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OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN
A Message from the
O. L. A. President

Time has a way of rolling by. Soon it will be 1959, and alas this is next to my last message as president of O.L.A.

When I assumed office last Spring I had many plans and ideas to try to get across to the membership. With the limitations of space and time, I am beginning to feel that much of what I had planned will have to be left to some other media. Nevertheless, it is one of my greatest hopes that whatever has been set down on previous occasions on this page has not bored you. I have attempted to write about joint or community projects; for I am such a firm believer in the old adage that in unity there is strength.

The next important project facing the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association is the part we play in getting the State Legislature well aware of the urgent needs of the State Library and the tremendous value of its Extension Division. I feel that we have made worthwhile progress during the past few months, and more particularly just before election time in November when every major candidate for office was contacted. All of the elected state officials are now aware of the crying needs of good library service.

It is not too early to start making plans for National Library Week. The date for the second National Library Week has been set as April 12-18, 1959. Many of you did some wonderful things last year to celebrate the first National Library Week, and I hope that you will begin right now to plan for the April event. As you know good planning takes time, so let’s all proceed at full SPEED. Miss Esther Henke is the Executive Director of National Library Week in Oklahoma. Please notify her as soon as your local committee and plans are made.

Ordinarily I do not like slogans, but the one used by the National Library Week Committee strikes me as extremely fitting—“For a Better-Read, Better-Informed America,” particularly in these times of accelerated educational programs in our public schools. My only hope is that such a program does not become like a medical prescription as I believe the results would not be very vital or its influence permanent.

Libraries of all types must play an important part in the modern scheme of things. We must not lose sight of the fact that the education that books impart is of all things ecletic. I suppose there is nothing except travel that is so broadening to the range of vision as a wide and varied love of books. It sets in contrast prejudices, ideals and tenets of every shade and quality, and from the conflict brings recognition of the good in each of us. A love of good books imparts a familiarity with history and the social life of the world. The impulses and characteristics of our own day are but refined knowledge of previous days. Witness the mighty atom which was the lowly atom in the 14th century.

If we become better-read and a better informed body politic, which I feel all librarians should like to see, then I believe the impulses and the characteristics referred to above would fit us to make the best of all the world gives us. But we first must have books.

January, 1959
Librarians are dedicated people—sometimes dedicated to the proposition that nothing new shall be done. We tend to hold tenaciously to long established procedures, methods, and policies. Acceptance of new ideas, compromising with pet ways of doing our jobs, is a long, laborious process. Librarians rule over their own little domains. The U. S. Department of State probably meets no greater obstacles in negotiating treaties with foreign powers than occur in the deliberations leading to cooperative action between the political subdivisions of which the librarian is the chief administrative officer.

Southwest Missouri Library Service, Inc., serving twelve county, regional and municipal libraries, is a non-profit corporation formed in 1957 under Missouri law by a number of librarians to provide cooperative cataloging and processing service to public libraries in Missouri. It is a legal body to which libraries may contract for these services and to which the libraries pay their fees. At the same time, the librarians of the subscribing libraries have a voice in establishing and carrying out policies. Rather than conform to any one library’s forms or to any one individual’s ideas, all members assemble periodically to work out mutual problems.

Problems of cataloging and processing library materials have made some of us prematurely gray, nervous wrecks, and old before our time. Regardless of this, when libraries do join in cooperative activities, they must have ironclad reasons. First and foremost, this is an economical means of processing and cataloging books. Second, it releases personnel and equipment for other tasks. Third, it enables the library to expand and enrich its service program.

In practice each library orders from whichever sources it chooses. Shipments are made from the sources to the center located in the Springfield Public Library building where they are received and the invoices checked. The staff at the center does all of the cataloging and processing necessary except marking the spine of the book and other physical preparation such as applying plastic covers. Materials are shipped to the libraries along with catalog cards, including shelf-list cards, for each title complete and ready for filing. Libraries requiring more than one set of catalog cards per title are also supplied from the center.

The first year of operation ended September 30, 1958. During this period 36,282 volumes were processed representing 8,398 titles. Pockets and book cards were printed and pasted in each volume. There were 24,502 sets of catalog cards completed ready for filing. The greatest economic factor is the great quantity of duplication of titles among libraries, especially in the popular fiction and children’s books. Once a stencil is prepared for a title, it is available for each of the subscribers who may order the same title.

The operational budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1958 is $18,000. Each library’s share in this cost is figured on its ability to pay as represented by its total income. This ranges from $316 for a library with an income of $10,000 to $4,091 for one with an income of $130,000. During the first year, the twelve libraries paid fees amounting to $14,797.75 or an average of 40c for each volume processed.

In 1959 several of the librarians, who formed the present corporation, worked out plans for such a cooperative. In September, 1951, we requested the Missouri State Library to subsidize the purchase of equipment. When informed funds were not available, the idea was shelved. It was brought out of mothballs in 1957 when it was thought federal funds might be used for this purpose. Our attention was also focused on the Council on Library Resources. Indeed the Council recognized the need for a pilot project to demonstrate this new concept of cooperation between small to medium-sized libraries. The Council on Library Resources backed up its interest in this project with an investment of $4,000 to purchase equipment. This grant was the impetus needed to get the libraries to appropriate the additional funds for the operational expenses. So Southwest Missouri Library Service, Inc., began operations October 1, 1957.
As a pilot project, the procedures and results of the cooperative center will be published: Mrs. Oecena Mahoney, Executive Secretary of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association, is a special consultant to our group. Mrs. Brigitte Kenney, a graduate student at the University of Chicago Library School, is aiding in the research by gathering data and writing up the project. The Council granted ALA $1,000 for travel and secretarial expenses. This project is already of national interest as one solution to cooperative cataloging and processing.

When Verner Clapp, President of the Council on Library Resources, addressed a group of librarians at ALA in Kansas City, he reviewed some of the obstacles to cooperative action by libraries—reasons why cooperative ventures have not proved successful. I call these to your attention in stressing the Southwest Missouri Library Service is an organization which can and does overcome these shortcomings.

First of all, there is the difficulty in budgeting for cooperative activity. The membership of Southwest Missouri Library Service decides on the total sum needed. The subscribing libraries pay fees on a pro rata basis determined by the percentage of the library’s total income to the total income of the participating libraries. This allows for flexibility in adjusting the budget each year and at the same time each library knows in advance the fee which it must allow in its budget. Further flexibility is provided in

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*During the past six months books have been processed at the rate of 70,000 per year.*

January, 1959
Aaron Michelson Accepts Position as LCP Director

Oklahoma librarians will welcome to their midst Aaron I. Michelson, who assumed the position of Library-Community Project Director for Oklahoma effective January 1. Mr. Michelson has the B.S. and M.S.L.S. degrees from Western Reserve University at Cleveland. He recently completed the research for a doctorate in library science at the University of Chicago, taking as his thesis subject the attitudes of librarians toward their roles in the library.

During the past two years Mr. Michelson has been employed as an assistant in the Reference Department of the University of Chicago Library, and has also had experience as readers service librarian for the Detroit Public Library, and as librarian and instructor in library science at the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial College.

In addition to his library experience, Mr. Michelson was employed as an administrative assistant for the State of Ohio in 1954-55. He and his wife will make their home in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Austin Smith (standing), member of the Ardmore Library Board, and Phyllis Maggeroli, consultant for the Library-Community Project, examine a map of Ardmore, the target city in the pilot library study.

(Photo courtesy of the Daily Ardmoreite.)
First Steps in Oklahoma Library-Community Project

It is said that the Library-Community Project is an experiment in adult education. The Ardmore Public Libraries willingly entered the project, fully realizing that plenty of effort was involved to tax an already overloaded work schedule, because sooner or later the library was going to have to reappraise the community and the library's place in adult education. As a part of LCP it has the advantages of the aid from the Library-Community Project office at ALA headquarters and the State Library personnel committed to aiding the project.

In August a group of people involved in Oklahoma's Library-Community Project attended an orientation session at the Drake Hotel in Chicago: Ralph Hudson, State Librarian; Esther Henke, Extension Librarian, Oklahoma State Library; Virginia Owens, Acting Oklahoma Project Director; Mrs. Austin Smith, board member; and William F. Morse, librarian, representing the Ardmore Public Libraries; William Lowry, representing OLA; Leta Dover, member of the Advisory Board to the State Librarian on Extension Activities; and J. Comer Fitzgerald, head of OSU's Division of Continuing Education, representing the Oklahoma Adult Education Association.

North Carolina, the other current project state, was represented by a similar group of people, plus consultants from other states who had experienced the process of the Library-Community Project.

The least that could be said, it was one of the best planned and smoothly operated meetings one could hope to attend. The most that could be said is that it was truly a great experience in adult education.

Some thirty people were involved, with of course, thirty different processes of thinking, background, experiences and degrees of communication, yet when the orientation sessions were over they had a common understanding of the Library-Community Project.

Oklahoma's LCP grant, which derives from a grant by the Fund for Adult Education to the American Library Association, provides for a two-year project. There are two parts of the project, a statewide program planned by the State Library, and a Pilot Library demonstration.

The role of the Pilot Library is to conduct an experiment in discovering existing adult education programs and community needs. This is to lead to a long-range adult education program on the part of the library.

There are two major steps involved: first, a library self-evaluation study as to its resources both in materials and personnel and a close look at its procedures in the light of an adult education program. Second is a community survey which will include general knowledge of the community and existing adult education programs in attempting to establish needs in community as to adult education.

On the basis of the library's self-evaluation study and the community survey, the Library Board and the librarian and staff must realistically plan during the second year of the Project the library's adult education program in both immediate range as well as long range.

It is hoped that the information discovered and the resulting programs can be used as a prototype for the rest of the libraries and communities in Oklahoma.

In Ardmore, Mrs. Smith, the board member and Mr. Morse, the librarian, reported the proceedings of the orientation session to the board and the library staff on their return from the Chicago meeting. There are other groups in the city who are interested in the project, particularly the Ardmore Youth Council, who wants much of the information which would result from the community survey, and Mrs. Smith presented a report on the project to them.

Virginia Owens, Acting Oklahoma Project Director, and Phyllis Maggeroli, Consultant from the LCP Chicago office met separately with the Ardmore library staff, the Library Board, and the President of the Ardmore Youth Council on September 30 and October 1, 1958.

These meetings outlined the Project and the roles of the library staff and the Library Board. Two weeks later Miss Owens met with the Li-King, Clarence Unruh, and Mrs. Austin Smith, stad., Jr., chairman; Mrs. Howard Brown, Scott King, Clarence Unruh, and Mrs. Walter Smith. The role of the Library Board and the Library-Community Project were fully discussed, including first steps in the community survey. A meet-

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SWLA OFFICERS FOR 1959-60 ELECTED

The Seventeenth Biennial Conference of the Southwestern Library Association was held in the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, Texas, October 23-25, 1958. The theme of the conference was "Books in Society." General session speakers included Emerson Greenaway, President of the American Library Association; John Fischer, Editor of Harper's Magazine; and Lon Tinkle, Book Editor of the Dallas News.

The Southwestern Library Association exists to promote all-library interests and services in Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mexico. As of the middle of October, its paid membership totaled close to 3400; and 450 people registered for the Galveston meeting.

Officers elected to serve for the biennium beginning January 1, 1959 are:

President, Dr. Arthur McAnally, Director, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Norman, Oklahoma.

First Vice-President and President-Elect, Mrs. Florraine Morton, Director, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Second Vice-President, Miss Dorothy J. Watkins, Field Consultant, New Mexico State Library Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Chairman, College and University Libraries Section, Miss Velma Lee Adams, Librarian, Southern State College, Magnolia, Arkansas.

Chairman, Public Libraries Section, Mrs. Celia Moore, Librarian, Jefferson Parish Public Library, Gretna, Louisiana.

The Eighteenth Biennial Conference of the Association will be held in the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson, Arizona, October 27-29, 1960. All members of OLA are also members of SWLA.

NEW BOOK BY OKLAHOMAN SCHEDULED FOR SPRING

Seventy-one-year-old part Choctaw Dr. Anna Lewis, Professor Emeritus of History at the Oklahoma College for Women and a member of Oklahoma's Hall of Fame, has signed a contract with Exposition Press of New York for Spring 1959 publication of "Chief Pushmataha: American Patriot," her biography of the famed Choctaw chief.

Dr. Lewis was born in Poteau, Indian Territory, and reared on a ranch in the Choctaw Nation. Her formal schooling began in the National Choctaw Boarding School for Girls and was continued at the University of California, where she earned A.B. and M.A. degrees, and the University of Oklahoma, where she received her Ph.D.

The author became Professor of History at the Oklahoma College for Women in 1917 and served there until 1956. Dr. Lewis is the author of one previously published book, "Along the Arkansas," is a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is listed in "Who's Who in Oklahoma." She now makes her home on a farm in Clayton, Okla.

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Military Librarians Hold Second Annual Workshop

The Second Annual Military Librarians' Workshop was held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, October 2, 3, and 4. Present were 87 librarians from installations of the Army, Navy and Air Force of this country and Canada.

Three days of workshop sessions were devoted to round-table discussions of those problems which are peculiar to military libraries. One afternoon session was devoted to cataloging problems with particular interest in "Corporate Authors" and "Serial Publications."

Mr. Ernest DeWald, from the Army Map Service in Washington, led a discussion on "Utilization of Subprofessional Personnel." This discussion resulted in a resolution to be forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission urging that it reconsider its stand on the revision of standards for subprofessional personnel.

Lt. Col. George V. Fagan, Librarian of the Air Academy, led a discussion on "Size and Services of a School Library as Related to the Student Body Served."

Dr. Philip G. Seifert, of the Office of Scientific Information, National Science Foundation, delivered a paper on "Inventory of Federal Scientific Information Activities."

Other subjects discussed were "Microfilm and Microcards," "Translation Problems," "Subject Headings," "Circulation Methods," and "Inventory Methods."

One outstanding achievement of the workshop was the appointment of a committee on the expansion of the "Military Periodical Index." The "Military Periodical Index," which is published by the Air University, indexes about seventy of the better known military periodicals. At last year's workshop, plans were made for an expansion of this index through the cooperative efforts of several other military libraries. Because of the success of this venture a further expansion will be carried out during the next year. A permanent committee to work on this was formed and will report on progress from time to time.

The entire group of conferees were the guests of Major General and Mrs. Thomas E. de Shazo, Commandant, U. S. Army Artillery and Missile School, at a reception on the evening of Thursday, October 2, at the Fort Sill Officers Club. The conferees accepted an invitation to hold the next workshop meeting at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. Professor George R. Luckett, Librarian, will be the host for that meeting.

The conferees also witnessed a demonstration of the five major missiles now in use by the United States Army. This was followed by a visit to the Fort Sill Indian School where the students performed ceremonial dances in costume. On the last day of the conference, the conferees were special guests of the Commanding General at the dedication ceremony of the Old Post Corral.

O. Willard Holloway is librarian of the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile School Library, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

FIRST STEPS

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ing was planned to define the scope of the community survey, compile a list of all organizations with adult education objectives, and plan to obtain existing surveys.

The library has started its self-evaluation study. The beginning step is to check the shelf list for a physical count of nonfiction titles by breakdowns of 10's of the Dewey decimals, with reference to broad noting of recentness of titles. Later it is planned to make spot checks using standard indexes. Other studies will be developed later to evaluate service and public usage among library patrons.

Deadline for the April issue of the Oklahoma Librarian is March 1. The Publications Committee will be glad to consider articles on subjects of interest to the OLA membership and news of your library is always welcome.
By now, almost everybody must know that the second National Library Week will be celebrated April 12-18, 1959. Did last year's celebration leave you breathless? Did you sometimes wonder, is it worth it? There can be little doubt that the cumulative effect of NLW in Oklahoma was an improved climate for library development. Take a look at what went on in just one week, library-wise.

Only three daily newspapers in Oklahoma failed to carry NLW stories. Strangely, the cities in which these were located have thriving libraries! A total of 118 state newspapers published NLW news, editorials, and features, with a total circulation of 865,231. Considering that each copy of a newspaper may be read by more than one adult because only one paper usually goes to a family, this means that (with the exception of the three cities mentioned above) practically every adult in Oklahoma had libraries brought to his attention through newspapers during this week.

By actual measure, Oklahoma newspapers carried 4,690 column inches of NLW material during this week.

Information about television and radio coverage is not complete, but it is known that four television stations and seven radio stations did carry news broadcasts, public service announcements, and special programs. In addition, four television and four radio stations carried paid advertising sponsored by National Library Week local committees.

Eighteen cities had library displays in store windows or business establishments. In 23, there was special participation from school students visiting libraries. In 14, the schools held special library week programs or displays.

Twenty-four counties in the state had actively functioning local NLW committees, headed by enthusiastic county chairmen.

The source of these figures is newspaper accounts obtained through a clipping service, and it is very likely that many schools and libraries had NLW celebrations and displays which did not reach the newspapers.

Some really excellent editorial comment, carefully and factually written, was carried in many cities all over the state.

As Irma Tomberlin, last year's state chairman, said in her report on NLW, "The support of the state associations and local groups was spontaneous and enthusiastic. We discovered friends and supporters we did not know about, and I believe that any future library development in the state will come about more easily and successfully because of this interest. Libraries all over the state now feel that they have new allies for their fight to tell the 'library story' in Oklahoma.

"Many of our smaller public libraries benefited directly through gifts to their libraries during NLW. These included not only books, but money, equipment and paintings. They also benefited through the registration of new borrowers, and the re-registration of old borrowers."

Especially significant were the following:

Proclamation by the Governor of National Library Week, and proclamations by the mayors in 12 cities, dedication of the first three state-owned bookmobiles to open NLW, and the opening and dedication of a new library in Lindsay on March 16, where no library had previously existed.

Nobody has come up with a better slogan for National Library Week than last year's. So this year's theme will again be, "Wake Up and Read!"—for a better-read, better-informed America.

Promotion materials, including posters, counter cards, streamers in two sizes, bookmarks, table tents, newspaper advertising mats and emblems, and paper table mats will be available shortly, all utilizing the NLW theme. Prices and instructions for ordering will be announced when available.

Articles, editorials or columns on National Library Week are now scheduled in Look, Saturday Evening Post, Parents Magazine, American Legion, Boys' Life, Christian Herald, Town & Country, Farm Journal, Reader's Digest, Saturday Review, and This Week. In the juvenile field, Children's Digest (circulation 929,000) will carry an article in the January issue describing the role young people can play in NLW. Four Scholastic publications, each hitting different age levels, promise to feature stories relating to Library Week.
In 1958 former presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman issued the following message. You may wish to call it to the attention of new committee members and other community groups who may not have been aware of its publication at that time:

---A STATEMENT FROM TWO PRESIDENTS---

on the occasion of the first observance of

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The Bible tells us that the truth shall make men free.

We Americans know that if freedom means anything, it means the right to think. And the right to think means the right to read—anything, written anywhere, by any man, at any time.

Print is our passport to truth. It opens the richest empire man knows—the empire of the human heart and mind.

Men die; devices change; success and fame run their course. But within the walls of even the smallest library in our land lie the treasures, the wisdom and the wonder of man's greatest adventures on this earth.

National Library Week will greatly serve if it makes us pause and remember these things.

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OSU OFFERS NEW LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

A scheduled year-round program of undergraduate courses in Library Science at the Oklahoma State University, beginning with the 1959 Summer Session, has been announced by Edmond Low, Librarian.

Over a two-year period of either summer sessions or regular semesters, all courses listed in the catalog will be offered, with those most basic to school library work repeated more often, Mr. Low said. This regular schedule represents a change from that of recent years, when work during the regular session has been confined to orientation and bibliographic courses, with courses designed to train school librarians offered at irregular intervals during summer sessions only.

"It is hoped that the provision at OSU of an adequate undergraduate training program for
school librarians within the framework of teacher-training departments will lead to recruiting for the general library field, also," Mr. Low said. "The acute shortage of professionally-trained librarians at all levels has caused a nation-wide revival of interest in the promotion of undergraduate library programs which will bring young people into the profession through the satisfactions derived from service in the school library field or from professional interest engendered by introductory courses. Included in this program are the four undergraduate courses which are required by the University of Oklahoma Library School for admission to graduate work in Library Science. By offering these we hope to recruit particularly for the accredited graduate library school in our State to which we look primarily for our professionally trained personnel."

Prospective teachers who desire to prepare for part-time library work may elect the recommended library science courses while fulfilling the requirements for teaching in their chosen fields. For example, six hours will qualify a teacher-librarian, under state and regional regulations, to administer the library in a school with less than 200 pupils; fifteen hours, in a school with an enrollment of 200-499.

During their junior and senior years, students whose major interest is in the school library field, while working toward a Bachelor's degree in Education, earn the full 24 hours in library science required for certification for public school librarians in Oklahoma. Summer school courses, established on an odd- and even-year basis, are arranged so that the 24 hours may be accumulated in three summer sessions, or the 16 required for the provisional certificate in two summers.

Administratively, the Library Science Department at OSU is a part of the College of Education, but courses may be elected by students in other colleges. Courses are taught in classrooms designed for the purpose in the modern, air-conditioned University Library. Included in the 500,000 volume collection is a rapidly-growing Curriculum Materials Laboratory, with a carefully-selected, classified, and cataloged elementary and secondary school library collection of books and periodicals.

Is there a need for a consistent, scheduled undergraduate program in library science at OSU? Dr. Gerald T. Stubbs, Director, Public School Services and Teacher Placement, be-

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O.E.A. Library Sections Meet and Elect Officers

Secondary School Librarians

The Secondary School Librarians met in the auditorium of the First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, on October 24, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Frank Mosley, Norman.

Minutes of the 1957 meeting were read and approved as read.

There was no old or new business to discuss so Mr. Charles Kiser, Vice-President, introduced the speaker, Mr. D. D. Kirkland, Superintendent of Schools at Putnam City. The topic of his address was, "The Place of the Library in the High School."

According to Mr. Kirkland there are two main functions of the school library: (1) The library is the hub of education in the school. It should contain additional information on all subjects. (2) The school library is a very good balancing agent in the thinking of the people.

To obtain these ideas Mr. Kirkland suggests the following steps: (1) Provide all types of material needed, keep it up to date. (2) Serve all people. Encourage teachers to use the library. (3) Have a ready response to curriculum changes. (4) Be alert to changes in instructional methods.

Mr. Kirkland also stated the teachers have a responsibility in knowing what materials on their fields are in the library and should plan with the librarian in using the library.

The administrators can make or break a library program through lack of understanding and thinking. The North Central requirements should be followed closely. Study hall should not be combined with the library. There should be a teacher to discipline study hall and only those who are really using the library should be permitted to go to the library.

Mr. Kirkland left this idea in our minds, "The true place of the library in school will depend upon the qualifications, interests and ability of the librarian."

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the New year: President, Mrs. Charles Kiser, Putnam City; Vice-President, Mrs. Edna Kelley, El Reno; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Jane Bell, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City. The officers were elected.

At this point of the meeting the librarians present were given an opportunity to state their problems. Some of them are:

1) Librarian should be on salary 11 months a year.
2) Book orders need to be sent out sooner so books can be ready by the beginning of the school term.
3) Need a library supervisor in the State Department of Education.
4) Sell the library to the principal and superintendent.
5) Sell the library to the faculty so they will use it more efficiently.—Imogene Troxel, Secretary

Librarian's Section

The Librarians' Section of the Oklahoma Education Association met in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Oklahoma City, at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 1958. Approximately 125-130 librarians registered for the session.

Miss Frances Du Vall, Northwestern State College, Alva, president of the section, called the meeting to order. Minutes of last year's session and of the Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, October 23, 1958, were read and approved. The chairman gave a resume, "Our Year in Review," in which a report was given of the year's activities. The "Books on Exhibit" project, sponsored by the section in the past year, was highly successful wherever it was scheduled. Miss Du Vall has been asked to act as state chairman for the project again this year, and invited any interested librarian who had not yet requested the exhibit to contact her for dates.

The Sequoyah Book Award, sponsored by O.E.A. in conjunction with six other state organizations, was reported as in operation in the public schools. Publicity in the Oklahoma Teacher, and elsewhere, was reviewed, book marks showing the master-list were distributed, and librarians were enlisted to help in a statewide campaign to publicize the Award. The art layout for the medal has gone to the engravers, and it is hoped that a Children's Book Week might be established in Oklahoma for the voting period. In the Advisory Council meeting, and in the regular session, the advisability of a more "continuing" structure for

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the Children's Book Award Committee was discussed. It was suggested that the members of the nucleus committee might be appointed, at staggered intervals, for a period of three years for each. This suggestion will be relayed to the Oklahoma Library Association for consideration. The sponsoring agencies, who appoint representatives to the over-all committee, could appoint their personnel as each group sees fit to do.

Miss Edith Gorman, member of the Advisory Council and second vice-president of OLA, asked the section to consider the appointment of a subcommittee on legislation to work with the legislative committee of OLA. This move had been considered in the Advisory Council and it was believed that greater strength would result from the combined efforts. It was decided that a subcommittee of three members should be appointed by the incoming president, Miss Barbara Bailey, Oklahoma City. This committee will meet with the OLA committee, headed by Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, Norman.

The report of the nomination committee was made by Mrs. Loma Jean Schooling, chairman, of Sulphur. The nominations were as follows: Miss Barbara Bailey, Oklahoma City, President; Mrs. John Townes, Seminole, President-Elect; Miss Sue Thornton, Northeastern State College, Secretary-Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that the nominating committee's slate be accepted and that officers be elected by acclamation.

The program for the afternoon was a panel discussion, "Oklahoma Libraries Today...Tomorrow." Members of the panel were: Edith Gorman, moderator; Paul Parham, Panhandle A & M; Gilda Kenny, Blackwell; Mrs. Charles Kiser, Oklahoma City. Each level of library service in the state was discussed and each panel member stated where improvements could be made and better service maintained. It was pointed out that no uniform standards are enforced, no well-outlined pattern of school library service has been developed, and that no statewide cooperation is possible at this time.

Open forum discussion resulted in the unanimous opinion that a state school library consultant, responsible to the state department of education, was the primary need of school libraries and personnel. It was moved that the Librarians' Section make a concerted effort to secure legislative approval for such a consultant. Since qualifications would have to be set.

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**ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER**
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Advertising revenue is intended to finance publication and mailing costs of the Oklahoma Librarian. Costs and income for 1958 are itemized below:

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Printing and mailing cost is up $101.52 this year over last year. Advertising revenue is down $37.11 from last year. However, despite the lack of last year's Golden Anniversary issue stimulant to advertising, income has increased over the $811.92 mean revenue for the preceding three years. The firms still advertising have endured an unavoidable advertising rate increase and certainly are deserving of consideration and, whenever possible, patronage from members of the Oklahoma Library Association.

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up, and means of implementing such guidance at the state level, the matter will be studied by the legislative subcommittee and discussed with the OLA committee.

Miss Du Vall introduced Miss Barbara Bailey, president-elect, who will contact OEA districts for new appointments to the Advisory Council and who will select the members for the legislative committee.

Meeting adjourned.

—Edith Gorman, Acting Secretary
—Frances Du Vall, President
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the contract to admit new members by charging a flat rate of 50c per volume until the beginning of the next fiscal year after which their fee is figured on the pro rata basis.

A second obstacle is the difficulty in administering a cooperative and the usual lack of a paid administrator. The budget of the Southwest Missouri Library Service provides for a qualified cataloger-administrator and other staff members necessary to get the job done. The administrator is hired to carry on the center's activities in accordance with the policies established by the executive board of the corporation.

A third point made by Mr. Clapp is the inconvenience of cooperative action due to reluctance to give up favorite ideas or join something likely to interfere with the operation of a particular library. In our case, the librarians agreed to standardize cataloging and processing activities. As a matter of fact, most discovered a minimum of adjustment was required to conform to an overall standardized procedure.

A fourth reason for cooperative failure cited was the lack of sanctions against non-cooperators. The subscribing libraries signed contracts with the Southwest Missouri Library Service for an initial period of three years. This assures a degree of stability and allows for a reasonable length of time to show the true worth of this service. Non-cooperation would be a costly business since the library must pay the fee regardless of whether it uses the center to its fullest extent. Actually, one of the twelve libraries did ask to be allowed to withdraw before six months was up. Permission was declined. Even though one or two librarians feel that fees might be assessed differently, their libraries are bound by the present contract until 1960.

A fifth difficulty is showing that a cooperative has a practical value. This we discovered involved cost analysis, time studies, and estimates of intangible values. To most of us these considerations were entirely foreign. In a preliminary survey requested by the Council on Library Resources, the libraries reported spending the equivalent of $1 on up per volume to do a comparable job. Considering the first six months were not too highly productive, the average cost of 40c per volume through the center indicates that from a dollars and cents point of view this project is very much worthwhile. Each library has benefitted in savings of time of its professional and clerical staff. Time costs money. Some of the time saved is channeled into other useful activities which libraries have wanted to do, but with limited budgets have been prevented from executing. The following are some of the savings brought about by the existence of this cataloging and processing cooperative.

1. Unpacking shipments from jobbers and checking invoices is done at the center. Mistakes or short shipments are called to the attention of the ordering library. Most of the libraries rely on the center as its agent and pay upon the receipt of an ok'd invoice from the center.

2. The librarians are relieved of the chore of classification and cataloging. When a book comes to the ordering library it has with it a set of catalog cards ready to be filed in the card catalog plus a shelflist card. In most instances, cataloging is vastly improved. This has been a relief to the librarians—several of whom are not professionally trained. Few libraries have more than one professionally trained staff member to begin with.

3. Book cards and pockets are prepared at

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4. Pockets are pasted in the books. This eliminates preparation of paste, cleaning brushes as well as saving time in the actual pasting operation.

5. Serial numbers are stamped on the title page, the pocket, each book card and the shelf list card. The center started with 200,000 being a number larger than any of the libraries had used. Since these are used for identification, it is immaterial that a given library have an unbroken line of consecutive serial numbers.

6. A great deal of time is saved in typing classifications and headings on card catalog sets. The classification is placed on the stencil for the unit card. Subject headings and title cards are prepared from stencils or pre-run subject cards.

7. Most libraries have made good use of the space saved in receiving books and holding them until cataloging and processing could be completed.

8. The time is reduced between receipt of the books and placing them in service. Formerly, most of the member librarians did the cataloging and processing in time that could have been spared from other duties. Most usually more important library functions were neglected in order to get the latest best seller on the shelf.

9. Also economically important was the release of equipment for other purposes such as typewriters, tables, stacks, book trucks which may have been tied up in the past in the long, drawn out cataloging and processing procedures in each library.

The participating library receives other values which it can pass on to its patrons by what is currently termed "enrichment of service." This also can be translated into money since it is provided with the time saved by professional and clerical staff. Our group visualized the following utilization of this time for additional service or the improvement of existing services. These are no longer visions but material facts today.

1. Provide additional reference service. Consider, if you will, the lack of professionally trained librarians. I have heard of no library with adequate staff, even clerical personnel.

2. Spend more time on book selection and ordering. Librarians have long complained of not having enough time to devote to reading reviews, checking titles for duplications, surveying their collections and even examining new books.

3. Spend more time on materials control. This can mean records of books in branches, bookmobiles, schools, or the actual transfer of materials from one place to another. This would also provide time to supervise and schedule repair and rebinding. Systematized weeding is usually shrugged off until the librarian can find time—maybe forever.

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Walter Murphy Receives First OLA Scholarship

Walter Henry Murphy, O. U. graduate student, is the first recipient of the scholarship to the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science which was established by the Oklahoma Library Association last spring. James E. Gourley, OLA president, presented the $200 scholarship to Murphy at ceremonies held in October in the offices of Dr. Arthur McAnally, library school director.

"Eligibility for the scholarship, as set up by the faculty of the O. U. library school," said Dr. McAnally, "calls for financial need, scholarship, sound personality, promise for future professional contribution, and full-time enrollment at O. U." Residents of Oklahoma will receive preference, he said.

Mrs. Irma R. Tomberlin, assistant professor of library science and immediate past president of OLA, is chairman of the scholarship committee.

Murphy, presently enrolled in the University's Graduate College, also commutes daily to Oklahoma City where he has been on the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries since January 1958 as assistant in the reference department. He received a bachelor's degree with a major in English from O. U. in 1955, and was a distinguished military graduate of ROTC. During the next two years he served as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Army artillery in Germany. In 1954 he received a Dad's Association scholarship, and a University Student Award in 1955. He is married to Mary Rule, a former O. U. student. They have three children, Charles Landon, 3, Melinda Ann, 2, and Kathleen Lyn, 8 months.

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4. Enlarge the service area using the same staff. This is a formula for taking on more work without spreading yourself any thinner. The Southwest Regional Library took advantage of this service to successfully conduct the first locally administered library demonstration service in Missouri and consequently adding neighboring Dade County to the region. At the same time it was possible to improve the existing services for all the people of the four county area served.

5. Provide special services in library not now possible. Again, I refer to our own library which plans to utilize a portion of our savings to add another professional staff member to assist in supervision of branches and to implement a readers advisory and reference service in the branch libraries.

6. Provide in-service training of non-professional staff numbers. Tied in with this is the increased time which can be spent in employee supervision and instruction.

7. Give additional attention to administrative duties leading to more efficient operation. This covers a multitude of sins of omission. Librarians must have time to think and plan—try this if you are being pushed to take care of the details of cataloging and processing materials. Most small and medium-sized libraries have an administrative librarian who must take on all the duties of business management, interviewing salesmen, supervising maintenance of the building, answering questionnaires from the State Library and a host of other duties. Something has to give, so why not the job of head of cataloging and processing department. It might be mentioned here that Trails Regional Library, established last year, did not have to bother or worry about setting up a processing department.

8. Devote more attention to the condition and evaluation of the quality of the collection. This is stressed to emphasize the need of most libraries to provide "new blood for old systems," and to eliminate the "dead but not yet buried." Most authorities agree that those who preside over the transfusion of the "new blood" should also certify the "dead."

9. Place ephemeral material in usable condition. Establishing a vertical file and determining the location within said file of pamphlet and other materials which are not cataloged and the continuous weeding of same is time consuming.

10. Extend the public relations program of the library. Here again, time is a factor.

One of the most important controls for books going through the center is a standardized multiple order form. Each library must fill out one of these forms for each title ordered. One of the copies is retained by the ordering library for its order file. Two copies are sent to the center. The fourth copy may be used to send to the jobber as an order. Of the two copies going to the center, one is placed in a union file designed to bring all of the copies of a particular title together as a guide to the operator of the printing machine to designate the number of catalog card sets, book cards and pockets needed for each library. The other copy of the form is filed for each library; and upon receipt of a title, it becomes a combined packing slip and check against straying.

When a shipment of books arrives, the invoice is checked; the packing slip is pulled; the ownership is stamped on the title page. Catalog cards, book cards and pockets made beforehand are placed in the books. After the books have the card sets in them, they proceed to the pasting machine—a serial number is stamped on the pocket, each book card, the shelflist card, and the title page of the book. From this point, the books are ready to be packed and shipped to the libraries.

If books have not been pre-cataloged, they go on a "in process" shelf. In a good many instances, stencils may have been made or are in the process of being made; if not, the cataloger and staff start from scratch with each title. Juvenile books are graded into four categories. The center subscribes to the Library of Congress proofsheet service. It also has a set of the printed union catalog. Library of Congress cataloging and classification is used wherever possible.

All reproduction is done on an Elliott Addressing Machine using a nine-line stencil. This equipment was chosen because of its low initial cost and inexpensive stencils for filing. We are looking forward to the development of the photographic equipment under experimentation by Eastman Kodak. As predicted, libraries do not order the same title at the same time.

During the first year of operation, each library maintained its own supply of book cards and imprinted pockets at the center to be used in their books coming through the center, all using pockets uniform as to type and size. Each library was allowed leeway to use as many cards with each book and in any number of different colors as it so chose. All other supplies were purchased by the cooperative.

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One of our latest changes is to establish standardized book cards. From now on we will supply to each library two book cards—one white, one green—with two libraries having a third card of blue if so desired. This is going to save considerable time at the center and by pooling our orders reduce the cost of the cards substantially. We are going into cooperative purchasing of other supplies as we work out the details.

One of the chief difficulties in operating the center is convincing jobbers and other sources to properly label boxes and to include with each shipment an invoice covering each shipment.

Mrs. Kenney has an article in Library Resources and Technical Services for Summer, 1958 called “Centralized Processing—Missouri Style.” The December, 1957 issue of the Missouri Library Association Quarterly carried my account of the formation of this project. In the near future an evaluative report will be made available.

We believe that this is the answer to our cataloging and processing problems. I do not know of any of the member librarians who desire to go back to the old way of doing this job. There is no reason why this association cannot be expanded in size and in services to the mutual benefit of all subscribing libraries. With costs rising in every budget category without a corresponding increase in income, I predict that the small to medium-sized library which is not in a cooperative of this type will discover in time that it has become “Too Soon Old and Too Late Schwartzi.”

Willard K. Dennis is president of Southwest Missouri Library Service, Inc., and librarian of the Southwest Regional Library at Bolivar, Missouri. His article, “Too Soon Old and Too Late Schwartzi,” is a revision of his talk to the Cataloging Division of OLA at the annual meeting in April, 1958, and is based on the first year of operation of the service center.

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Steering Committee For Second NLW Announced

The National Book Committee, Inc., has announced names of members who will make up the Steering Committee for the second National Library Week. Again, co-sponsors of the project will be the American Library Association.

Theodore Waller will be chairman of the Steering Committee for the 1959 program. Mr. Waller, who served as vice-chairman in 1958, is Vice-President of the Grolier Society, Inc., and Americana Corporation.

New members of the Steering Committee are: Cass Canfield, Chairman, Editorial Board, Harper and Brothers; Mary Gaver, President, American Association of School Librarians; Emerson Greenaway, President-elect, American Library Association; Roger McDonough, Director, Division of the State Library, Archives and History, New Jersey; Leo Rosten, Board of Editors, Look Magazine; Whitney North Seymour, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.

Members of the 1958 committee who will continue are: Douglas M. Black, President, Double-day & Company; Bernard Barnes, Vice-President, Time, Inc.; Gilbert W. Chapman, President, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.; Louis G. Cowan, President, CBS Television Network; Harold K. Guinzburg, President, The Viking Press, 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, and Mr. Waller.

John S. Robling, who headed the NLW staff in 1958, continues as Director for 1959, and Virginia Mathews as Assistant Director.
NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

September 27, 1958

The Executive Board met in the Oklahoma City University Library.

Members present were James Gourley, Irma Tomberlin, Esther Mae Henke, Edith Gorman, Alton P. Juhlin, William H. Lowry, and Virginia Collier.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported general fund balance of $655.50, Children's Book Award Fund balance $16.50, and Past-president's Scholarship balance $120.00, with total balance of $937.60.

Letters were read from Mr. Greenaway accepting the invitation to the 1959 OLA Conference, to the University of Oklahoma presenting the $290 OLA Scholarship; and from Dr. McAnally accepting the scholarship and stating that it was presented to Walter Murphy.

Mrs. Tomberlin suggested that, if the OLA Scholarship is granted again, to have it offered earlier so that it can be publicized in the Oklahoma Librarian and the Oklahoma Teacher.

Miss Henke moved that a committee be appointed to study the OLA Scholarship as to purpose and as to necessary publicity, and a report to be made by the first of 1959. The question was put to a vote and approved.

Mrs. Tomberlin reported for the Legislative Committee that it recommended that OLA back the State Library Budget as a whole in the amount of $333,719.55 for each year, an increase of $140,316.19 over the 1958 budget.

The School Library Subcommittee of OLA reported that they plan to work with the School Library Subcommittee of OEA in carrying out their work.

The Sequoyah Book Award Committee report was given by Miss Gorman. Her report covered the following points:

a. Suggested permanent responsibility for the award to be assigned to the Second Vice-president or to other such definite officer. Mr. Gourley referred this suggestion to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for study.

b. The Northwestern State College had printed up a supply of Sequoyah Award Bookmarks. The motion was made by Mr. Lowry that these bookmarks be sold for 50c per 100, postage prepaid, and profits be placed in the Award funds. Motion seconded by Esther Henke. The question was put to a vote and approved.

Program committee report was given by the chairman, Mr. Lowry.

a. Room rates at Western Hills Lodge: Single $6 to $10, double $8 to $12, quadruple $17.50.

b. Meals: Breakfast $1.75, lunch $2.25, dinner $3.75 up.

c. Tentative program: A Children’s Story-Telling Workshop in connection with the annual meeting was discussed.

The Recruiting Committee was requested to investigate buying or preparing recruiting folder.

The Membership Committee was requested to investigate member's fees and prepare a proposal.

The meeting adjourned.
**How to Organize a Local Committee for NLW**

One of the important aspects of National Library Week is that it is much more than a campaign planned and run by librarians alone. There should be a single local committee, made up of both librarians and laymen, with laymen predominating, a layman as Chairman and a librarian as Vice-Chairman.

This year it will be the responsibility of the librarians in a community to take the initiative for organizing the local committee, with the public librarian taking the lead. It is suggested that representatives of all kinds of libraries in the community be invited to meet in the public library to discuss formation of the local committee.

In deciding on the citizen chairman of the local committee, aim high. It is desirable and possible to enlist the community's top leaders, especially those who have shown interest in other public service efforts. Be sure your candidate for chairman understands that a librarian Vice-Chairman will work closely with him on plans and that he will have the full working support of the other librarians on the committee.

If you cannot find an appropriate way locally to approach the person of your choice, ask the Executive Director of the State Committee to help. Perhaps an invitation from the Chairman of the State Committee would be effective.

As soon as the local Chairman accepts, he should go over the list of people suggested for membership on the committee, adding to it in consultation with the Vice-Chairman. Invitations to serve should go out over the signature and on the letterhead of the Chairman, with needed assistance in preparation and mailing if necessary. Most important, make sure that the committee is truly representative of the community.

**National Organizations Endorse Second NLW**

Official letters of endorsement for NLW, 1959, have been received from PTA, NEA, Jaycees, and the U.S. Department of Defense on behalf of the Armed Services Libraries. The ANPA, in another General Management Bulletin, will cite in its entire membership to the program activities. The Authors' League for the first time will appoint its own NLW committee to cooperate in key cities on a pilot basis.

This year the Religious Publishers Group announced the suspension of their regular Lenten Lists in favor of promoting NLW. Intense activity thus far includes NLW editorials in syndicated church bulletins, reaching many millions of churchgoers; editorial support from 50 major Protestant and Catholic publications; wide cooperation from the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches; inclusion of NLW's emblem in religious publishers' mailing pieces and catalogs; and an RPG recommended religious bookstore promotion plan.

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**Libraries Used Full-Time**

Staff members of the University of Oklahoma Libraries report that "our new library is fulfilling all expectations. Criticisms of the limited use of college and university buildings simply do not apply to the libraries of Oklahoma's state institutions."

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SAY THANK YOU TO THESE WHO HELPED

Many non-librarians worked overtime to make National Library Week a success in 1958. The imagination, interest in libraries, and energy displayed were a source of inspiration and wonder to librarians.

In Oklahoma, direction of statewide activities was in the hands of a committee of citizens headed by Lee C. Erhard, director of public relations for the Fourth National Bank of Tulsa, and a member of the Tulsa Public Library Board. Mr. Erhard wrote letters, made public appearances, and talked to many persons about NLW. The Oklahoma Press Association mailed his editorial on National Library Week to all newspapers in the state, and also distributed the Governor’s Proclamation of Library Week in Oklahoma.

Through Mr. Erhard’s efforts, 24 county citizen chairmen organized NLW activities in their counties. The ingenuity and variety of the activities which resulted were amazing. Last year’s county chairmen, to whom thanks are due from all libraries, are:

Canadian County, Mrs. W. B. Blanton, El Reno; Carter County, Paul Paschall, Ardmore; Choctaw County, Miss Fannie Glenn, Hugo; Cleveland County, Dean Thurman White, O. U. Extension Division, Norman; Cotton County, Mrs. J. B. Carroll, Temple; Creek County, R. P. Matthews, Sapulpa; Custer County, Miss Grace Burcham, Weatherford.

Ellis County, Mrs. Willard Rogers, Arnett; Greer County, Mrs. Robert V. Staton, Mangum; Jackson County, Mrs. Jeff Booker, Headrick; Johnston County, Carl Reubin, Tishomingo; Kay County, Mrs. Kenneth Lamkin, Blackwell; Latimer County, Mrs. Mavis Martin, Wilburton; LeFlore County, Mrs. J. B. Price, Poteau; Muskogee County, Robert McKee, Muskogee; Oklahoma County, Jerry Newby, Oklahoma City.

Pottawatomie County, Mrs. Eugene Hagar, Ada; Pushmataha County, Mrs. W. M. Church, Antlers; Roger Mills County, John C. Casady, Cheyenne; Sequoyah County, Wheeler Mayo, Sallisaw; Tillman County, Mrs. Cecil Wyatt, Frederick; Tulsa County, Cleo C. Ingle, Tulsa; Washington County, Herbert E. Winn, Bartlesville; Woods County, Mrs. John Hall, Alva.

A complete list of citizens who were members of local NLW committees is not available.

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FROM THE FOUR CORNERS

Mrs. Rosemary Lynch, formerly librarian of the Enid High School, has been appointed librarian at Vance Air Force Base. She succeeds Miss Freddie Lou Etter who resigned in August to accept a similar position at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Formerly of Muskogee, Mrs. Lynch has also served as Garfield County Librarian and as Seminary Librarian at Phillips University.

Gerald M. Coble has been appointed Assistant Director (Public Services) for the University of Oklahoma Libraries effective July 1, 1958. He occupies the position last held by Stan McDelder. Mr. Coble has previously served as librarian of the West State College of Colorado at Gunnison, and as library advisor for the Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical Project at the University of Peshawar in Pakistan.

W. C. Blankenship joined the staff of the OSU Library in June as Education Assistant. He has the MS in LS degree from Kansas State Teachers College and the BS degree from Missouri Valley College. He has served as a school librarian in Missouri and as periodicals librarian at Bradley University.

Mrs. Vinita Davis, formerly Information Desk Librarian at O. U., resigned September 15 to become Reference Librarian, North Texas State College, Denton.

Melville R. Spence has been appointed Acquisitions Librarian at O. U. succeeding T. Gene Hodges, who is now librarian of the Max Chambers Library, Central State College, Edmond. Mr. Spence was formerly assistant director of the Beloit (Wisconsin) College Library and also served on the staff of the University of Idaho Library.

Mrs. Alma G. Doughty, formerly Assistant Librarian for Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City, became librarian of the Southeast Jr. and Sr. High School Library in Oklahoma City effective September 1958. She is a graduate of the O. U. Library School.

Mrs. Gloria H. Moon resigned as Science Cataloger, O. U. Libraries, effective September 1, and has since joined the staff of the Oklahoma State University Library in the Catalog Department.

Helen Poulton, formerly of the O.S.U. Library staff, is now at Reno as Agriculture and Home Economics Librarian.

Mrs. Elise Luke Owings accepted appointment as librarian of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, effective November 1. She was formerly Architecture Librarian at the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pat Baker is the new librarian of the Evening Division and School of Law Library of the University of Tulsa. Mrs. Baker, a 1958 graduate of the O. U. Library School, succeeds Mrs. Joye Clark who retired at the end of the 1957-58 school year.

Mrs. Mary Lea James (B.S. in L.S., Illinois 1937) has been appointed head of the Circulation Department of the University of Tulsa Library. Mrs. Mimi Langenkamp, whom Mrs. James succeeds, is now living in Fort Worth and has recently accepted a position in the library of Texas Christian University.

Clarence S. Paine, director of the Oklahoma City Libraries since 1947, resigned effective February 13, 1959, to accept a position in Lansing, Michigan, as director of school and public libraries. Paine came to Oklahoma City from Beloit, Wisconsin, where he was director of the Beloit College Libraries. He was responsible for the two modern library buildings completed in 1951 and 1953 and now serving Oklahoma City at NW Third and Robinson (Main Library) and SW 26 and Hudson (Capitol Hill Branch Library). During his administration, the city library budget was tripled, a specialized service to business and industry was established, and an adult education program outstanding nationally was developed through the library's Community Workshop Division.
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lieves that there is. His reasons are given in the following statement:

"It is my understanding that Oklahoma State University is planning to emphasize and extend the program of opportunity on this campus for training school librarians. I am certainly delighted to know that these plans are being formulated, and I trust that every effort will be made to speed the plans to full completion in the shortest possible time. I further hope that wide publicity and information will be given to the plans that are being developed so that the school administrators and teachers in Oklahoma may know of the opportunities that will be available at this institution in the field of library science.

"From my contacts with public schools in Oklahoma, it has been impressed upon me that there is a great increase in the need of adequately prepared people for library services. It has been brought to my attention time and time again that schools are in need of trained librarians and those who can assist in the instruction program in the use of library facilities. There are individuals, also, who are now trained as teachers who would welcome the opportunity to enter this field if adequate provision is made on the university campus to this end.

"I am also impressed, as Director of the Teacher Placement Services at Oklahoma State University, with the increasing number of calls that we have for people trained in library services. It will be a great help to the schools in Oklahoma and to the Placement Bureau if we can look to the near future for a supply of trained people in this field."

The Library Science Department at OSU is equipped to provide a continuous program if enrollment justifies it, according to Mr. Low. It is believed that a two-year schedule is necessary, so that students entering the field can rely on specific courses needed to complete requirements. If sufficient support is given, the program will become a permanent part of the university schedule.

Operation Library flourishes in other states, but not much has been heard from Oklahoma. Do you have an experience with your local Jaycee group which might help others? If so, let the Oklahoma Librarian hear about it. New national chairman is Thomas A. Malloy, 96 Chatham Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

State Organization for Second NLW Underway

Oklahoma’s Executive Director for National Library Week in 1959 is Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian, Oklahoma State Library. The Executive Director is appointed by the state library association.

A state committee of both citizen leaders and librarians, with a layman as chairman, will be appointed to work with the Executive Director. One major responsibility of the state-wide committee will be to provide a clearinghouse for the problems and plans of local committees, helping them to share ideas and information.

The initiative in forming a local committee for NLW must be taken by the librarians in each community. Do not wait to hear from your state committee—begin now to organize your local committee and make plans for your NLW celebration.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CALLS FOR YOUR HELP NOW

The Governor’s budget has been introduced in the legislature without any increase provided for the State Library appropriation over the last biennium. Irma Tomberlin, OLA legislative chairman, urges that all OLA members contact their legislators right away and ask them to work for an increase in the recommended appropriation for the State Library. This is needed if Oklahoma is to match federal funds for continued rural library development.

Call, write, or visit your legislator now. Tell him an increase of $140,000 is urgently needed over the State Library recommended budget during each year of the next biennium. Remember, money spent in library development comes back to you in library service.

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