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In this, my first message as President of the Oklahoma Library Association I am happy to point to some signs of real progress for libraries in Oklahoma. The State Library appropriation of $400,000 for the next two years is an increase over previous years at a time when many state departments felt fortunate to receive the same appropriation available the last biennium. This money includes sufficient funds for an active state library program, including an adequate allotment for the Extension Division. Unfortunately S.B. 173 providing additional money to match federal funds failed to pass so that Oklahoma will not be able to qualify for the maximum federal library services grant.

The closing days of the legislature saw House Joint Resolution 540 pass. This proposes a constitutional amendment providing an advalorem tax for public libraries and gives these libraries the best chance in years for sound financial support. And at last, after so many years of talking and planning, we have proved that multi-county library service can be a practical solution to at least some library problems in Oklahoma. It was a rare privilege to have been involved personally in several of these forward-looking measures. The results were worth the anxiety and hard work.

All of this has really been accomplished because the members of O.L.A. are sincerely devoted to a progressive library program and have been willing to work for it both locally and on a statewide basis. The road has not been easy nor the victories always decisive, and ahead of each step of progress lies a still greater hurdle.

These are some of the tasks for O.L.A. in the year ahead: promoting a plan for adequate financing of public libraries, expansion of multi-county library service, and helping each one of us grow personally and professionally in our chosen field of librarianship. These necessary tasks we cannot fulfill as individuals but we can accomplish them as members of the Oklahoma Library Association. Was the question ever more absurd, "What can O.L.A. do for me?"

As you look towards the future here are some plans already being made for the coming year. First set aside October 29 and 30 and plan to attend a Workshop on Financing Public Library Service, to be held at the University of Oklahoma North Campus and sponsored jointly by the Oklahoma Library Association, the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science and the Oklahoma State Library. This is a must not only for public librarians but for all librarians, library trustees and for all friends and patrons of libraries who want to see better public library service.

The Program Committee will hold its first meeting August 1 to start work on the next Conference. This 1960 conference at Ada will enjoy the wonderful facilities and hospitality of both the East Central State College Library and the Ada Public Library.

Just in case your National Library Week report of 1959 hasn't cleared your desk plans are being made now for the biggest National Library Week ever celebrated in Oklahoma.

Finally I wish all of you a restful and pleasant vacation because you will need it. The months that lie ahead will be busy ones.

July, 1959
RUSSIAN SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATIONS:

Collection, Control and Dissemination

(Address delivered by Miss Hamrick at a joint luncheon meeting of the Special Libraries Association, Oklahoma Chapter, and the College and University Libraries Division during the OLA Annual Conference, April 10, 1959.)

When we speak of the period of the Renaissance, we usually refer to the 14th to the 16th century and mainly to what happened to art, architecture, music and literature in the flowering Italy of that era.

Medievalists, however, are wont to talk about another entirely different, much earlier Renaissance. This Renaissance was almost entirely based on the activity of translators who made the time of closest contact with the Islamic world the basis of a rebirth of science which had lain dormant since the days of Ptolemy and Galen, that is, more or less, one thousand years.

Men like John of Seville, Adelard of Bath, Peter the Venerable and Michael Scott restored to the Occident the roots of occident science, that is, the science of ancient Greece. They translated the classics from Arabic into Latin, and, at the same time, gave the Occident its first long close look at the works of the outstanding Arabic scientists. Gerard of Cremona, one of the greatest translators of all times, translated no fewer than 70 to 80 scientific books, including the works of Aristotle, Euclid, Archimedes, Apollonius and others.

With the completion of that great translation program, and, with the rise of nationalism, the propagation of science by translation gradually moved into the background. It is true that Oersted’s fundamental paper on electromagnetism, published in 1820, was translated into English, French, Italian, German and Danish within one year. It is true that Roentgen’s discovery of X-rays, in the year 1896, caused the publication of 1044 books and papers on X-rays in many languages, again within one year, but there was no more organized, concerted effort of acquiring scientific knowledge by means of translations.

It took two world wars and one Sputnik to demonstrate the indisputable need for a thorough knowledge of scientific developments everywhere. This kind of knowledge must be based largely on the availability of translations. Coverage by translations can be obtained only by systematized, organized activity as exemplified by the Renaissance of the 12th century.

Speaking specifically, the Soviets, by establishing a clearinghouse to disseminate the scientific and technical ideas from the rest of the world to their own scientists and engineers, are able to place at their disposal world-wide techniques. Since so many American scientists and engineers are not able to read Russian, our need for a coordinated central clearinghouse to obtain, to control bibliographically, and to disseminate the scientific and technical material in translated form was extremely urgent. In fact, the absence of a clearinghouse had two serious effects.

(1) Little factual information concerning Soviet science and technology reached the U.S. scientists and engineers.

(2) The many agencies, public and private, who are engaged in reviewing, abstracting and translating Soviet-blue materials ran serious
risks of duplicating one another's independent efforts.

For some time U. S. Government agencies concerned with the various aspects of science were well aware of the fact that important progress was being made in Russian universities, laboratories and libraries. These agencies were convinced that an exchange of information is necessary. The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health have played important roles in the sponsoring of translation programs.

Largely due to their efforts, more than forty journals are being translated over to cover and are being published in the United States. It is true, of course, that commercial interests also took the initiative in this translation activity, adding their efforts to the ones that were indorsed by government grants, or, in some cases, by direct government contracts.

Government agencies themselves are important sources of Russian scientific and technical translations. The translations have been prepared to give them the knowledge necessary to meet the requirements of their programs. Several of these agencies have been preparing abstracts, digests and full translations which are of interest and value to our scientists and engineers. A preliminary survey indicated that about 50,000 abstracts and 10,000 full translations were being prepared annually.

As it happened, it was before the launching of the first Sputnik in October 1957, that the National Science Foundation called together all of the Government agencies who had established translation programs to find out what translation was being done and why it did not reach the scientific community and industry. They brought together their own agency, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Air Technical Intelligence Center which supports the Air Information Division of the Library of Congress, the Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Commerce. These groups agreed that it was not necessary for the information they had translated to remain in security files. However, some of them felt that they could not be released under their own names because it would reveal sources of information or methods of collection. They all agreed to supply the material to the Department of Commerce if it was prepared to create a central open clearinghouse where the material could be processed and disseminated.

The Department of Commerce was prepared and authorized by law to perform just such a function. Under Public Law 776, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish and maintain within the Department a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of scientific, technical and engineering information and to take such steps as he may deem necessary and desirable to search for, collect, classify, coordinate, integrate, record and catalog such information from whatever sources, foreign and domestic, that may be available. The Secretary of Commerce was also authorized to make such information available to industry and business, to State and local governments, to other agencies of the Federal Government and to the general public, through the preparation of abstracts, digests, translations, bibliographies, indexes, and microfilm and other reproductions.

For several years the Office of Technical Services of the Department of Commerce has collected, cataloged, and disseminated technical reports. It has issued a monthly abstract bulletin entitled U. S. Government Research Reports to announce the material received. A number of Soviet articles and papers translated to meet the needs of individual government agencies have been issued as Government research reports and have been received by OTS and announced in its bulletin. This number is very small, however, in comparison to the total number of translations produced by government sources.

Congress appropriated funds for fiscal year 1958-1959 and the program for collecting, controlling and disseminating scientific and technical translations was inaugurated on July 1 of this year. This program is being operated in connection with the technical reports program by the Technical Information Division of the Office of Technical Services.

Before describing the operation and functions of the Technical Information Division in the translation field, I should like to mention the Special Libraries Association Translation Center at the John Crerar Library in Chicago. I am sure that most of you have followed the activities of the SLA Center with interest. This year more financial support is being given to the Center by grant from the
National Science Foundation and by contract from the Office of Technical Services.

For the purpose of securing copies of all translations possible, an active acquisition program is under way. In working out a cooperative program with the SLA Translation Center, a part of the responsibility for acquisitions has been assigned to this Center. The Center will collect translations from industry, universities, research organizations and other private sources. The Office of Technical Services has approached all of the major U.S. Government agencies to acquire copies of their translations. Arrangements have been made for the exchange of translated material between these agencies and OTS. Additional arrangements are being made for exchange of translated materials with Great Britain and other countries where files of translations are maintained. Permission has been received from most of the commercial translating firms to list their translations in our catalogs and in our announcement journal.

As a result of our acquisition activities, we are receiving much of the material that is being translated currently by U.S. Government agencies and by some British government agencies. Abstracts of approximately 100 technical journals are being received and have been announced for sale. Translated sections of the Referatury Zhurnal in the fields of physics, chemistry and biology are available also. Presently full translations of articles are being received at the rate of approximately 700 a month and abstracts at the rate of approximately 3000 a month. The rate is increasing steadily. We have been informed that in addition to the English abstracts taken from Russian material, English abstracts of the Chinese scientific and technical literature will be made available to us soon. Translations of some books and monographs are being received. Before making these books and monographs available, we are having them reviewed by experts to determine their usefulness to the scientist or engineer.

Provisions have been made for an exchange of translations between the Office of Technical Services and the SLA Translation Center. The aim of these efforts is to have complete files at both institutions. To make the translations more readily available to a greater number of users, several other repositories have been established. These repositories are located at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of California, Los Angeles, Carnegie Public Library, Pittsburgh, Linda Hall Library, Kansas City and the Detroit Public Library.

Cataloging and abstracting are done exclusively by the Technical Information Division of OTS. To perform this task, a highly qualified staff is being assembled at this time—not without considerable difficulty due to the heavy demand for people that combine a scientific background with a knowledge of library procedures.

With the help of this staff, it is hoped to maintain complete bibliographic control of translations. The catalogs will contain entries for all translations located, whether or not they are in the files of OTS. Catalog cards for these entries include abstracts. They indicate availability and price of the material.

On January 2, 1959, the first issue of our abstract journal entitled Technical Transactions was distributed. This journal is issued semi-monthly and the subscription price is $12.00 a year. The journal includes translations from all languages. It covers all fields of science and technology and the material is arranged under broad subject categories. A table of contents refers the user to the subject area of his special interest. Indexes by author, subject and journal provide access to specific references. In addition to the translations available from the Office of Technical Services, the journal lists translations prepared by commercial translating firms and others, with information as to availability and price. The journal includes a list of book reviews, a list of journals translated cover-to-cover and a list of translations in process by government agencies. We have been requested by some of the private translating firms and publishers to include the translations they have in process also. This is being considered and future issues may contain entries for this material.

The Technical Information Division offers a comprehensive reference service covering both technical reports and translations. This service includes the identification and location of material and subject researchers for users who are interested in having all references on a specific subject. When material requested is not identified in our own catalogs, appropriate Government agencies or other sources are contacted to locate this ma-
DISAPPEARING BOOKS

The unaccounted-for disappearance of books from the shelves of libraries has, in many instances, a close connection with what we now term the library's public relations. From that field will come, let us trust, some scientific study of the problem—a study which will offer suggestions as to means for improving the situation which confronts at times every type of institution.

In speaking of the disappearing book it is perhaps better to use the term "purloin" rather than "steal" for the reason that it is more nearly accurate. The first meaning of purloin is "to take away for oneself" and that is what many readers, who take books without leaving a record, actually do. Their primary intention is not dishonest; it is merely to get what they want when they want it. Of course actual stealing does frequently enter into the picture, and sometimes is the prime motive. But as statistics on the subject are not available we can learn only by conjecture and surmise, based on intimate experience, the reasons for the numerous book losses sustained.

Experience informs us that among library patrons there are some rugged individuals who are irked by any kind of restrictions. They are egoists who firmly believe that rules do not apply to them. For some esoteric reason, known only to themselves, they have a self-authenticating conviction that their needs are so special that rules should be waived. If those authoritarian people at the library cannot see their—the patrons'—personal need, then the rules must be ignored. This situation is not peculiar to libraries. Ask any traffic policeman!

When these people walk out of the library with an unrecorded book, they do it with no sense of guilt whatsoever. They had justified themselves before taking the book and their consciences were quite comfortable. How do they do this? Cicero has the answer: Man believes what he wishes to believe.

Another reason for "book lifting" is the time element. Libraries must have a limit on the length of loans and fortunately these limits are constantly growing longer. Many institutions, however, believe that two weeks or a month is as long as books can be spared, and some patrons resent this. Instead of submitting to a restriction, as to time or paying the necessary fine, they "borrow" the book without notifying the library. They, too, are conscience-clear, for they fully intend to re-

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Professor Mary Hays Marable of the O.U. Library School faculty retired in June this year. Her article on "Disappearing Books" reflects her years of experience in public and college libraries in the state before coming to the O.U. Library School faculty in 1937. She is a former president of the Oklahoma Library Association (1944).
NEW OLA OFFICERS for 1959-60 are shown above. Left to right, front row, are Josephine Howard, Secretary; William H. Lowry, President; and Elizabeth C. Cooper, First Vice-President and President-Elect. Back row, Gerald M. Coble, Second Vice-President, and Alton P. Juhlin, Treasurer.

"Listening to Talking Leaves" was the theme of the 52nd annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association. The meeting was held at Western Hills Lodge in the Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, Oklahoma. On the first day a meeting of the Recruitment Committee was held at 3 p.m. and a meeting of the Executive Board at 4:30 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. a dinner was held in Sequoyah Hall.

General Session, April 10

The Oklahoma Library Association General Session meeting was called to order April 10, 1959, at 10 a.m. in Sequoyah Hall at Western Hills Lodge. James E. Gourley, president, declared the 52nd Annual Conference open for business. Mr. Gourley welcomed the members.

Motion made by Mrs. Allie Beth Martin to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they had appeared in the July 1958 issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Irma Tomberlin. Question presented and vote carried.

Telegram read from Mrs. Cora Case Porter sending her good wishes and regrets of her inability to attend the conference.

Mr. Gourley presented the president's annual report. He stressed that "Future rather than past should be the concern of
this conference." What do we know about our readers? Too often the answer is "not very much." Libraries are truly educational ladders.

John Stratton presented the report of the nominating committee:

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Secretary: Mrs. Josephine S. Howard of the Oklahoma City Public Library.
Treasurer: Alton P. Juhlin of Oklahoma State University Library.

Report of Children's Book Award Committee was given by Miss Frances DuVall. She gave the year's work in brief, and she announced the 1959 award winner to be Fred Gipson's Old Yeller, and that Mr. Gipson was being brought to the OLA Conference by his publisher, Harper & Bros., Publishers.

Tom Baker, chairman of Exhibits Committee, reported 25 exhibitors present at this conference.

Mrs. Constance Haugh, chairman of Membership Committee, reported 312 paid individual memberships and 17 institutional memberships.

Miss Virginia Owens, chairman of Publications Committee, asked that section reports be turned in as soon as possible so they can be printed in the Oklahoma Librarian.

Miss Mabel Murphy, chairman of Recruiting Committee, reported that the pre-conference meeting on "Recruitment for Librarianship" was very successful. Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, Library Services Branch, Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, assisted at this conference.

Alton Juhlin presented the treasurer's report:

Balance in the bank as of April 7, 1959:
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The Planning and Policy Committee report was given by Mrs. Leta Dover. She gave the Multi-County Progress report, stating that the State Library had received federal funds in 1958 of $97,590 and $100,063 in 1959, and two multi-county areas have received books, bookmobiles, and starting funds for an 18-months period.

Fred Gipson, author of Ole Yeller, receives the first Sequoyah Book Award at the OLA conference held in April. Making the presentation is Frances DuVall, chairman of the Children's Book Award Committee. Others at the table are, left to right, Theodore Waller of the Grolier Society, Edith Gorman, and William H. Lowry.
Division Reports

The Cataloging Division of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Seminole Room of Western Hills Lodge at Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, Oklahoma, on April 11, 1959 at 9:30 a.m. with about twenty-five members of the division and of the Association present. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Alice Pattee, Chairman.

The program was presented on “Cataloging in Source,” when our guest speaker was Miss Esther Piercy, Chief of Processing, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland, the present editor of Library Resources and Technical Services and 1958 recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation in Cataloging and Classification. Problems which would involve all the publisher, the librarian, the book purchaser and the Library of Congress, were discussed and questions asked.

The business meeting followed. The report of the committee appointed by Mrs. Alice Pattee to consider revision of the by-laws of

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Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, points out that librarians over the state will now have a year to help publicize the scholarship. It is hoped that many able persons will be induced to apply and that much interest in librarianship as a career will be generated by the scholarship.

College librarians in the state, particularly, have an opportunity to do some effective recruiting among outstanding senior students during the coming school year. The amount is large enough so that some may become interested in library work who might not have considered it because of the additional year's schooling involved.

More information will be available early in the school year.

July, 1959
Dinner and Book Fund
Honor Mary H. Marable

On May 15 a testimonial dinner was held for Professor Mary Hays Marable on the occasion of her retirement from the O.U. School of Library Science. At the dinner, which was held in the Student Union Building on the O.U. campus, Professor Ruth Spalding presented the Mary Hays Marable Fund, made up of gifts from alumni and friends in honor of Mrs. Marable. A letter from Dr. Arthur McAnally, Director of the Library School, describes the dinner and purpose of the fund, as follows:

"The funds have been deposited with the University Comptroller. Selection of children's books to be added from the fund will be made by Professor Marable herself. Of course each volume will bear on the bookplate the fact that it was purchased from the Mary Hays Marable Fund. Thus these volumes will contribute to the education of many future college generations of librarians, and each time one of the books is used Professor Marable's name will be recalled. . . .

"You will be pleased to know that the fund now totals $596, and that 151 former students and friends of Mrs. Marable contributed to it so far.

"To those of you who were unable to be present at the Testimonial Dinner for Mrs. Marable, you may like to know that 125 persons were present, from six states, and that brief tributes were paid by a former student, T. Gene Hodges, of Central State College; by a colleague, Professor Ruth Spalding; by the Director Emeritus, Jesse L. Rader; and by (Dr. McAnally). Mrs. Marable also spoke briefly. It was a most pleasing and satisfying occasion for the guest of honor.

"Professor Marable now shares an office in the library with Mr. Rader, and expects to continue her reviewing of children's books and other library activities."

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**University of Oklahoma School of Library Science**

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Fred Gipson Writes of the West He Knows

One of the bonuses of conducting a successful book award program is that Oklahoma librarians will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the award-winning authors. Our first, Fred Gipson, made a big hit with those who attended the OLA conference this spring.

Mr. Gipson flew in Friday from Culver City, California, on Dutch leave from MGM studios. All Saturday morning he amiably and courteously met long lines of fans waiting for him to autograph books. Those who talked with him found him much like his own books—down to earth, not phony, humorous, and perceptive.

There was no time for an interview with Mr. Gipson during the OLA conference, but he was kind enough later to write out the answers to some questions about himself. These are too good to dilute by rewriting, and for your enjoyment both questions and answers are given below.

1. Where do you get the ideas for the incidents that you write about in your books?
2. Is Old Yeller a true story? Was Old Yeller a real dog?
3. Are you working on another book? If so, when will it appear, and what is it about?
4. What are you doing for MGM? How long have you been in California and do you plan to stay?
5. Have you tried writing for TV? What do you think of TV westerns? Are you a fan?
6. Have you tried writing with any other than a western setting? Just for example, are you interested in writing science fiction?
7. Did you read much when you were a child? If so, what? Where did you get the material you read?
8. Does the West you describe in your nostalgic stories exist any longer? Where?
9. Do you have children of your own?
10. How do you go about writing a book? Dictate, typewriter, longhand? Do you do a lot of polishing, or produce it in the finished form the first try?

Mr. Gipson’s answers were as follows:

1. Ideas and incidents for my books generally come from tales of the people I write about. My father was an excellent tale teller; so were many of the other farmers and ranchers around Mason, Texas, where I grew up—where my home still is. From them, I gathered tales for years, which I am constantly working into the fiction I write.
2. Old Yeller is fiction—based upon true tales of frontier dogs that my father and mother once knew.
3. For about a year now, I have not worked on any kind of book. I have been too busy writing screenplays for the movies. I do not particularly like to write screenplays, but have learned that is the only way a novelist can hope to get anything like a true picture of the book he wrote. And even then the odds are against him. I have just finished writing a screenplay adapted from the book Recollection Creek, by Robert Lewis Taylor. When this job is finished, possibly some time this summer or fall, I plan to go back to my home at Mason, Texas, and fish for three solid weeks. Then I may consider starting on another book.
4. I have done TV writing—but no more until the situation changes. Pay (for the writer) is too small; the pace is too madly furious, and almost nobody is interested in turning out a quality product.
5. I write about the people I know, the outdoors and the wild things that I love—that the setting happens to be Western is purely a matter of circumstance. I grew up in the West. I care nothing about science fiction, sophisticated love stories, no stories with settings in cities. Therefore I do not write such stories. However, that is purely a personal matter. A well-written story, dealing with the juices of life, can be set in outer space and still be good—if the writer is any good.
6. I read avidly when I was a child—adventure stories, pulp western stories, Sunday-school stories, sex-horror stories, the classics, insipid love stories—whatever I could get my hands on. I learned from all of them. The books and magazines that carried them I got wherever and however I could. We had no city or school library.

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Mary Ann Wentroth

Storytellers Find New Interest In Ancient Art

Storytelling is an art—perhaps the most ancient one of them all. So we were reminded by Eulalie Steinmetz Ross during the Storytelling Workshop at Western Hills Lodge on April 11. The tellers of tales were accorded an honored place in ancient days, but in our time and place children’s librarians have assumed the leadership in keeping this art form alive.

About seventy of us gathered to hear words of encouragement and inspiration from Mrs. Ross who speaks with authority out of her own rich experience. She not only discussed the history of storytelling and its place in the scheme of the modern library's program, she gave us specific pointers and suggested procedures which will be most helpful. And more—she demonstrated her points by actually telling stories to the great delight of us all.

During the final session of the workshop, four of our Oklahoma librarians told stories for all who could stay and listen. This was a smaller, more intimate gathering, and a memorable one for all who listened. We can not soon forget Dorothy Burrow’s telling of “How Boots Befuddled the King” from Howard Pyle’s The Wonder Clock, or Beth Welch’s narration of Carl Sandburg’s The Huckabuck Family and How They Raised Pop Corn in Nebraska and Quit and Came Back” from Rootabaga Stories. Eleanor Farjeon’s “The Goldfish” was a moving experience as told by Beth Oliver, and Martha Heller made Andersen’s “The Swineherd” live for us.

It is the earnest hope of all those who planned for and participated in this Workshop, that there may be a great renewal of interest in storytelling among librarians of Oklahoma.

A tape recording was made of Mrs. Ross’s part of the day’s proceedings and is available through the Library Extension Division of the State Library. Any group or individual interested in learning or improving storytelling techniques could profit from hearing it.

Anyone planning to use this tape with a group would do well to allow time for listening to it in advance as it is not edited and runs for a total of about three hours.

Eulalie Steinmetz Ross came to lead our Storytelling Workshop from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is currently Director of Work with Children. She was previously Supervisor of Storytelling at the New York Public Library. Her compilation of folk tales entitled Buried Treasure has recently been published by Lippincott.

Mrs. Ross lectures frequently on children’s reading and on storytelling. Her authority in the field is further shown by the fact that she compiled the bibliography, “A New List of Stories,” for the latest edition of The Art of the Storyteller by Marie Shedlock. She is also a consultant to Compton’s Pictured Encyclopedia.

We were delighted to have her among us for even so short a visit as this one.

Irwin Sexton Heads
Oklahoma City Libraries

Oklahoma librarians extend a cordial welcome to Irwin Sexton, appointed Director of the Oklahoma City Libraries as of May 1, 1959. Mr. Sexton comes to Oklahoma City from Kansas City, Missouri, where he was Chief of Readers Service from 1957 to 1959. Previously he served as head librarian of the St. Joseph (Missouri) Public Library (1955-57) and held library positions on the Cleveland (Ohio) and Gary (Indiana) Public Libraries.

A member of ALA, Mr. Sexton has served on the Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor and as Chairman and Treasurer of the Missouri Library Association. He is the author of articles in professional journals, the most recent being “Simplified TV Programming,” which appeared in the Wilson Library Bulletin for May, 1959.
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Torrey, Corinne  
Capitol Hill Branch Library  
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Townes, Mrs. Willa Mae  
Seminole HS Library  
Troxel, Miss Imogene  
929 S.W. 52 St., O.C.  
Turner, Mrs. J. O.  
Bartlesville PL  
Unruh, Clarence  
506 Regent, Ardmore  
Walker, Mrs. G. I.  
Box 518, Hominy  
Walker, Maxine  
Wewoka HS Library  
Wall, Mrs. Ella May  
Sheridan Village Branch Library, 6322 E. Admiral Pl., Tulsa  
Walls, Mildred  
905 E. 9th, Pawhuska  
Walter, Lois G.  
O.U. Libraries, Pharmacy Library, Norman  
Ward, Velma  
Tulsa PL
220 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa  
Warriner, Mrs. Clell  
Okmulgee PL
Warterfield, Katharine  
Bixby HS Library  
Watkins, Etta Gray  
Clyde HS Library
Watson, Irwin  
4245 S. Darlington, Tulsa  
Webb, LaVerne  
Bookside Branch Library  
3516 S. Peoria, Tulsa  
Webb, Mary E.  
O.U. Libraries, Norman  
Welch, Miss Beth  
Oklahoma City Libraries  
O.C. (2)
Wenger, Martin A.  
Gilease Institute, Tulsa  
Wentworth, Miss Mary Ann  
Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
White, Frances  
Tulsa PL
220 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa  
Whitehead, Mary  
Pan American Petroleum Corp., History Library, Box 591, Tulsa (4)
Whitely, Editha H.  
917 1/2 S. Wood, Hominy  
Willbanks, Ferol  
947 E. Drive, Apt. 206
Williams, Mrs. Dorothy  
Oklahoma Historical Society Library, Historical Society Bldg., O.C. (5)
Williams, Mildred L.  
Southeastern State College Library, Durant
Williamson, Harold  
420 N. Bradley  
Weatherford  
Willis, Violet  
Box 687, Pawhuska  
Winn, Herbert E.  
Bartlesville PL
Witcher, Esther  
O.U. Libraries, Norman  
Withgott, Irene  
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Xavier, Sister Mary  
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July, 1959
Ideas For Recruiting Reported By Committee

The OLA preconvention meeting on recruitment held at Western Hills Lodge, April 8, 1959, and sponsored by the recruiting committee was attended by approximately thirty librarians. There was an enthusiastic discussion on methods and materials that resulted in the following suggestions:

1. That the booklet, "Your Career as a Librarian," published by Encyclopedia Britannica, be secured in ample quantity to supply librarians and counsellors, if possible.

2. That each librarian in the state accept the responsibility of providing each high school and junior high school counsellor with adequate information about the opportunities in the profession and the qualifications essential for a good librarian and also with the necessary printed materials. In cities where there are several librarians and several schools, cooperation among librarians will ensure adequate contact with the schools.

3. That active cooperation be maintained with established career days.

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Disappearing Books

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turn the book in their own good time. And months later it will reappear on the shelves, perhaps in its rightful place, if the patron knows the shelving system.

Many years ago a certain public library owned an old and large edition of Roget's Thesaurus. One day it left the premises without the benefit of the charging routine and was not returned for eighteen months. When a member of the staff opened the door of the library one morning, she found it inside the screen. In it was a note saying, "Thank you very much." It had been borrowed.

Another way to account for vanishing books is to attribute to the patrons a certain type of mind—the intolerant type. To them, there can only be one side of religious or political questions. If they are looking at familiar shelves where they are wont to watch for new material, or for old familiar book friends, they may see some new work critical of their way of thinking. Inasmuch as the Dewey Decimal Classification system places both sides of controversial subjects together, the books with which the patron is at odds are there in front of him. He picks one up, looks at it carefully and decides that it is no fit book for library patrons to get hold of. So he takes it out under his coat and destroys it. His conscience, too, is clear. Nothing is more intense with some readers than a strong religious belief and if that belief is challenged there is a frantic attempt to hold on to it. Perhaps the strangest titles that disappear are those from the shelves of religious writings. In some libraries it is difficult to keep copies of the Bible from being lifted.

Turning now to a different type of reading, books on sex, we find that many young people wish to read these but suffer from false modesty, in spite of all our modern frankness, and will not bring the books to the desk for charging. So they slip the books out, fully intending to return them. But they seldom slip them back as they probably pass them on to other young friends and no one ever gets around to remembering where they really belong.

Then there are those readers who have an inordinate interest in their family tree and when they discover a book relating to that subject, they cannot resist temptation. They may tell themselves that the only people concerned are themselves—and they will just take the book home and keep it until they have secured all the desired information from it. It is not to be wondered at that the Library of Congress does not send out its genealogies on inter-library loans.

All the foregoing examples may well be labeled "purloining." There are, of course, plenty of instances of just plain theft. Some of these deal with rare books taken because of their rarity. Then there is a "racket" which consists of taking without record any number of books in good condition, removing all marks of library ownership that are removable, and selling them to second hand book stores.

Wherever librarians foregather to talk shop, some amazing tales concerning the purloining of books are heard. In a certain midwestern city of considerable size, the head librarian lived in a pleasant section of town where she had as next door neighbors a middle-aged couple whom we may call the Bainbridges. The librarian had only a friendly speaking acquaintance with them and had never entered their home, nor they hers. Years went by, and Mrs. Bainbridge died. Some days later the husband came over and asked the librarian to come to his home to appraise the library which his wife had gathered, as she was the reader in the family. When the librarian examined the books she was amazed to find some seventy-five volumes with library call numbers of her library on them and with their book cards in them. When she gently explained to the husband that these books had been "loaned" to his wife from the public library, Mr. Bainbridge allowed her to take them back.

There are patrons who borrow books without records, and then forget week after week to return them. Months go by and what started out as a more or less innocent "borrowing" becomes a theft because it is difficult to smuggle the book back.

Reserved books are frequently a source of difficulty largely because the demand is heavy and the copies few. Revenge, because of real or fancied wrongs, irritations because of restrictions and just general contrariness probably account for most purloining. Talking with some frank and forthright young people we learn that they help themselves to books without permission just to see if they can outwit the "dragons at the desk." Trying to
accomplish this presents some sort of challenge to them.

In this brief study of one of the most commonplace and yet most annoying of our library problems, we may draw a few conclusions. Probably the services of several jet-powered psychiatrists would be needed to discover all the reasons back of our dilemma. We can, however, offer a few well-founded surmises.

Some of our troubles stem from school assignments which the instructor makes without checking the library resources and having the books, and without allowing sufficient time for all students to meet the deadline. A liberal "off reserve" policy might help.

Some patrons assume that the public really "owns" the books and act on that assumption. Developing pride in the city's buildings and playgrounds might build up a healthier attitude toward the care of its property. Resentment toward the levying of fines belongs in this category.

The device most needed now is one which will make certain that we who serve the public are not directly or indirectly causing part of the problem. The Public Library Inquiry revealed that low salaries, slow promotions, lack of genuine enthusiasm contribute to the development of an "institutionalized" and slightly brusque attitude toward the public. Rules are made for guidance, but not for worship. A good thing for rules, once in a while, is to break them, just so we do not become rule worshippers.

We can safely say that the larger number of our patrons are pleasant, intelligent and law-abiding people, and that our difficulties come from a disgruntled but determined few. Reducing the number—and the power—of those few is surely one of our goals.

**Fred Gipson Writes**

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(8) Not much of the West—even that I knew as a child—exists any more. A few places, here and there—like the great deserts, part of the Brush Country of South Texas, and a little bit of the Texas Hill Country (where) I live is not completely spoiled—they give me some idea of what the old West was like.

(9) I have two sons—Beck 13, Mike 18.

(10) Having a newspaper background, I learned to use a typewriter, so now I write on one. But that is merely a working habit.

**Russian Translations**

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the field of translation that have not been provided previously. The Technical Information Division will provide these very services. It will do so by the following approaches:

1. An active acquisition and exchange program that will bring together more translations than have ever been assembled in one place.

2. Complete catalogs of abstracts and of full translations received, of translations located but not available to us for distribution, and of translations in process.

3. The publication of an abstract journal presenting the information in the most accessible form.

4. A comprehensive reference service, including identification and location of translations, a subject search for users interested in having all translations on a specific subject, and special assistance to the readers who visit the Division to make their own searches.

The various approaches which I have just enumerated, it is hoped, will provide certain definite values and make certain definite contributions to the work of scientists, engineers, librarians and others. These are the values and contributions we have in mind:

1. The Technical Information Division will prevent the expensive duplication of translation because of its active acquisition and exchange program, its complete catalogs and its reference and announcement services.

2. It will provide a more comprehensive review of foreign literature in scientific and technical fields.

3. It will save the United States the expensive duplication of research that has already been accomplished in foreign countries.

4. The information provided by the Division may suggest to the scientists and engineers new problems for investigation.

5. It may aid them in the solution to certain problems by analyzing these problems from different points of view.

6. This information will help in determining what research has not been done.

7. The Division may assist the administrator of a scientific or technical project by informing him of the status of research on a particular problem.

8. The Division will make available a greater number of translations at a cost lower than their present rate.
A SPECIAL OLA AWARD was created this year to acknowledge the special contribution made to library development in Oklahoma by Leta S. Dover (left) and Allie Beth Martin (right). Both are former OLA presidents who have served also on the Planning and Policy Committee and the Legislative Committee, and who carried much of the responsibility for Oklahoma's plan for utilizing Library Services Act funds. Mrs. Dover is a member of the Advisory Board to the State Library on Extension Activities.

Elizabeth Cooper, Chairman of the OLA Awards Committee, presented the awards at the Saturday luncheon, April 11, during the OLA annual conference. Other members of the Awards Committee were Frances Kennedy and Virginia LaGrave. The awards are paperweights of heavy clear plastic in which is embedded an outline map of the state in gold.

the House for approval. She asked that the OLA members continue writing to their Representatives and Senators to support these bills. Miss Esther Henke asked permission to read a special delivery letter which stated that the Senate Substitute for House Bill 551 had just passed the Senate 34 to 9—now it has gone to the House.

Aaron I. Michelson of the Oklahoma Library-Community Project reported on his work. He gave the background of this project on both national and state levels. LCP came about as a result of the many experiences of adult education projects which came from Ford Foundation funds. LCP started in 1955 with its purpose to assist libraries plan long term adult education programs. North Carolina and Oklahoma are the last two states receiving LCP grants. The national program provides a consultant who is Miss Phyllis Maggeroli.

The Ardmore Project has completed a quantitative subject analysis of the library's nonfiction. It is going to make a qualitative analysis. Mr. Michelson stated that very little has yet been accomplished as to the State-wide program.
Mrs. Tomberlin introduced Walter Murphy, the recipient of the 1958 OLA Scholarship. Mr. Murphy thanked the association.

The announcement was made that an anonymous donor had presented the Oklahoma State Library with $1500 for a scholarship on the graduate level. Committees are now at work on the requirements for this scholarship. Hope was expressed that this might be a continuous award.

The announcement was made that the 1960 conference would be held at Ada on April 7-9, 1960.

Meeting declared closed.

Luncheon Meetings

Two division luncheons were held at noon on Friday, April 10:

(1) Joint luncheon of the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association and the College and University Division with the speech being presented by Miss Lillian Hanriek, Chief, Technical Information Division, Office of Technical Services, U. S. Department of Commerce.

(2) Public Libraries Division met with a panel discussion on “Development of Adult Education Programs in Public Libraries.”

Chuck-Wagon Feed

A Chuck-Wagon Feed with a hayrack ride to the picnic area was the feature of Friday evening, with Indian dancers furnished by the exhibitors.

Breakfasts, April 11

The Past Presidents Breakfast was held in the Creek Room. School Libraries Division Breakfast was held in the Seminole Room. The Children’s and Young People’s Services Division Breakfast was held in the Chickasaw Room.

Division Meetings

The Cataloging Division met in the Seminole Room with Miss Esther Piercy, Chief of Processing, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland, speaking on “Cataloging in Source.”

The Trustees Division met in the Creek Room with Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Mr. Emerson Greenway, President of ALA, in charge of the program.

The Storytelling Workshop sponsored by the Children’s and Young People’s Services Division and the School Libraries Division met in the Choctaw Room with Mrs. Eulalie Steinmetz Ross of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County conducting the workshop.

Sequoyah Award Luncheon

Mr. William Lowry presided at the Sequoyah Award Luncheon held in Sequoyah Hall. Mr. Lowry announced that 192 people had registered for the conference.

Miss Helen Donart presented the resolutions.

Drawings were made for the Remington Razor and for the five Fred Gipson books.

Mr. Emerson Greenway, President of ALA, spoke on “Research Libraries.”

Miss Frances DuVall presented the Sequoyah Award Plaque to Mr. Frederick B. Gipson, author of Old Yeller and winner of the first Sequoyah Children’s Book Award. Mr. Gipson accepted the award with a brief acceptance speech.

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CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON held in the plush ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel on June 25 was a high point of the ALA conference. Oklahoma's delegation made a good showing, with attendance cut down from some states because Congressmen were attending opening ceremonies of the St. Lawrence Seaway in Quebec. Sixteen librarians and 10 guests were seated at the Oklahoma tables.

Front table, left to right, clockwise, are: Mrs. Bryce Harlow, Mary Jeanne Hansen, Ralph Hudson, Senator A. S. "Mike" Monroney, Irwin Sexton, Maurine Gay, Mr. Taber from Representative Ed Edmondson's office, Mrs. C. G. Keiger, Arthur McAnally. The empty chair was vacated by Bryce Harlow, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower, who was called out for a message just before the photograph was taken.

Middle table, John Stratton, John Monk from Senator Kerr's office, Robert Gooldy, Adeline Franzel, Representative Tom Steed (one of the authors of the Library Services Act), Esther Mae Henke, Tibertha Rainey, Esther McRuer, Edith Scott, and Mrs. John Monk.

Seated at the table far in the rear were Virginia Owens, Edmon Low, Dorothea Ice, Charles Ward representing Representative Carl Albert (also an author of the Library Services Act), and Rosamay Lynch.

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Bookmobile Librarian for Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County Library. Salary, $3800-4200. Benefits, 12 calendar days vacation plus 7 holidays, Social Security. 12 working days sick leave. Employment date, September 1, 1959. Duties: Serve as librarian for a three-county rural bookmobile service working with both children and adults. The work is rewarding personally and the opportunities for experience and service are as unlimited as the vision and energy of the individual filling the position.

Education: A library degree from a library school accredited by the American Library Association. Experience: Previous experience would be helpful.

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For further information, write: William H. Lowry, Librarian, Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County Library, 329 S. Peters, Norman, Oklahoma.
Division Reports

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the group, an official name and any other problems involving the merger of the former Oklahoma Regional Group of Catalogers with the Catalogers' Section of the Oklahoma Library Association, was given. Committee members were Eileen Austin, Meta Murphy and Jean Harrington, as Chairman. In the absence of Miss Harrington the report was given by Miss Austin, who distributed copies of the present and proposed by-laws. A discussion period followed. Miss Edith Scott asked if a section of the Oklahoma Library Association is permitted to charge dues in addition to the regular dues, and, if so, should not the affiliation dues to the Council of Regional Catalogers be paid by the section instead of the Association. Also she asked should the group be limited to Cataloging and Classification, alone, or be expanded to include all technical services. Miss Austin moved that the by-laws be adopted as a whole. Mr. Tom Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miss Scott amended the motion so that the group would include, in addition to Cataloging and Classification, the entire Library Resources and Technical Services group, such as Acquisitions, Processing and Duplicating Procedures, and that the expanded name be substituted in the adopted by-laws whenever necessary. There was no second to the motion. Miss Austin was asked to restate the adopted by-laws, as they stand, which she did. Mr. Edmon Low moved that the amendments to the by-laws be voted on article by article. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker moved that Article I be adopted. Motion was seconded by Miss Bess Stewart. Miss Scott moved that Article I be amended, changing the name of the Division of Technical Services, wherever required in the by-laws. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Clotfelder. Motion carried.

Mr. Baker moved that Article II be changed to read as follows:

"The object of this Division shall be to unite all persons interested in technical services for the purpose of exchanging ideas, discussing problems in technical services and keeping informed of current developments."

Miss Evelyn Potts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miss Scott moved that Articles III-IX be amended by inserting Technical Services wherever Cataloging and Classification originally appeared, and that they be accepted, providing Article V (relating to dues) be not in conflict with the Oklahoma Library Association constitution. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Clotfelder. Motion carried, and the amended by-laws were adopted by the group.

Mr. Tom Baker read the report of the nominating committee submitted by Mr. William H. Lowry, Chairman, and the following officers were unanimously elected:

Chairman, Miss Jean Harrington, Enid Public Library.
Vice-Chairman, Miss Mary Evelyn Potts, University of Oklahoma Library.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Jeanette Barbour, Norman Public Library.

The meeting adjourned.

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SECTION

The Children's and Young People's Services Division of the OLA met in the Chickasaw Room of the Western Hills Hotel at Sequoyah State Park April 11, 1959, for a business breakfast. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Rama Nolan. Children's Librarian of the Capitol Hill Branch of Oklahoma City Libraries. The minutes of the 1958 meeting were read and approved.

Beth Welch, Oklahoma City Libraries Boys' and Girls' Section and a member of the Sequoyah Book Award Committee, presented a report from that committee. The committee recommends that the chairman and chairman elect of the Children's and Young People's Services Division automatically become members of the Sequoyah Book Award Committee and that the chairman elect serve as chairman of the books Award Committee. Then Miss Welch announced that the 1959-60 Master List for the Award was available.

The 1958 Book Selection Workshop was briefly reported by Mrs. Nolan. She also discussed the sale of Newbery and Caldecott gold seals as a fund raising measure for the Melecher Scholarship.

The nominating committee, Beth Welch, Chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Bass, Children's Librarian of the Muskogee Public Library, and Mary Carnahan, Library Extension Division of the Oklahoma State Library, presented the following slate of officers which was elected unanimously:

Chairman, Elizabeth Oliver, Norman Public Library.
Vice-Chairman and Chairman Elect, Martha Heller, Osage-Pawnee Multi-County Library.
Secretary, Jane de Michelle, Sheridan Village Branch, Tulsa Public Library.

The Chairman announced that a Storytelling Workshop, featuring Mrs. Eulalie Steinmetz Ross, Director of Work with Children, Cincinnati Public Library, would be held in the Choctaw Room following the business meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

ELIZABETH OLIVER, Secretary

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES LIBRARIES DIVISION

A joint luncheon of the College and University Libraries Division and the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association was held April 10, 1959, at 12:00 noon in the Chickasaw Room at Western Hills Lodge. Miss Lillian A. Hamrick of the U.S. Department of Commerce addressed the group on "Russian Scientific Translations: Collection, Control and Dissemination."

The members of the Special Libraries Association left the room for their business meeting.

The business meeting of the College and University Libraries Division was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Gunning, Librarian at Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. The minutes were read by Miss Eileen Austin, junior cataloger at Oklahoma State University.

Chairman Gunning called for nominations from the floor for officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Chairman, Miss Edith Gorman, Northwestern State College Library; Secretary, Miss Frances Kennedy, Oklahoma City University Library.

Miss Frances Kennedy suggested that reports of what was being done by university libraries for National Library Week be sent to Miss Esther Mae Henke at the Oklahoma State Library.

The meeting adjourned.

EILEEN AUSTIN, Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

The Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met Friday, April 10, 1959 in the Seminole Room at the Western Hills Lodge, at 12:00 noon. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William C. Morse, Ardmore. In the absence of Carmi Harrald, Secretary, Mr. Morse asked Josephine Howard, Oklahoma City, to act as secretary. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Nominations Committee report was given by Mrs. W. S. Corbin, Chickasha, on officers for the coming year. Nominations were: William Stewart, Muskogee, Chairman, and Myrtle Jones, Stilwell, Secretary. It was moved and seconded that we elect Mr. Stewart and Miss Jones by acclamation. Motion carried.

Mrs. W. S. Corbin was in charge of the program, "Development of Adult Education Programs in Public Libraries." Mrs. Leta Dover, Balch, spoke on "The Role of the Public Library" raising the questions, "Why does a public library exist?" and "What is adult education?" A panel composed of Miss
Irene Mason, Perry; Miss Ella Sisler, Claremore; Miss Irene Withgott, Woodward; Mrs. Ora Bess Foard, Blackwell; and resource members, William Morse, Esther Mae Henke, Phyllis Maggiori, Library-Community Project Consultant, Aaron Michelson and Leta Dover, asked and answered questions regarding the adult education programs in libraries. Mr. Morse summarized the discussion.

Mr. Michelson asked the librarians present to fill out a questionnaire about an adult education workshop.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Morse.

JOSEPHINE HOWARD,
Acting Secretary

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DIVISION

School librarians met for breakfast in the Seminole Room at Western Hills Lodge, Saturday, April 11, 1959, with thirty-two in attendance.

In the absence of Mrs. Gladys Tingle, minutes of last year's meeting in Norman (1958) were read by Mrs. Marietta Gray.

Attention was called to the Sequoyah Children's Book Award, that the first award was being made at Western Hills Lodge in Sequoyah State Park. Copies of the 1959-60 list were passed, and librarians were urged to give added recognition to the lists and encourage participation in the reading program it is intended to stimulate.

Miss Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma Representative on ALA Membership Committee, has asked that we see her for ALA memberships. We were asked to support Miss Tream Maddox, Bell Junior High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in Region IV of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), when ballots are sent to us from ALA.

Mrs. Wanda McCollum reported that she had received and returned a questionnaire from Rutgers University relating to a survey of the effectiveness of centralized library service in the elementary schools. She reported three types of elementary school libraries in Tulsa. She also announced that those wishing a copy of the Handbook for Elementary Librarians in use by the Tulsa Schools should write to Mr. O. V. Ogle, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Instruction.

School Libraries Division and the Children's and Young People's Services Division jointly sponsored a Storytelling Workshop conducted by Mrs. Evalie Steineke Ross, Director of Work with Children, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

The following officers were elected to serve School Libraries Division:

Chairman, Mrs. Elva Curtis, Ponca City High School Library.

Vice-President, Miss Hazel Fleming, Enid High School Library.

Second Vice-President, Miss Gladys E. Tingle, East Central State College Library.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Retha A. Blythe, Chickasha High School Library.

Meeting adjourned.

WANDA McCOLLUM, Acting Secretary

TRUSTEES DIVISION

The Trustees Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met on Saturday, April 11, 1959, at 9:30 a.m. in the Creek Room of the Western Hills Lodge, Mrs. Donald Menzie, Chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Menzie presented the two guest speakers, Mr. Emerson Greenaway, President of ALA, who discussed the Pennsylvania State Plan, and Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who discussed the Oklahoma State Plan. / The meeting was then opened for business. Mrs. Menzie introduced a resolution endorsing library cooperation in Oklahoma through multi-county library systems, which she asked the Trustees to adopt. Miss Henke urged the Trustees to accept the resolution and help publicize the plan.

Mr. Bowman moved that the resolution endorsing library cooperation in Oklahoma through multi-county systems be adopted. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the discussion of whether a statewide or regional workshop for Trustees should be held. No definite plan was made but the trustees felt that regional meetings would insure better attendance.

Mrs. Menzie called for nominations of officers for the year 1959-60. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Mr. John Barksdale, Okmulgee, Chairman, and Miss Violet Willis, Pawhuska, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Barksdale appointed Mr. Walter Bowman, Woodward, as Membership Chairman, and Mrs. Donald Menzie, Norman, as Project Director.

Meeting adjourned.

FREDDA GILLIAM, Acting Secretary

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

The Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association met at Western Hills Lodge, Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, Oklahoma on Friday, April 10, 1959. The meeting was held in connection with the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association.

A joint luncheon of the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association and the College and University Division of Oklahoma Library Association was held at 12:00 noon in the Sequoyah Hall. Miss Lillian A. Hamrick, of the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Technical Services Library, gave a talk entitled "Russian Scientific Translations: Collection, Control and Dissemination." The group showed great interest in hearing the talk and several questions were asked.

A business meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association was held at 2:00 p.m., with nine members and one guest attending. Alton P. Juhlin, President, conducted the meeting and asked immediately for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary. James T. Murray, treasurer, reported a balance of $203.15 with no payments and no receipts since the last meeting. Mr. Juhlin explained that no expense was incurred to SLA on Miss Hamrick's visit.

A letter from Carrie Eagon, consultation service committee chairman, reported that inquiries had been received and replied to from three companies, who were planning to set up a special library.

Mrs. Eardeen Rector, program chairman, reported that no definite place and date had been settled for the June meeting. The group was then invited by Miss Eugenia Maddox, Tulsa University Librarian, to meet in Tulsa, and the invitation was accepted. Mr. Juhlin took special occasion to commend Mrs. Rector's conscientious and gracious efforts as program chairman.

Mr. Juhlin appointed a nominating committee for the annual election to be held in June, as follows: Adeline Frantz, Oklahoma City Public Library; Sarah Ann Joyner, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.; and Eugenia Maddox, Tulsa University Library.

Mr. Juhlin asked for further business. Eugenia Maddox mentioned a further issue of Newsletter. It was agreed that one more issue should be sent out this year. Edna Blane, Phillips Petroleum Company Research Library, agreed to make copies of Miss Hamrick's talk of the day so that the copies could be included with the Newsletter in the next mailing. Mr. Juhlin reported one new member, Leone Ross, Pan American Petroleum Corporation.

The group discussed and reviewed the subject of translations and bibliographies, a discussion stimulated by the talk of the day.

As no further business was mentioned, the meeting was adjourned.

VERN HUTCHISON, Secretary

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THEY TOOK OFF THEIR COATS to get House Joint Resolution 540 through the House of Representatives! House co-authors of the session’s hottest library legislation are shown above, with the OLA president. Standing, left to right, are Representative Kenneth J. Poynor of Norman, and William H. Lowry. Seated, left to right, are Representatives Leland Wolf of Noble and Bryce Baggett of Oklahoma City. All spoke for the bill on the floor of the House, as did Representatives Jim Nance of Purcell, William W. Metcalf of Hobart, Earl Foster of Oklahoma City, and Barbour Cox of Chandler.

Senate authors of the bill were Bob Bailey of Norman, Fred Harris of Lawton, and Robert H. Breeden of Cleveland. Senator Clem M. Hamilton of Heavener also spoke for the measure, which passed the Senate in the last hectic days of the session with a 34 to 0 vote. Vote in the House was 70 to 18, where there was lively debate. You will be pleased to know that even opponents of the measure were arguing from the position of what is best for libraries in Oklahoma.

These men deserve your thanks, and a personal word or letter from you will let them know that Oklahomans will remember their service to libraries.
OLA Legislative Committee Report

Library legislation during this session of the Legislature met with varying degrees of success and failure. Certainly the major achievement was the passage of House Joint Resolution 540, which calls for a constitutional amendment allowing the people to vote a tax for the purpose of supporting multi-county and joint city-county libraries. This will be voted on in the run-off primary election July, 1960, and it is not too soon to begin planning and working to be certain that this tremendously important amendment is approved.

The State Library appropriation for the next biennium has been approved at $400,000. This is far below the hoped-for amount, but a small increase over the last appropriation. Senate Bill 173, calling for an appropriation of $29,579 to be used for matching funds, did not come out of the Joint Conference Committee, although it previously had been approved by both the House and the Senate.

I hope that all OLA members will thank their legislators for the help which they have given us this year. We have taken a major step forward with the passage of HJR 540, and this, I think, promises a bright future for library development in Oklahoma.

I would like to thank personally all of you O.L.A. members, and the members of the Legislative Committee who have given so generously of their time and energy in promoting library legislation.

IRMA R. TOMBERLIN, Chairman

Mabel Murphy Chosen Faculty Member of Year

Miss Mabel Murphy, Librarian, Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, is OCW’s 1959 “Faculty Member of the Year.” She was selected for the honor and was presented a cup by members of this year’s graduating class.

In presenting the cup, Miss Barbara Morris, Class president, pointed out that Miss Murphy was honored for “showing interest in the welfare and well-being of the individual student as well as the whole student body; for encouraging interest in the activities of the college as a whole as well as in her own department; for teaching citizenship, cooperation and responsibility and for establishing a sound student-teacher relationship.”

Miss Murphy, who teaches courses in library science as well as serving as librarian, joined the OCW faculty in 1926 as a member of the piano faculty. She previously taught at Kansas State.

A graduate of Kansas State College with a bachelor of music degree, she also has been conferred the master of arts degree in musicology by the University of Southern California and the bachelor of science degree in library science from the graduate school of the same university. In addition, she has studied at the Institute of Musical Art in New York City, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California, and attended two Library Institutes at the University of Chicago.

Miss Murphy is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary professional music fraternity; Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity; Delta Kappa Gamma, national teacher’s sorority; American Library Association; president of the Chickasha MacDowell Music Club; and is a member of PEO. She is Chairman of the OLA Recruiting Committee.
IN THIS ISSUE

The OLA membership directory herein lists 354 individual and 21 institutional members as of July 10, as compared with 275 individual and 20 institutional members as of June 6 last year. This remarkable increase in membership reflects the increasing activity of libraries of all kinds in the state. It is also a tribute to an alert and imaginative membership chairman, Mrs. Constance (Bonnie) Haugh of the Tulsa Public Library.

Fifty-eight persons failed to renew their 1958 memberships. Most of these no doubt were busy people who simply forgot to send in their dues to the treasurer. A supplemental directory will be published in the October issue to welcome latecomers into the fold.

While we’re on the subject, how many libraries in the state pay OLA and ALA memberships for trustees? There is no better way to keep trustees aware of library activities and remind them that the local library is a part of a large and vital educational movement, which needs their active participation.

One answer to the recruiting problem is surely more scholarships for the study of library science. O.U. graduates who would like to do something for their Alma Mater, and others interested in the future of libraries in Oklahoma, are reminded that more scholarships are needed by the O.U. Library School. We understand that gifts in any amount may be made to the University of Oklahoma Foundation, with instructions that the money is to be used for library school scholarships. Complete details may be obtained by writing to the Executive Secretary of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. It is a great asset to libraries in Oklahoma to have an accredited graduate library school located in the state.

Fred Gipson, author of Ole Yeller, answers some questions about himself and his books elsewhere in this issue. His letter goes on to say: “I tell you I do appreciate the honor of winning the first Sequoyah book award. I doubt that I’ve ever been more honored in my life. And to think that the children voted it in! And to feel that everybody who attended the meeting gave me the feeling that they were glad that I had won! It was all a bit overwhelming!”

Mr. Gipson’s letter continues, “Almost everything I write comes from tales of the people that I write about. To my notion, the tale is still the best form of story-telling and should be employed more often.”

Ideas For Recruiting

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4. Where there are no career days or similar programs, that the librarians assume the responsibility of making this information available to all junior and senior high school students.

5. That scholarship information be included with recruiting information.

6. That high school librarians send information about their students interested in the library profession to the college librarian where each student is enrolled. The college librarians are urged to become personally acquainted with these students immediately, counseling with them through their college years. This will maintain their initial interest, increase their awareness of professional standards, encourage high scholarship particularly in the freshman and sophomore years, and insure their ability to meet prerequisites for entrance to graduate school. Also it will give the college librarian an opportunity to tactfully guide into other fields those who may not meet personal and scholastic qualifications.

A request was made for names of librarians who might be interested and willing to be members of the committee so that there will be a member within fifty miles of everyone in the state.

—MABEL A. MURPHY, Chairman OLA Recruiting Committee

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