned to the car where she wrote down everything as quickly and accurately as we could remember it.

In an old pigeonholed desk in the former newspaper office, now printing office, at Skiatook, we uncovered a dusty, brittle, yellow paper-backed history of the Skiatook of earlier days. Bill Hoge was at work in his barber shop and it was here that we heard the story about the naming of Skiatook which is used in *Black Gold*. The story tells of an Indian who left his teepee, never to be seen again, so it was believed that the sky took him at this place now called Skiatook. Mr. Hoge's customers were willing to add their wry comments.

The most valuable contact, however, was Mr. Dale, retired banker and boyhood friend of young Al Hoots. On the wall of his home was a framed picture of Black Gold. Mr. Dale remembered in detail the feelings of people in Skiatook on that Kentucky Derby day when a picture of Black Gold was hung in the bank window.

Mr. Dale accompanied us to the "Home Place," chuckling as he directed us right and left because I did not know East from West on those back country roads. The Hoots family no longer owns the ranch but the overseer very
graciously showed us the house inside and out, explaining its build. Mr. Dale reminisced on how it had looked in U-see-it's day and about the visits of Sam Starr and the Dalton brothers. It was said that the Dalton brothers used to visit the house and while sitting on an upstairs porch used a huge old cottonwood tree for target practice. In Black Gold Hanley Webb uses the tree for the same purpose.

Mr. Dale convinced us we ought to see more of the countryside, so by driving down a private cowpath, we arrived at the old family cemetery. Then at the risk of torn hose, scratched legs, and dusty shoes, we scrambled through underbrush and barbed wire fences to see Hominy Creek Falls, where, by the way, Mr. Dale had announced his engagement to his wife, hence the reason for the hike. "For the sake of research it was decided that U-see-it could have quenched her thirst in Hominy Creek.

An afternoon in Bartlesville with Mrs. Garrison, the niece of Rosa Hoots, netted some family pictures and some background about the Osage tribe. Mrs. Garrison is making a thorough study of Osage history.

After Marguerite Henry returned to Illinois, Florence Braly, Allie Beth Martin and I searched old newspaper clippings for background. The Tulsa University Library allowed us to have photostats made of their microfilm copies of the Tulsa papers for the dates of Black Gold's races.

Pictures taken on the first trip to Skiatook did not develop, so another trip was made between last spring's floods. The dead cottonwood tree and the barn are used in several of Wesley Dennis's illustrations in the book. On this trip we also talked to Earl E. Yeargin, a relative of the Hoots family, who was able to give us a description of Al Hoots. Mr. Yeargin's father, by the way, rode on the Pony Express.

Mrs. Henry declares that the research part of her books are the "fun" part and that when it is time to put it into story form, the work begins. But even as she says this, she is making notes of possible chapter headings, or of phrases to describe her characters' thoughts. This author says that she tries to gather so much information that she can feel and think as her characters must have when they lived these incidents. This is one of the attributes that make her the kind of author we would like to...

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The Nomination Committee submits the following report to the members of OLA. Election will be by mail, and each member will receive a ballot on which to indicate his choice of officers. Miss Eugenia Maddox is Chairman of the Committee; other members are Mrs. Elizabeth Geis, Willa Grace Hardy, and Vern Hutchinson.

President

JAMES E. GOURLEY, Librarian, Tulsa Public Library, will succeed to this office automatically through his election to the office of First Vice- President at the annual meeting in 1957.

First Vice-President, President Elect

ELIZABETH C. COOPER, Librarian, Station Library, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, since 1952. A.B., Oklahoma City University; B.A. in L.S., University of Oklahoma. Oklahoma City Public Library, 1936-39; Taft Jr. HS, Oklahoma City, 1939-41; Veterans Hospital, Wadsworth, Kansas, 1941-42; Army Library, Camp Gruber, 1942-44; Oklahoma State Library, 1944-45 and 1948-50; Army Library, European Theater, 1945-46; Secretary, Oklahoma Library Commission, 1956-52; ALA Armed Forces Librarians Committee, 1957-58; ALA Membership Committee. OLA, Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee, Nominating Committee, By-Laws and Constitution Committee. SWLA, Extension Committee.

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October 25, 1957

Members present: Irma Tomberlin, James E. Gourley, John Stratton, Helen Donard, Mary Leach, Esther Mae Henke.

Guests present: Frances Kennedy, Virginia Owens.

Meeting was held at the Oklahoma City University Library at 10:00 a.m.

Report of the Treasurer, Ida Self, showed a balance of $332.82.

The report of the Past Presidents’ Scholarship Committee was read, and certain changes were recommended to the committee. The report with the proposed changes is to be returned to Mrs. Leta Dover, Chairman of the Past Presidents’ Scholarship Committee, for further action.

The following appointments of committee chairmen were approved:
- Exhibits: William Lowry
- Auditing: Opal Carr
- Awards: Elizabeth Cooper
- Constitution and By-Laws: Mortimer Schwartz.

The report of the Planning and Policy Committee was read to the group, since Mrs. Dover was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Gourley reported on program plans for our meeting next spring. Mrs. Marguerite Henry, author of *Black Gold*, will be guest speaker for the Children’s and Young People’s Division. Invitations have been extended to Lucille Morsch, President of ALA, and John Lorenz of the Library Services Branch of the U.S. Office of Education, but their acceptances have not yet been received. Mrs. Tomberlin is to ask Dean Thurman White of the University of Oklahoma Extension Division to be guest speaker for our annual dinner meeting.

The following announcements were made:
- The 1959 annual meeting has been scheduled for Western Hills Lodge at Sequoyah State Park, April 16-18. National Library Week will be celebrated March 16-22, 1958, and all members were urged to take an active part in this celebration. It was announced that the editor of the *ALA Bulletin* had requested suggestions for improvement of the *Bulletin*, and any constructive criticisms were welcomed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Adult Education Meeting
Attended By Librarians

Librarians from Tulsa, Stillwater, and Oklahoma City took part in the program of the Fifteenth Southwest Regional Conference on Adult Education held December 9 and 10 in Stillwater on the O.S.U. campus. Co-sponsored by the extension divisions of O.S.U. and O.U. and the Oklahoma Adult Education Association, the conference was attended by adult educators from Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Theme of the conference was “Improving Adult Education in the Southwest.” Grace B. Stevenson, President of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A., and Associate Executive Secretary of the America Library Association, made the opening address on the subject “Charting the Future Course for Adult Education.”

The annual regional conference has been customarily sponsored and expenses underwritten by each of the university extension division of the states in the region in turn to provide persons working in adult education fields an opportunity to meet and discuss their common problems. There is no organized membership.

Besides college and university extension workers, this year’s conference was attended by representatives of such groups as public school adult educators, P-TA, public health agencies, mental health, vocational education, agricultural extension, home economics, radio and television, Chamber of Commerce, church groups, the Air Force and the Naval Reserve, distribution education, State Department of Wildlife, I.O.A. Boys’ Ranch, Home Demonstration Agents, Great Books Foundation, and librarians.

Among those representing Oklahoma libraries were Florence Braly, James E. Gourley, Allie Beth Martin, and Hunter Miracle from the Tulsa Public Library; Esther Henke, Ralph Hudson, Virginia Owens, and Ann Rule, from the Oklahoma State Library; Myrtle Jones, Stillwater Public Library; Lucille LaReese, Genevieve Wright, and William Lowry from the Oklahoma City Libraries; Edmond Lowe and John Stratton, O.S.U. Library.
OEA Library Sections Report New Officers

Secondary School Librarians

The theme for the program of the Secondary School Librarians meetings at Oklahoma City on October 25, 1957, during the OEA convention was “school library consultants.” Mr. Ralph Hudson gave an interesting and challenging address on “A State School Library Consultant for Oklahoma.” This was followed by a discussion among the librarians.

Mrs. Irma Tomberlin brought us up-to-date on the progress of our state organization of student library assistants, OSLA.

The new officers elected for 1956 were:

President—Mrs. Cleo Moseley, Norman High Library.

Vice-President—Mr. C. C. Kiser, Putnam City Jr. High Library.

Secretary—Miss Ima Gene Troxel, Moore Sr. High Library.

The nominating committee was: Mrs. Donaldson, Oklahoma City, Chairman; Miss Hall, Edmond; and Mrs. Douglas, Oklahoma City. The retiring officers were Elva Curtis, chairman; Mrs. Moseley, vice-president; and Mrs. Bess Keith, Omulgee, secretary.—Elva Curtis

OEA Library Section

The Library Section of the OEA met Friday, October 25, 1957, at the Northwest Classen High School Library in Oklahoma City. Mr. Ray M. Fry, coordinator of the Young People’s Division, Dallas Public Library, spoke on the topic: “See Jack; See also Jack.” He outlined basic principles of reading guidance, illustrated these principles by concrete examples, and concluded with a typical “booktalk” which he uses as a device for interesting teenagers in reading.

One hundred and seven school, college and university librarians, and state library personnel met together in the annual OEA session. Miss Frances Du Vall, president-elect, conducted the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Mildred Wilson, president, who has left the state. Officers elected for the coming year are:

President—Miss Frances Du Vall, Northwestern State College, Alva.

President-Elect—Miss Barbara Bailey, Oklahoma City.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Bess Keith, Omulgee.

The Advisory Council held an executive meeting on Thursday, October 24, and acted to bring before the entire group these two matters: (1) the proposed Children’s Book Award sponsored by OLA, and (2) the project of Books on Exhibit. Both proposals were accepted with enthusiasm by the section membership, and it was agreed that the Library section of OEA would support these projects in every way possible.

Dr. H. H. Bliss, University of Oklahoma, demonstrated the traveling exhibit of science books and explained procedure for acquiring these collections for circulation in high schools of the state. Esther Mae Henke, State Library, reported on the progress of multi-county library service in the state.

Following the session Miss Du Vall, Miss Edith Gorman, Mrs. Bess Keith, and Mrs. Ida Self held a Children’s Book Award Committee meeting and reviewed plans for implementing the program.

Hospitality was under the direction of Miss Eunice Cockrum, librarian of Northwest Classen High School.

—Edith Garrison
ALA Midwinter Meeting Expects 1400 Librarians

The Annual Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association is expected to bring 1,400 librarians and library trustees from all parts of the country to the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, January 26 to February 1 to participate in the largest number of business meetings—approximately 245—in Midwinter history.

ALA President Lucile M. Morsch will preside at the two Council sessions to be held Wednesday (Jan. 29) and Thursday mornings. Council will elect two members of the Executive Board. President-Elect Emerson Greenway will preside at the Membership Meeting, Wednesday evening, called by the Executive Board to take action on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (printed in the January ALA Bulletin). Other scheduled presentations at the Membership Meeting will be informational.

John S. Robling, Director of National Library Week will report at the Membership Meeting on the progress of the nationwide observance. Robling and others of the National Library Week staff will be available for conferences throughout Midwinter Meeting. The ALA Committee on National Library Week will meet on Tuesday evening.

The American Association of Library Trustees anticipates a large attendance at meetings of committees all day Monday (Jan. 27) climaxcd by an evening session devoted to "ALA—Its Faces and Function" in which ALA officers and staff will participate. The AALT Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday morning.

The twelve ALA Divisions will hold business sessions or directors' meetings and conduct a host of section and committee meetings.

The University Libraries Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries will discuss the Impact of Rising Enrollments on University Libraries at its business meeting on Tuesday (Jan. 28) afternoon. The Organizing Committee of the ACRL Special Libraries Section will hold three meetings.

An Institute on Consultant Services of state library extension agencies will be held Friday through Sunday (Jan. 24-26) sponsored jointly by the Public Libraries Division Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act and the Library Administration Division Section on Personnel Administration. Purpose is to provide in-service training for state consultants working with new programs made possible under the Library Services Act. (Registration in advance.)

A three-session Workshop on the Library Services Act will be held Monday under joint sponsorship of the State Library Agencies Division and the Library Services Branch, U.S. Office of Education, to survey data assembled on state library extension programs and clarify responses to the Library Services Branch questionnaires. There will be review and evaluation of the total state plans of Minnesota, Connecticut, North Carolina, and California.

The Librarianship as a Career Joint Committee will hear reports, Tuesday afternoon, on progress in the ALA Person-to-Person Recruiting Program; on recruiting projects of several other national and state library associations.

The ALA Committee on Accreditation's Subcommittee on the revision of the January, 1952 Standards for Library Service Programs in Teacher Education Institutions will meet prior to Midwinter.

The LAD Buildings and Equipment Section will have available for informal consultation librarians who are experts on various building problems; materials on planning new library space and buildings will be on display at the ALA Professional Information Center.

A new book on Integrating Library Instruction with Classroom Teaching will be introduced at the ALA Publishing Department's exhibit which will feature recent notable ALA publications, including Subject Index to Poetry for Children and Young People and Historical Sets, Collected Editions and Manuscripts of Music.

Announcement will be made of the first Annianne Award of $200 for the best children's book published in 1956 on animal life which may develop humane attitudes. The new annual award is administered by the Children's Library Association.

Meetings will be held of the Executive Boards of the Association of American Library Schools and the National Association of State Libraries, national organizations which are affiliated with the ALA. The Library of Congress Regional Librarians for the Blind will meet Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.
Frances Kennedy

Report of the Legislative Committee

A delegation of librarians met with the Education Committee of the State Legislative Council in the Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, on December 20. Five members of the education committee were present, as follows: Clem Hamilton, J. H. Belvin, Jim Cook, Don R. Greenhaw, and Tom Traw. The interim study for libraries approved by the last legislature was the first thing on the agenda. Irma Tomberlin presented the overall financial problem facing libraries in Oklahoma and the consequent lack of libraries in the state.

Allie Beth Martin presented some of the problems facing public libraries. Edith Gorman, Barbara Bailey, and Mrs. Vera Hall presented the problems facing school libraries, and the needs for legislation.

Members of the Committee were handed a statement listing questions to which the subcommittee which will make the study should find the answers, and outlining legislation which needs to be proposed at the next legislative session. Frances Kennedy made the closing statement, summing up the proposal of Oklahoma librarians for the interim study.

The committee was also informed of the resources which are available for the committee's guidance in conducting the study, from the American Library Association and neighboring states, such as Arkansas and Louisiana, which will no doubt be glad to share their experience with us. Copies of the leaflet summing up the standards proposed in Public Library Service were also given the committee.

Members of the Education Committee present displayed interest in the problems of libraries and asked good questions. Such topics as certification, financial needs, need for better laws governing library boards and millage were discussed.

The subcommittee which will be responsible for the library study has not yet been appointed.

1938 OLA dues of $2.00 are now payable to Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, Oklahoma Library Association, Norman Junior High School, Norman, Oklahoma. Members who have not renewed membership by publication of the July issue will be dropped from the roll. Pay dues by mail now—your support is needed.

First Two Multi-County Libraries Are Organized

With all board members appointed and the first organizational meetings held, the library boards of Oklahoma's first two multi-county libraries look forward to beginning library service to their areas early in 1938. Delivery of the three bookmobiles purchased by the State Library is expected momentarily, and Library Extension Division staff members are plotting tentative bookmobile routes to be submitted to the multi-county boards at their January meetings.

Officers of the Osage-Pawnee Multi-County Library Board were elected as follows:

Chairman, Bill Waller, Ralston, Pawnee County.
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Bernard Goad, Route No. 2, Ralston, Osage County.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Mareum, Pawnee, Pawnee County.

Other members of the multi-county library board are: For Osage County, Mrs. Britt Baker, Avant, and Mr. John Blanton, Box 997, Pawhuska, and for Pawnee County, the Rev. Roy Blizzard, Pawnee.

Officers of the Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County Library Board are:

Chairman, O. J. Resler, Purcell, McClain County.
Vice-Chairman, Dr. Pauline Payne, Lindsay, Garvin County.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Menzie, Norman, Cleveland County.

Other board members are: For Cleveland County, J. E. Walraven, Lexington, and Mrs. D. F. Almack, Moore; for McClain County, Charles Johnson, Blanchard, and A. W. Barrett, Wayne; for Garvin County, Mrs. Ed Joe Mitchell, Wynnewood, and Mrs. M. J. Ewert, Pauls Valley.

Among the first responsibilities of the library boards will be hiring staff to operate the library systems. An Administrative Librarian, bookmobile librarian, and bookmobile driver are being sought for each multi-county library.
Jaycees Endorse Library Week Program, Offer Help

The Jaycees of the United States have officially endorsed National Library Week and will promote it as part of their own program Operation Library. Charlie Reynolds, national chairman of Operation Library, has urged participation of Jaycee chapters in NLW on the state and local level.

A letter from National Library Week headquarters urges librarians to make full use of Jaycee cooperation and suggests the following ways in which Jaycees can help:

- Contacting local business men—insurance firms, utility companies, banks, transit companies and others for interior and window displays, mailings of Library Week material, postage meter publicity on their mailings, poster placements;
- Planning and setting up displays;
- Working with other organizations, especially Veterans service clubs and others and getting publicity in their mailings, helping them plan Library Week programs;
- Planning local radio and TV programs;
- Organizing one central community event during Library Week such as a dinner, open house of other public event.

Active participation of Jaycees in Library Week activities in local communities can help assure strong and successful programs. These young men have lots of initiative, energy and ideas. They should be involved as fully as possible in your plans for National Library Week.

March 15 Deadline Set For SWLA Scholarship

Deadline for applications for the first SWLA scholarship is March 15, 1958. Oklahoma librarians are urged to help publicize the scholarship to their own staff members and to others in the community who may be interested.

The scholarship is in the amount of $750 for the academic year 1958-59. It will be awarded to someone from the Southwestern region—Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas—for a year’s study for the M.S.L.S. degree or its equivalent at an accredited professional library school.

All who wish to apply should seek admittance to the library school of their choice and be provisionally accepted before applying for the scholarship. It is possible to submit applications beforehand, but they cannot be acted upon before the applicant has received official word from the library school about his admittance.

Requests for further information may be referred to Allie Beth Martin, SWLA Recruitment—Scholarship Committee, care of the Tulsa Public Library.

Mail Vote by Membership Leaves ALA in Chicago

A mail vote of the membership of the American Library Association has determined that ALA Headquarters shall remain in Chicago, instead of being removed to Washington, D.C., as the ALA Council, policy-making body of the organization, decided last June at the ALA 76th Annual Conference in Kansas City.

The result of the ballotting, conducted through the ALA Bulletin, was announced by Executive Secretary David H. Clift, who reported the vote was 5,749 to set aside the Council action, and 2,189 to sustain the action. Under the ALA Constitution, at least one quarter of the membership must vote to set aside an action of the Council. ALA’s total membership is about 20,000.
A.I.A Liberty and Justice Book Awards

The American Library Association announces details of the second A.I.A Liberty and Justice Book Awards totaling $15,000 in prizes to authors of outstanding books published in the United States in 1957—books which "make distinguished contributions to the American tradition of liberty and justice."

A prize of $5,000 will be presented to the award-winning author in each of three Awards categories. The presentation will be made at a General Session of the A.L.A 77th Conference to be held in San Francisco, July 13 to 19, 1958. Publishers of award-winning books will receive citations.

A brochure describing the purpose and procedure of the second A.I.A Liberty and Justice Book Awards is being widely distributed to libraries, book reviewers, publishers and booksellers. The Awards are being conducted by the A.L.A Intellectual Freedom Committee and are made possible by a grant to A.L.A from the Fund for the Republic.

The brochure urges the public to help in selecting the winners by making suggestions of books for consideration of the judges: "Ask your librarian to direct you to the books in the three Award categories. Read the books and then send your suggestions—giving title, author and publisher"—before March 1, 1958, to Robert B. Downs, Chairman, A.L.A Intellectual Freedom Committee, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Illinois.

The Awards categories, and the prominent judges who will select winners are:


3. Imaginative literature (fiction, poetry or published drama): Paul Green, playwright, Professor of Dramatic Art, University of North Carolina, Pulitzer Prize winner in drama; Archibald MacLeish, poet, Boylston Professor, Harvard University, Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry; Mark Van Doren, author, Professor of English, Columbia University, Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry.

Winners of the $5,000 prizes in the first A.I.A. Liberty and Justice Book Awards, presented last April, were: William H. Whyte, Jr., "The Organization Man" (Simon and Schuster); Alpheus Thomas Mason, "Harlan Fiske Stone: Pillar of the Law" (Viking Press); James Thurber, "Further Fables for Our Time" (Simon and Schuster).

"Notable Books of 1957" To Be Released Soon

Among the events leading up to National Library Week (March 16 to 22) will be the release on March 1 of "Notable Books of 1957," prepared by the Notable Books Council, in cooperation with forty participating libraries. This is an annual selection which, in previous years, has been released at the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association. In view of the fact that a release date in January has made it impossible for the Council to give adequate consideration to books published during December, the Board of Directors of the A.L.A Public Libraries Division has decided that a later release date is imperative.

Many librarians will wish to be prepared with exhibits of the books during National Library Week, or even earlier, at the time the list is published in the press. A request to the Headquarters Office of the Public Libraries Division after February 15, will bring a copy of the list—with the understanding that the release date of March 1 will be safeguarded, and that there will be no publicity before the list is released in the press.
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A L A Seeks Nominations for National Awards

The Awards Committee of the American Library Association presents a list of awards and citations to be made at the 77th Annual ALA Conference in San Francisco, July 13th to 19th, 1958. Wyman W. Parker, Wesleyan University Library, Middletown, Conn., Chairman of the ALA Awards Committee, urges all library associations and ALA members to assist in the selection of outstanding librarians worthy of these national honors by sending nominations to the persons indicated below, well in advance of the announced deadlines.

In announcing the awards, Parker said:

"In the past relatively few suggestions have been made for these varied awards. All librarians, library students and library employees ought to send in recommendations to the chairman of the various committees. Please act now . . . so that your recommendations may be considered by the committee concerned before the deadlines mentioned below. Try to make this a truly representative expression of the librarians throughout the country."

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award, consisting of $500, an engraved medal, and a special certificate, has been presented annually by Joseph W. Lippincott, since 1938 as an award for distinguished service in the profession of librarianship, such service to include outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations; notable published professional writing, or other significant activity on behalf of the profession and its aims. Nominations should be sent to Miss Marion Gilroy, Chairman of the Lippincott Award Committee, Saskatchewan Regional Libraries Division, Administration Building, Regina, Saskatchewan. Deadline for entries is April 1, 1958.

The Melvil Dewey Medal, established in 1952 by the Forest Press, Inc., is awarded annually to an individual or group for recent creative professional achievement of a high order, particularly in those fields in which Melvil Dewey was actively interested, notably library management, library training, cataloging and classification, and the tools and techniques of librarianship. Nominations go to Miss Margaret Brown, Chairman of the Dewey Award Committee, Free Library, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Deadline for entries is April 1, 1958.

The annual Grolier Society Award, established in 1953 and consisting of $500 and a special certificate, is given in recognition of a librarian in a community or school who has made an unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people. The nominee must be an employed librarian who spends the major part of his time in work with children and young people. The award may be given for contributions made over a period of years, or for one contribution of lasting value. Nominations must be accompanied by five copies of a statement prepared by the nominating group or individual, and should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on the Grolier Society, Inc., Award, Carnegie Library School, 4400 Forbes St., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. Letters in support of the nominations will be accepted also. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 1958.

The Grolier Scholarships consist of annual awards of $1,900 each, to two library schools selected by the American Association of School Librarians, for the aid of one student in each school who is training for school librarianship. One scholarship is awarded to a school selected for its outstanding graduate program; the other, to a school for its undergraduate program. Students who receive the scholarships are chosen by the schools. The scholarships were established by the Grolier Foundation in 1956 and the first awards were presented to the Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and the School of Library Service, Columbia University. Chairman of the AASL Grolier Scholarship Award Committee is Miss Mary Helen Mahar, Specialist for School and Children's Libraries, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

The Beta Phi Mu Award, consisting of $50 and a suitable citation, is given annually by the national library service honorary fraternity, Beta Phi Mu, for distinguished service to education for librarianship. It became an official ALA award in 1956. Nominees are not restricted to library school faculty, but may include anyone who has made an outstanding contribution in the field through tools, methods, or classroom techniques. Nominations go to the Chairman of the Beta Phi Mu Award Committee, American Library Association, 59 E. Huron
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voted to the use of books.” Its purpose is “to keep books free, make them widely available, and encourage people to read them.” Gilbert W. Chapman, president of Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, is chairman of the Committee, formed in the fall of 1954. There are ninety members of the Committee drawn from all segments of society—educators, editors, lawyers, manufacturers, scientists, publishers, booksellers, writers and librarians.

You are aware, I am sure, of some of the Committee’s activities and have seen its publication, National Book Committee Quarterly. It is this Committee which sponsored the Conference on American Books Abroad at Princeton in 1955. It is this Committee which has plans for a parents’ handbook on children’s reading which will have mass market distribution.

The experiment with Reading Aloud Bookshelves, reported by Mr. Chapman in the December 1956 Harper’s, was inspired by Marchette Chute, Committee member.

The Committee has formed a subcommittee to “explore ways of making radio and television better serve the interest of books and reading.”

The National Book Committee has successfully carried out many worthwhile projects and has plans for even more.

Librarians are bestirring themselves to discover what other adult education agencies are doing. Of major interest is the movement throughout the country to organize adult education councils or adult education associations. No longer are librarians satisfied to operate in a vacuum. We are learning what other agencies are doing. They are learning about our services. We are pooling our resources and coordinating our efforts.

I have had interesting reports of the meeting yesterday of the Oklahoma Adult Education Association. In Louisiana we are having a meeting next week, with librarians in attendance and with a librarian as chairman of the Provisional Council, to effect a permanent adult education organization. As you know, the president-elect of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A. is a librarian—Grace Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary of the ALA.

We have gained ground since the time we had to stoutly defend our claim that the library was an educational institution.

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Not any longer ago than 1940 in The Public Library and the Political Process Dr. Oliver Garceau wrote: "... the common problem has appeared to be the intelligent orientation of a self-sacrificing and earnest group of public servants to the political world in which they live. Much of the literature of the profession and many of the research interviews have operated on the inarticulate premise that public libraries are private business, somehow in mortal danger of contamination by contact with government. It is the conclusion of our research that it is of paramount importance to librarians, to library service, and to the citizen that public librarians understand and appreciate more clearly the political world of the public library."

There is evidence all over the country today that librarians are coming to "understand and appreciate more clearly the political world of the public library"—from Washington where the Congress authorized seven and one-half million dollars annually for rural library service on down to the county which voted an adequate tax for the support of its library.

Librarians are learning political "know-how" and Heavens knows, we need it now that we have descended from our ivory towers. I am thinking of a librarian—a fine one—who knows what is inside books and who recently discovered to her own amazement and to the surprise of local officials that she was something of a politician as well as a librarian when a tax doubling the support of the library she administered was passed by a large majority.

We know that it is important to be dedicated but we are learning that it is equally important to be realistic. It is difficult sometimes to remember that officials have other interests than libraries. Drainage and bridges and culverts are necessary too!

Libraries and librarians, I think, are held in greater respect today than ever before. Officials know that both must be reckoned with. I was heartened and childishly delighted when officials just two weeks ago in one of our Louisiana parishes in line for a library demonstration wanted to appropriate money for local demonstration costs before the pressure came from civic groups so that they, members of the governing body, would get full credit for making library services available.

All over the country new library buildings are part of the changing skylines. In most states the average library support is steadily increasing. Which reminds me, speaking of money, of a delightful contribution made by a nine-year-old to H. Allen Smith's Write Me a Poem, Baby. It goes this way: "Once upon a time there was a little girl named Clarise Nancy Imogene Ingrid LaRose. She had no hair and rather large feet. But she was extremely rich and the rest was easy."

What about the future and the victories yet to be won?

What about recruiting—our No. 1 problem? Since World War II librarians and friends of libraries have been concerned with the acute shortage of librarians. How many times have we heard that, conservatively estimated, there are more than 10,000 unfilled positions in American libraries today? Many articles have appeared in professional magazines deploving the situation. While the ALA and state and local professional groups have carried on sporadic recruiting campaigns they have been neither intensive nor extended. Limited funds and inadequate staff have made really effective campaigns impossible.

I must admit that I was disappointed when I read in Len Arnold's article in the March 1967 ALA Bulletin that the total budget for expanding recruiting activities at ALA Headquarters was $3,400, of which $6,500 will be spent on 100,000 recruiting booklets. That leaves, if my arithmetic is right, $1,900, of which $1,200 will go for a half-time worker from March 1 to August 31 and $700 for promotional materials and costs of special mailings. I realize that this is a beginning, and a commendable one.

Weren't you pleased to see in Life for March 18 the attractively presented two-page New York Life Insurance spread on "Should Your Child Be a Librarian?" Written by Edward G. Freehafer, Director of the New York Public Library, with Llewellyn Miller, the advertisement will be reprinted in booklet form under the title "Should You Be A Librarian?" and become part of the New York Life's series of career pamphlets. This ad will also appear in this week's Saturday Evening Post and in the April issue of the Ladies Home Journal.

You have heard the good news that the H. W. Wilson Company is giving scholarships of $1,500 each to all ALA accredited library schools. This happy announcement was made at the Midwinter meeting of the ALA.

All these things will help, but isn't there some foundation that would be willing to make a substantial grant for a really effective, nationwide recruiting program? Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana have had a recruiting pro-
posal going the rounds of the foundations for the last year, with no success, to date. The original plan was very ambitious with a budget for three states of $211,000. In the course of time it has been reduced to the modest figure of $169,500.

I am sure ALA must have submitted similar proposals in the past. Perhaps such a proposal is in the making now. I hope so. For we need thousands instead of hundreds of dollars to help recruit to our ranks youth who have an abiding and zealous faith in the value of books and reading—in the life of a person and in the life of a community. No little program, but only a big, dramatic effort can help us make young people aware of the exciting and satisfying opportunities libraries offer for service.

Not only do we need more librarians but we need more Friends of the Library groups or citizens’ library organizations, or whatever you might choose to call them. We need desperately groups who will proclaim in one voice to their communities that they are friends of the library and willing to work for the library’s welfare.

I hope the day is not far off when there will be eloquent lay spokesmen for the library in every state in the Union. I hope there will come a time when municipal, county, state, and federal officials will attend library affairs in great numbers not only because they recognize the importance of the library but because it is politically wise to be associated with so influential an institution. Strong organized citizen backing will help to make this beautiful dream come true.

We must take to heart and put into practice the concept of library systems as set forth in the restated public library standards. We must, as the standards put it, “hand together—formally or informally—in groups called ‘systems’.”

To quote from the standards: “The development of systems of libraries does not weaken or eliminate the small community library. On the contrary, it offers that library and its users greatly expanded resources and services. Library materials and services that today may seem unattainable could be available in each local community in the foreseeable future. The advantage is similar to that gained by a small independent radio or television station that uses some of the programs of a large network.”

I have mentioned as victories that need to be won: recruiting; the enlisting of stronger citizen backing; the adoption by all of the concept of the term, “library systems.” Finally, may I say let’s not forget that “Books Are Here to Stay” and to remember always that we are librarians. Your own president, John Stratton, said what I am trying to say in his message to you in the January 1957 Oklahoma Librarian: “As I was reading a good book last night, I paused and reflected about Oklahoma Library Association affairs on which I had been working earlier in the evening. With particular force the thought struck me that all our efforts are to make it possible for an individual to read a book.”

A little while ago I read and enjoyed Phyllis Robbins’ delightful biography of Maude Adams. I think a quotation from this biography might be a fitting way to close and to wish for you and for your exuberant state of Oklahoma the realization in the next fifty years of all your bright hopes and dreams.

The quotation is: “Go for first-rate things. Sometimes it seems that we are successful only because we have not tried hard enough for our best. If we don’t compromise, we do the hard thing and we fail. We do the hard thing, and one day we succeed, and many things are made plain to us. Don’t be afraid of failure: be afraid of petty success.”

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Entry blanks must be in by April 1, 1958, but the completed scrapbooks are not due until April 15, 1958.

The E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award for advanced study in the field of library work with children and young people was established by the E. P. Dutton Company in 1952 and first awarded in 1953. It consists of a fellowship amounting to $1,000 and is open to a librarian working with children or young people through a public, school, or institution library. The award is designed to give the recipient an opportunity for formal or informal study of some aspect of the field that will be beneficial both to the person and to library service. To be eligible for the award, a librarian must be a library school graduate with at least three years of successful professional experience in libraries serving children or youth. Librarians interested in the award are asked to submit a statement of the study or project for which the award is requested and evidence that they are qualified to undertake the work. Applicants should write to the Chairman of the E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award Committee, Elizabeth D. Hodges, Supervisor of Library Service, Baltimore County Board of Education, Towson, Md. Deadline, April 1, 1958.

The Fredric G. Melcher Scholarship of $750 is awarded annually for basic graduate education for library work with children, and may be given to a prospective children’s or school librarian. The scholarship was originated in 1955 by the Children’s Library Association to honor Mr. Melcher, and first given in 1957. Application forms and full information may be obtained from the CLA office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, III. Deadline, April 1, 1958. Chairman of the Melcher Scholarship Committee is Julia L. Sauer, Head, Department of Work with Children, Rochester Public Library, Rochester, N.Y.

The ALA Exhibits Round Table Award consists of a yearly award of $500 to aid or improve some particular aspect of librarianship or library service. This grant is made on the basis of need in the profession or in the operation of professional library associations. Established in 1957, the first award was made to the ALA Public Relations Office to aid its work in recruiting. The award is made by a committee on the award from the Exhibits Round Table, which consults with the ALA Executive Secretary and other ALA officials to determine the fields of greatest need.

The Newbery and Caldecott Medal winners for 1957 will be announced by the Children’s Library Association on April 7, 1956 in the New York office of Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, who established and endowed the awards. The Newbery Medal, awarded annually since 1922, will be presented to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published during 1957. The Caldecott Medal, first awarded in 1938, will be presented to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Nominations for the 1958 awards are made in December 1957 by twenty-three children’s and school librarians who make up the Newbery Caldecott Award Committee.

The Wilson Scholarships, announced at the 1957 Midwinter Conference of the ALA, provided more than $17,500, gift of The H. W. Wilson Company (publishers of library indexes and reference services) for a $500 scholarship to each of the library schools accredited by the ALA. Ten received their scholarship funds in 1957; ten will receive theirs in 1958; ten in 1959; and those remaining in 1960, plus any other schools which become accredited before that time.

The ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards of $15,000—$5,000 each in three categories—are prizes for authors of books published in the United States in 1957 which make distinguished contributions to the American tradition of liberty and justice. Suggestions of books for consideration by the judges go to the Chairman of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, Robert B. Downs, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Ill. Deadline, March 1, 1958.

The Aurianne Award consists of $200, and will be given for the first time at the ALA Midwinter meeting (January 26-February 1, 1958) to the author of the best children’s book published in 1956 on animal life which may develop humane attitudes. The award is administered by the Children’s Library Association, from a bequest to ALA by Miss Augustine Aurianne, former New Orleans school librarian, and will be made annually for the next several years. This year’s chairman of the Aurianne Award Committee is Mrs. Winifred Ragsdale, 105 Hilborn St., Vallejo, Calif. Recommendations for the 1959 award, for the best qualifying book published in 1957, should be sent to the Aurianne Award Committee, Children’s Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill., by September 15, 1958.
Revenue from advertising contributed a major portion of the funds necessary to publish the *Oklahoma Librarian* in 1957. Shown below is an itemized account of the cost of publishing each issue and the amount of advertising sold.

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Total cost to the Association: $238.71

Cost per member (300 members): $0.85

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This year's increase in revenue is due primarily to the interest and enthusiasm of advertisers for the Golden Anniversary issue. The combined publishing and mailing cost during this period has not varied greatly. Recently, however, the cost of mailing was cut in half through the elimination of mailing envelopes. It is hoped that the membership will continue to recognize the contribution which these firms are making to the Association by consulting with them as to their library needs, purchasing from them whenever possible and taking every opportunity to thank them personally for their interest in the Oklahoma Library Association.

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MRS. JACQUELYNE KIM GEORGE was consultant in children's reading at the Tulsa Public Library before going to Midland, Texas, where she is librarian of the Stephen F. Austin Junior High School. While at Tulsa she succeeded KIM'S CLUB, panel quiz television show for children sponsored by the Tulsa Public Library. She is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, where she received a B.S. in Education degree with a major in Library Science and a Library Certificate. She has also served on the staffs of the Oklahoma City Libraries, the Colorado Springs Public Library, and Kemp Public Library in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her article in this issue about the writing of Black Gold gives an interesting "backstage" picture of an author at work.

MISS SALLIE FARRELL, Field Representative for the Louisiana State Library since 1946, was guest speaker for the OLA Golden Anniversary Meeting at the luncheon held March 22, 1957. She has the B.A. degree from Mississippi State College for Women and the B.S. in L.S. from Illinois. She is a former president of the Louisiana Library Association and is currently a member of the ALA Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act. Her address, entitled "The Sum of Many Small Victories," is a heartening reminder to librarians that they do not fight alone, although they may not always claim the full support their allies proffer them.

Children's "Books on Exhibit" Touring State

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"Books on Exhibit" has already been to Tulsa, Muskogee, and Okmulgee this fall. The tentative schedule for the exhibit during the next few months is as follows:

January 6-11, Oklahoma City, Curriculum Library, 900 N. Klein, Mrs. Evelyn D. Snelson, Librarian.


February 3-8, Chickasha, Miss Mabel Murphy, Librarian, Oklahoma College for Women.

February 17-22, Edmond, Central State College Library.

March 10-15, Alva, Northwestern State College Library, Frances Duvall, Librarian.

March 24-29, Ada, East Central State College Library, Miss Gladys Tingle, Librarian.

April 7-12, Ardmore, Mr. George D. Han, Supt of Schools.

April 21-25, Duncan, Mr. Dion C. Wood, Supt. of Schools.

May 5-12, Weatherford, Southwestern State College Library.

June 9-14, Goodwell, Panhandle A & M College, Paul Parham, Librarian.

June 23-28, Alva, Northwestern State College, Frances DuVall, Librarian.

July 7-12, Tahlequah, Northeastern State College, Miss Sue Thorton, Librarian.

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Scholarship Is Offered To Children's Librarian

Nominations are now being sought for the 1958 Frederic G. Melcher scholarship for the training of a librarian to work with children. It is announced by the Children's Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, which makes the awards. The amount of the scholarship for the academic year 1958-59 will be $750, and it is offered to a full-time student entering a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association.

Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, Children's Librarian, Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library, and President of the Children's Library Association, said:

"Work with children is a specialized type of library work which makes its appeal to the young person who has known children and worked with them in some capacity such as scout work, camp counseling, volunteer social work, or, best of all, as an undergraduate page or assistant in a library. It is to this last group particularly—young people who have been seeing children come and go with books and have watched their delight in books—that this opportunity should appeal. It offers a chance to prepare for a career in the field of children's service—a phase of library work that is richly rewarding."

Funds for the Melcher Scholarship, established in 1955 by the Children's Library Association to honor Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals, are raised by the association through donations from interested organizations and individuals. It was first given in 1957, to Celia Louise Barker, of Oskaloosa, Kansas, for study at Columbia University's School of Library Service.

Requests for complete information and application blanks should be sent directly to the Chairman of the Melcher Scholarship Award Committee of CLA, Miss Julia Sauer, Rochester Public Library, 115 South Ave, Rochester 4, N.Y. Deadline for nominations is March 1, 1958.

News of your library and staff is needed for the Oklahoma Librarian. Copy deadline for the April issue is March 1. Let us hear from you.

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see writing all children's books. Marguerite Henry has enthusiasm, sincerity, and a desire for truthfulness that helps her attain the high quality of writing which has won her awards such as the Newbery Award and the Junior Scholastic Gold Seal Award. I believe that the same qualities won her the William Allen White Award which is voted by school children.

Perhaps this was not the most orthodox type of library work, but it was interesting to see how an author works and personally rewarding to know a person so pleasing as Marguerite Henry.

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