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Gerald M. Coble

A Message from the O.L.A. President

One could write a history of libraries using as thesis the idea that library development has occurred largely through the efforts of individuals who struggled against and overcame the odds. Certainly we recognize and honor many individuals who have done just that and who are attempting to do it today, men and women with a vision and a desire driving them on through every difficulty to achieve for all the right of all to have access to their intellectual heritage. But today we are far removed from beginnings. The individual, as such, can hardly count on being able to get a busy, fragmented, worried society to listen and to act no matter how splendid the benefits that would accrue to the society were his voice to be heeded. Will power and dedication to the belief that books are by, for, and belong in the hands of people we still need, more perhaps than ever before; but, in 1961, it must be a collective will if it is to have force enough to be felt and heard in the proper places, to penetrate to the minds, hearts, and pocketbooks of our neighbors. This collective will must, if it is to be fully effective, find its outlet in planned programs of library development—programs encompassing all types of libraries, all possible instruments of aid and action, and all levels of power and influence.

I think it proper, and necessary, to maintain that the Oklahoma Library Association is the significant instrument for gathering, pointing, and amplifying the energies of all those in Oklahoma who will not rest so long as imperfections exist in any phase of library service to the people of our state. I trust that this opinion is shared by you as members of the association; for, obviously, the effectiveness of the association depends upon the degree to which the association is actually viewed by you as the available and chosen instrument of gross planning and action. In view of the remarkable series of improvements in recent years directly traceable to some phase of the association’s work, I should be greatly surprised if that trust were misplaced. In those improvements lies the proof that this association is capable of applying the power provided to it in an efficient, ethically defensible, effective and understandable manner. Still the responsibility is a heavy one; and it is necessary continually to assess our potential strengths and weaknesses and, having done so, to look at the tasks that lie before us and to lay our plans in such a manner as to assure that our energies will not be dissipated, that our resources will be used on projects which have high priority and or high hope of success, and that our activities will receive the widest possible support from the citizenry at large.

During the year that I will be serving as president of the Oklahoma Library Association, I hope that it will be possible for us to find means to make the association an even more effective instrument of policy and action than it has been in the past. I hope that it will be possible for the association to attract the support and the ability of an even larger percentage of library minded citizens whether librarians, trustees, or just deeply interested lay persons. I hope that you will join with me and the other officers of the Oklahoma Library Association in efforts to achieve these and other goals. Your suggestions, encouragement, and frank criticism are invited and will be welcomed.

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O. L. A. Conference Report

(Following are the minutes of general sessions devoted to the business and reports of the 54th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Library Association held on the campus of Northwestern State College, Alva, April 27 through April 29, 1961.)

General Session

A General Session was held at 11:15 a.m., April 28, 1961 in Herod Hall, Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Cooper, president. She announced the conference theme, Libraries Into Orbit. William Lowry gave the following report from the legislative committee: Senate Bill 218 providing for City-County Libraries has been passed and signed. House Bill 839 to allow insurance for library vehicles has passed the House and is in Senate Committee. The State Library budget is open pending the acquisition of state funds to match the federal grant. Each legislator will be sent a copy of the Library Bill of Rights with a cover letter stating the Executive Board’s position on Senate Bill 122 dealing with obscenity.

Helen Donart gave the membership committee report. (359 paid memberships including 16 institutional).

John Stratton gave a report from the Conference Manual Committee.

Elizabeth Price gave the National Library Week report for Allie Beth Martin. The executive chairman for 1962 will be Virginia Owens.

Ottie Walter moved that the reading of the last year’s minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Oklahoma Librarian. Mr. Lowry seconded the motion and it passed.

Mabel Murphy reported the Mid-Winter meeting of A.L.A. in Chicago.

Mariam Craddock, state membership chairman for A.L.A., reported that the following persons conducted membership drives in these sections: Rama Nolan, Children and Young People’s Services; Eugenia Maddox, College and Universities; Virginia Collier, Public Libraries; Florence Peckham, Technical Services; Sarah Jane Bell, Schools; Jane Menzie, Trustees; Allie Beth Martin and Arthur McAnally served on the general committee. Miss Craddock reported that in November, 1958, 207 Oklahomans belonged to A.L.A., in 1959, 198 belonged and in 1960, 222.

Miss Craddock also reported as the South Western Library Association representative. The first S.W.L.A. Book Award was presented to Frank O’Rourke for “The Far Mountains.” S.W.L.A. plans to continue this award. S.W.L.A. scholarships have been given for two years and a committee is investigating future possibilities for this program. Miss Craddock said that Dr. McAnally had reported to S.W.L.A. about the Oklahoma Library Amendment campaign and that Melville Spence had presented a report that led to the approval of a Technical Services section in S.W.L.A. Mrs. Florrinell Morton is the new president of S.W.L.A. and the next meeting will be in San Antonio, Oct. 23-27, 1962. John Stratton reported that the minutes of the S.W.L.A. executive board meeting in Chicago would be in the Newsletter and announced that the proceedings of the S.W.L.A. Conference in Galveston had been printed.

Mrs. Morton, president of S.W.L.A. and president-elect of A.L.A., was introduced and expressed pleasure with the attention being given these two organizations during the O.L.A. Conference.

Dr. Irving Lieberman, University of Washington School of Librarianship, was introduced. He spoke briefly of possibilities of applying the Northwest regional survey findings to the Southwest.

Elizabeth Smith, chairman, gave the report for the Nominations Committee. One Hundred forty-five ballots were cast in the election. O.L.A. officers elected for 1961-62 are: President, Gerald Coble; 1st Vice President and President Elect, Mary Ann Wentroth; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Austin Smith; Secretary, Juanita Means; Treasurer, Jack O’Bar.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Open Meeting

An Open Meeting was held April 29, 1961 at 9:30 a.m. in Herod Hall.

Esther Mae Henke opened the meeting.

Virginia Owens, state chairman for library service to an aging population, reported upon the White House Conference on Aging held in Washington in January, 1961. One of 24 representatives from Oklahoma, Miss Owens attended the Education Division meetings. She discussed the things
New OLA officers are, left to right, Mrs. Austin Smith, second vice-president; Jack O'Bar, treasurer; Juanita Means, secretary; Gerald M. Coble, president; and Mary Ann Wentroth, first vice-president and president-elect.

libraries can do toward solving some of these problems.

Miss Henke presented a panel to discuss the progress of multi-county library service in the Chickasaw and Pioneer Library areas. Mrs. Edwards, Love County representative on the Chickasaw Library Board, Mrs. Thelma Thomas, Pauls Valley Librarian, Mrs. Pat Geddes, Lindsay Librarian, and Mrs. Austin Smith, member of the Ardmore Library Board and the Chickasaw Library Board, were on the panel.

Arthur McAnally outlined the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree being offered by the University of Oklahoma. This new development in the field of adult education will bring many of its students to public libraries for the books they need.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Third General Session**

The third General Session was held April 29, 1961, at 11:00 a.m. in Herod Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Cooper who read a telegram of greeting from Ralph Hudson.

Mrs. Morton brought greetings from the executive boards of A.L.A. and S.W.L.A.

Division chairmen reported on the meetings of the divisions. (Details of these reports will be found under DIVISION REPORTS, page 63.)

Marian Dierdorff presented the Treasurer's report.

Melville Spence presented the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Gerald Coble moved the adoption of Article V, Section 1 as amended to make the editor of the *Oklahoma Librarian* an ex-officio member of the Executive Board. Aaron Michelson seconded the motion. After a discussion during which it was mentioned that the S.W.L.A. representative should also be on the Executive Board, Mr. Stratton moved the amendment be amended to delete “The editor of the *Oklahoma Librarian* shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board, without voting privileges.” Adeline Franzel seconded Mr. Stratton’s motion. This amendment passed. A vote was then called for the amendment as amended.
It passed.

William Lowry moved the adoption of Article VI, Section 7 as amended to allow the appointment of the chairman of the Publications Committee for a three year term. Miss Henke seconded that motion and it carried.

Mr. Stratton moved that the proposed changes to the By-Laws No. 3 (concerning the votes of library members and institutional and organization members) No. 6 (a new By-Law establishing the Sequoyah Book Award Committee) and No. 8 (establishing standards for awarding scholarships) be adopted. Mr. Michelson seconded the motion and it carried.

Miss Potts moved that the proposed change to the By-Laws, No. 7 (changing the name of the Cataloging Division to Technical Services Division) be adopted. Mabel Murphy seconded the motion which passed.

Miss Cooper thanked the officers, organizations, and others for their cooperation during the year.

Mr. Stratton gave the report of the Awards Committee recommending that additional awards be considered in the future. Mrs. R. B. Rutledge, State Chairman of the Citizen’s Committee for Library Development, and Mr. John Rogers, State Chairman of National Library Week, were mentioned as deserving special recognition. Otto Walter moved that the decision of future awards be left to the awards committee. Miss Craddock seconded the motion and it passed.

Information about statutes and proposed statutes dealing with obscene literature was passed out. After a discussion about the type of statement O.L.A. should make on the subject, Louise Smith moved that the O.L.A. adopt a resolution requesting the Oklahoma House of Representatives to exempt libraries and other educational institutions from Senate Bill 122. Miss Henke seconded the motion. It was defeated 21-20.

Dr. McAnally then suggested the statement read. "Recognizing the dangers of beginning censorship and affirming its faith in the principles adopted by the American Library Association, the Oklahoma Library Association requests the Oklahoma Legislature to exempt public libraries and educational institutions from Senate Bill 122." Otto Walter moved that this or similar wording be used. Miss Henke seconded the motion. It passed. Miss Cooper referred the matter to the Legislative Committee for action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

ELIZABETH OLIVER, Secretary

54th Annual O.L.A. Conference Program

One hundred sixty-nine members of O.L.A. met in Alva April 27-29, 1961, for the 54th annual conference. Excellent detailed planning on the part of the program chairman, Gerald Coble, and the local arrangements committee headed by Edith Gorman and Frances DuVall, contributed to the successful result, as did the generous hospitality of Northwestern State College.

In addition to the business transacted by the association and by the divisions of O.L.A., members enjoyed the speeches, discussions and panels which played an important part in the program.

Dinner Meeting

At the first dinner meeting of the conference on April 27, Dr. Irving Lieberman, Director of the School of Librarianship, University of Washington, traced the history and implications of the Pacific Northwest Library Association's report on regional library development. This four volume report, edited by Morton Kroll, and published by the University of Washington Press, has many findings which Dr. Lieberman believes may be useful to Oklahoma librarians in furthering library development here. (Editor's note: Interested libraries not having copies may borrow the report from the State Library.) Volume 1 of the report relating to public libraries, found that there is greater need for financial support at the state rather than the local level in order to carry on balanced programs. Another finding which Dr. Lieberman emphasized was the desirability of library boards being designated as advisory rather than administrative.

A survey of the role of elementary and secondary school libraries is reported in the second volume of the report, with a recommendation that there needs to be closer liaison between the administration and the library to make administrators more aware of the potential of a school library.

Because of rapid changes in technology and science, no one college, university or special research library will be able to have all materials needed for instruction, and volume three points up the need for greater cooperation among libraries.

The need for uniform statistics is emphasized in the final volume. Dr. Lieberman pointed out...
Alva sixth-graders Pamela Dickey and Larry Burk present the Sequoyah Book Award plaque to Robert A. Heinlein for his "Have Space Suit, Will Travel."

the inherent dangers in comparing unlike statistics. The survey presents the urgent need for overall planning and strongly recommends regional library planning to stimulate library development.

**Exhibitors Luncheon**

At the luncheon meeting on Friday, April 28, the exhibitors were honored. After each one was introduced by William Stewart, Muskogee Public Library, William Motter discussed the needs and wishes of exhibitors, closing with a plea that all library associations refrain from raising exhibit fees so high that companies will be forced to stop exhibiting.

A coffee in the exhibit hall, courtesy of the Board of Trustees of the Alva Public Library, allowed a period for members to visit the exhibits and exhibitors in a pleasant social atmosphere.

**Annual Dinner**

Quality education and the pursuit of excellence was the theme of Mrs. Florrinell Morton, president of S.W.L.A. and president-elect of A.L.A., who spoke "Of the Making of the Librarian" following the annual dinner Friday evening, April 28. In recruitment we must intensify our efforts to obtain better quality librarians. Mrs. Morton believes it is better to get along with our present shortages than to man our libraries with misfits. She criticized present library educations for the lack of emphasis on book knowledge. Educators must be responsible for encouraging students to "read, read, read." Library schools should be educating for change by teaching principles and theory rather than skills and technical details. This may result in less skilled technicians but librarians taught in this manner will be librarians who are aware of the challenges to be met in changing conditions and in better service.

After librarians have been so prepared, Mrs. Morton urges that employers recognize their responsibility to utilize the talents of the well prepared novice.

One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation to Mrs. Allie Ethel Martin, Tulsa Public Library of the Distinguished Service Award. This was presented by John Stratton of the Awards Committee.
Sequoyah Award Luncheon

The final event of the conference was a luncheon at which the 1960 Sequoyah Book Award was presented to Robert A. Heinlein. In accepting the award Mr. Heinlein took off from his “Have Space Suit, Will Travel” into the world of the future.

His subject was not only the “extrapolated” scientific world of colonies on the moon and trips to Mars—along with current “Man-in-Space” stories the subjects of his books—but also the future of library science. From a technician’s viewpoint he considers the library as his tool in classifying ever-growing scientific knowledge. “If mathematics is the queen of the sciences, then library science should be the king of the scientific hierarchy,” as it correlates all their findings, he said. He believes there is no more important field than the classification of knowledge.

“The Dewey Decimal system can’t begin to take care of cybernetics and all the growing fields of scientific data,” he added. Comparing the days when Diderot’s Encyclopedia could encompass all available knowledge, he posed the thought that 90 percent of all the world’s scientists are still living and the number of librarians should increase to keep up with them.

Mr. Heinlein takes his teen-age scientific writing even more seriously than his adult books, pointing out that he can use much more technical terms and details in juveniles than in standard works. He writes for the “bright kids,” because the world depends on them. The author urged teachers to see that their students get a thorough grounding in mathematics, the language of logic itself, and in modern foreign languages to communicate with the rest of the world. He deplored the current censorship attempts at teen-age reading, doubting if it was even possible to corrupt a reader over 12, but believing that the secrecy attendant to censorship may be a dangerous thing in itself.

Alva sixth-graders Pamela Dickey and Larry Burk presented the Sequoyah plaque to Mr. Heinlein, Pamela paying tribute to “the man who likes to speculate about everything from cats to space.” Both the author and Mrs. Heinlein, who accompanied him on his brief flight from Colorado Springs, expressed interest in the history of Sequoyah and asked for material on the Cherokee scribe to be sent them.

Allie Beth Martin Honored
For Distinguished Service

By John B. Stratton

(Following is Mr. Stratton’s report for the OLA Awards Committee, delivered during the annual dinner meeting April 23. The award was made to Allie Beth Martin of the Tulsa Public Library.)

According to the Constitution of O.L.A., the Distinguished Service Award is given “to the individual professional librarian who has effectively demonstrated for a period of ten years or more a valid, thorough and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service, and has expressed that concept in actual practice.”

Only one such award may be given each year. The award is not presented every year. This year, the Awards Committee, consisting of Florence Braly, John Stratton, and Leta Dover, Chairman, in examining the names presented for consideration, found one person that met with immediate and unanimous approval.

This librarian has in full measure the quality which this year’s Awards Committee identified as the quality which distinguishes the services of those who have received the award. That quality is the ability to raise the spirits of others so that they as librarians are inspired to greater heights of service to their fellow man.

Our librarian has this rare faculty of transferring to others enthusiasm for, and a belief in all phases of library activities, and the ability to create in others this zest for difficult and discouraging jobs, and to foster in our spirits the ideals that are the basis for the award.

This person has a compelling interest in people and in books, in libraries and in library responsibilities. With vision and imagination, with common sense and perseverance, she has undertaken the hardest jobs of work and carried them through. With friendliness, good humor, patience, and diplomacy, she has encouraged others to work to their fullest capacity. In conferring this award, with the approval of the Executive Board, we express our affection, our enthusiastic tribute for her work, and our appreciation for her leadership.

ALLIE BETH MARTIN!
Miriam Matthews

Improving The Book Collection: Quality Through "Weeding"

Mrs. Mary E. Murdoch, my colleague, and I wish to warn you in advance that we do not set ourselves up as experts nor are we going to present many original observations. Some of the ideas have been culled from the available library literature as well as from our own personal experiences.

With the development of national public library standards, many libraries have made a conscious effort to improve the quality of their book collections through the application of these standards. One of the most important is the systematic removal from the collection of materials no longer useful since they can weaken a collection just as surely as insufficient acquisitions.

Since the weeding practices of the small to medium-sized public libraries differ so greatly from those of the large research libraries, I am directing my remarks mainly to the former. What I have to say might also be applied in some degree to the branch libraries in a large public library system.

Definition:

"Weeding" has often been defined as book selection in reverse. The librarian uses positive standards for book selection such as the contribution of the work, its authoritativeness, literary merit and reader appeal while the standards for weeding tend to be negative such as poor physical condition, obsolescence and lack of use. Yet the weeding process is usually based more on the librarian's actual experience in using and circulating a book than on judgment gained primarily from book reviews or a casual inspection as is often the case in book selection.

In order to avoid confusion in the minds of some librarians between the terms "discarding" and "weeding", it might be advisable to explain that when a book is discarded, it is weeded, but when it is weeded, it is not necessarily discarded. Books are discarded which are out-of-date, discredited, no longer of interest, or unfit for further use because of physical condition. The advantages of weeding as distinguished from mere discarding are, for example, reclassifying a book to a more useful classification, shifting to storage duplicate copies of titles which have seasonal popularity, or transferring books to another library where they will be more useful.

Despite their recognition of the importance of weeding, some librarians give as their principal reasons for neglecting this task, a lack of time and not knowing where to begin. We might add a third reason — the chronological age of certain librarians which makes it difficult for them to part with books which have become "old friends". Most librarians, however, are getting over the feeling that all books are sacred and are realizing that if a volume has lost its "spark" or its utility, it is just so much paper, ink, cardboard, and cloth, ready to be junked like a worn-out automobile.

Policy:

For librarians who would like to know where to begin — the first step is to formulate a weeding policy based on the aims and objectives of the library as indicated in its book selection policy, which we assume every library has. Once it is formulated, this policy should be re-examined and re-written from time to time to adjust it to changing trends in the library's community and in the world. One writer has rightly said, "The only way a non-research library can keep within its financed and space budget is to provide what is needed, not for everybody, but for its own special clientele, and not for all time, but for today."

It will be impossible to present a set formula for a weeding policy since so much depends upon the size of the individual library, the type of community it serves, and the subject emphasis of its book collection as indicated in its book selection policy. The clientele of branch libraries less than

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two miles apart may differ in many respects which would naturally be reflected in their book collections and their weeding policies. On the other hand, neighboring libraries with the same class of patrons might have different acquisition and weeding policies due to difference in the size of their buildings, book collections and book budgets.

Guide Posts

This points up the fact that the individual librarian in every case must exercise sound judgment and discrimination. Nevertheless, I would like to present a few guideposts, partially based on national public library standards, which might be considered in formulating a weeding program.

1. According to standards, weeding should be continuous and systematic. It is advisable, also, to set a stated period for the completion of all classes in a collection, possibly once a year or every two years.

2. Most libraries should impose a maximum on their book collections beyond which they would not expect to expand. This is the practice now in some of the largest research libraries in the country. Library literature is replete with instances of new wings having been added to library buildings to house collections which, if properly weeded, could have been shelved in the existing space. It is cheaper and more efficient to weed than to continue adding shelf space. If a book is withdrawn for every one added, after the maximum count has been reached, the general result will be a live, working collection, provided both selection and weeding are done on a high professional level.

A study of the circulation figures of five college libraries with combined collections totalling 345,000 volumes revealed that the students used less than seven percent of the available books in one year. An authority reporting on the study indicated that a collection of 25,000 volumes correctly selected would have served the undergraduate needs of all five colleges, reference materials excepted, and that a thorough weeding of these collections was long past due. What has been said here of college libraries applies with even greater force to most schools and public libraries.

3. The decision to withdraw or store books should be based on similar but even more rigid standards than those which govern the choice of new material. Librarians must remember that the great works of literature are the core of the library's collection and have a permanent place there whether or not they are widely used. However, if the print is fine and the pages yellow, even the classics must be ruthlessly weeded and replaced. When superseding books or editions in constantly changing fields such as law, medicine or science, the weeder should watch trends most carefully and give adequate representation to the new scientific, social and intellectual forces which are reshaping the modern world. Dated materials in certain subjects should be weeded even when the book fund will not permit immediate replacement with up-to-date materials. It is better to have no work in some classes than titles of questionable value.

4. Demand is one of the criteria for withdrawing or storing books yet, due to the general use of

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At press time there were 342 individual memberships paid for 1961. This is less than at the same time last year. It is not too late to send dues to Jack O'Bar, OLA Treasurer, Southwestern State College, Weatherford. A schedule of dues is shown on page 49 of this issue. A supplemental directory of members will be published in the October issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

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Babcock, Lucy Ann  11 North Macomb, El Reno  20th Street, Stillwater
Bailey, Barbara  2935 N. 20, O.C. (7)  20th Street, Stillwater
Bailey, Miriam P.  3114 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa  200 N. Main, Ada
Bailey, Mrs. Va Rue  O.U. Libraries, Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Baker, Pat Luster  O.U. Law School Library, Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Barbour, Jeanette  Norman PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Barham, Mary Lea  423 S. Ramsey, Stillwater  200 N. Main, Ada
Barksdale, John  McCulloch Building, Okmulgee  200 N. Main, Ada
Barnes, Mrs. Homer (Frances)  Nash Library, O.C.W., Chickasha  200 N. Main, Ada
Barnett, Goldie  Seminole PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Barnett, Lela L.  Branch Library (Army)  200 N. Main, Ada
Bass, Marguerite  Rt. 2, Box 228, Muskogee  200 N. Main, Ada
Beatie, Frances  1811 Gatewood, O.C.  200 N. Main, Ada
Beavers, James  Muskogee PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Bell, Flossie  Kingfisher Memorial Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Bell, Kay  Woodward Carnegie Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Bell, Sarah Jane  Douglass Sr. HS Library, O.C.  200 N. Main, Ada
Benfer, Mabel  Bartlesville PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Bergin, Marion M.  1008 Woodland Drive, Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Best, Mrs. Emma Lucille  Box 4182, O.C. (9)  200 N. Main, Ada
Blakenship, W. C.  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater  200 N. Main, Ada
Blakey, Marian Sue  Enid PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Blassingame, Doris  Heavener  200 N. Main, Ada
Bontiright, Dorothy  1200 S. Rockford, Tulsa  200 N. Main, Ada
Bomer, Harriet (Mrs. Lloyd)  812 Beech, Duncan  200 N. Main, Ada
Bowers, Mrs. Jewel  Ada PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Bradley, Millie  Wilburton  200 N. Main, Ada
Brady, Mrs. Florence L  Tulsa PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Bromlett, Mrs. Marjorie  Poteau HS Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Brewer, Calvin  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater  200 N. Main, Ada
Brillhart, Mrs. Norman  Madill  200 N. Main, Ada
Brooks, Mrs. Merle  Tonkawa PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Brown, Mrs. Howard  806 Douglas Blvd., Ardmore  200 N. Main, Ada
Browning, Mrs. R. L  Pawnee  200 N. Main, Ada
Burnell, Mrs. Ethel  Yale PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Burrow, Mrs. Minifred  701 White Street, Ardmore  200 N. Main, Ada
Bynum, Mrs. Grover L  Henryetta PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Cansler, Mrs. Jane  Sheridan Village Br. Library, 6322 E. Admiral Place, Tulsa  200 N. Main, Ada
Carnahan, Mary  616 N. 28th Street, O.C.  200 N. Main, Ada
Carr, Opal Gladys  O.U. Libraries, Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Carter, Mrs. W. T. 216 E. Tullahoma, Edmond  200 N. Main, Ada
Cathey, Mrs. Christie  O.U. Libraries, Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Cavin, Robert C.  317 8th Street, Ardmore  200 N. Main, Ada
Chaney, Marie D.  224 E. 17th, Bartlesville  200 N. Main, Ada
Chase, Mrs. Wilma  301 East Chickasaw  200 N. Main, Ada
Chowling, Mrs. V. K.  202 S. 6, Okemah  200 N. Main, Ada
Christie, Margaret  Midwest City PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Cieszensko, Mrs. Esther  1009 E. Louisiana  200 N. Main, Ada
Clark, Mrs. Mayme B.  Sapulpa PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Clark, Mrs. Neva  Wilson PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Clement, Evelyn  2917 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa  200 N. Main, Ada
Cobble, Mrs. Garnet  Mineola  200 N. Main, Ada
Coble, Gerald  School of Library Science, O.U., Norman  200 N. Main, Ada
Cochrum, Eunice M.  900 N. Klein-Curruculum Library, O.C.  200 N. Main, Ada
Coles, Sylvia  Midwest City Sr. H.S. Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Conner, Dr. Hugh  Cyril  200 N. Main, Ada
Converse, Mrs. Dale  Box 965, Waynoka  200 N. Main, Ada
Cooper, Elizabeth  929 N.W. 21st Street, O.C.  200 N. Main, Ada
Coyle, Mrs. Robert  724 Holly, Perry  200 N. Main, Ada
Crickle, Marian  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)  200 N. Main, Ada
Crossley, Mrs. Kathleen  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne  200 N. Main, Ada
Cunningham, Irene  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater  200 N. Main, Ada
Curry, Mrs. Jewel  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne  200 N. Main, Ada
Curtis, Elva  Ponca City HS Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Custer, Mrs. C. C  Bartlesville PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Daniel, Isabel  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne  200 N. Main, Ada
Davis, Faye  Enid PL  200 N. Main, Ada
Davis, Mrs. John Kelly  504 W. Broadway, Marietta  200 N. Main, Ada
Davis, Dr. Wesley  Chickasha  200 N. Main, Ada
Dear, Mrs. Doris  Haskell HS Library  200 N. Main, Ada
Decker, Mrs. David  812 S. Alabama, Okmulgee  200 N. Main, Ada
DeLay, Bethel  Edison Jr. HS Library, Tulsa  200 N. Main, Ada
De Loe, Maxine  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater  200 N. Main, Ada
Denker, Mrs. Mary Helen  Emerson Jr. HS  200 N. Main, Ada

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Hutchison, Vern  U.S. Bureau of Mines Library, P. O. Box 1321, Bartlesville
Hyde, Allene W.  Sand Springs
Ingram, Ada A.  Central State College Library, Edmond
Irby, Mrs. Tom  104 1/2 N. First, Ponca City
Jackman, Mrs. Mary Fox  452 College, Norman
Jackson, Iona  Phillips University Library, Enid
James, Overton  Compton's Pictorial Encyclopedia, 1411 Classen Boulevard, N.C. (6)
Jaunzem, Karl Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Jeffs, Mrs. Inez  O.U. Biology Library, Norman
Jemison, Mrs. Verna M.  918 W. Connell, Stillwater
Johnston, Anna Mae  Fairview PL
Johnson, Geneva  1515 N.E. 12, O.C.
Jones, Ken  American Bindery Company, 914 Jefferson St., Topeka, Kansas
Jones, Lillian  P. O. Box 22, Checotah
Jones, Myrtle T.  Stillwater PL
Keenan, Mrs. Mitchell  621 East 15th, Okmulgee
Keith, Mrs. Bess L.  Okmulgee HS Library
Kelly, Edna McMahon  El Reno HS Library
Kennedy, Frances  O.C.U. Library, O.C. (6)
Kenny, Golda  Blackwell HS Library
Kern, Mrs. Naomi M.  Sapulpa PL
King, Richard E.  1410 N. Ramsey, Stillwater
King, Scott  402 N. Washington, Ardmore
Kiser, Mrs. Charles C.  1749 N.W. 12, O.C. (6)
Kiser, Charles C.  1749 N.W. 12, O.C. (6)
Knight, Mrs. Mildred  3337 N.W. 20 St., O.C. (7)
Koonce, Terry M.  4647 So. Trenton, Tulsa
Lacy, Hazel A.  Kingfisher PL
LaGrave, Virginia  1008 N.W. 33 St., O.C. (6)
Lake, Mrs. Farris R.  413 N. D. St., Duncan
Langston, Mrs. Wann  1101 N.E. 14, O.C.
Law, Mrs. Leah H.  219 E. First St., Carnegie
Leach, Mary  Holdenville HS Library
Leafly, Mildred  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne
Lee, Robert E.  1416 Fourteenth St., Woodward
Lester, Tom  Library Service Co., 19 W. Main, O.C.
Lieser, Robert A. Jr.  2504 Birmingham Place, Tulsa
Lindley, Mrs. Izetta W.  Central HS Library, Bartlesville
Lloyd, Mrs. Helen (James)  2713 N.W. 42, O.C.
Locke, Odel  Cameron State Agricultural College, Lawton
Low, Edmon  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater
Lowry, William H.  Cleveland-Garvin Multi-County Library, 329 S. Peters, Norman
Low, Mrs. Jean  311 E. 11 St., Pawhuska
McAdoo, Mrs. Roy  Mannsville
McAnally, Dr. Arthur  O.U. Libraries, Norman
McCaib, Clytie  East Central State College Library, Adair
McCollum, Mrs. Wanda A.  1427 N. Elwood, Tulsa
McGuire, Margrete  Central State College Library, Edmond
McRuer, Esther  Capitol Hill Branch Library, 334 S.W. 26 St., O.C. (9)
Maddox, Eugenia  University of Tulsa Library, Tulsa
Maddox, Trean  2906 E. 25th Place, Tulsa
Marie Arthur, Sister  McGuinness High School, O.C.
Marie Jean, Sister  McGuinness High School, O.C.
Marshall, Rev. Eugene C.  St. Gregory's College Library, Shawnee
Marshall, Mrs. John  800 N. 3rd, Ponca City
Martin, Mrs. Allie Beth  Tulsa PL, 220 S.
Cheyenne
Mary Martina Burke, Sister  Benedictine H.S., Rt. 4 Box 116A, Guthrie
Mason, C. Irene  Perry PL
Mathis, Mary L.  Post Library, Special Services Office, Fort Sill
O.C. U. Library, O.C. (6)
Means, Janita  Liberty Glass Company, Sapulpa
Meredith, Frances G.  Hobart PL
Meyer, Dorothea  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne
Mitchell, Bernice  Box 265, Harrah
Mitchell, Mrs. Howard  Davis
Moore, Mrs. Ethel  1821 E. 31st Place, Tulsa
Moore, Mrs. Verna  500 E. Bridge, Blackwell
Morgan, Cliffie  100 Belford Avenue, O.C.
Morrison, Mrs. Mary  1926 E. Louisiana, Norman
Morse, William F.  423 W. 10th St., Chelsea
Morton, Mrs. Gladys  Ardmore PL
Tulsa PL, 220 S.
Cheyenne
Mottet, Bob  129 Times Place, Muskogee
Muchmore, Gareth B.  Ponca City News, Ponca City
Mullen, Evelyn Day  2871 S. Buchanan, Arlington, Va.
Hinton
Murphy, Mr. John  2504 N. Robinson, Apt. C.
Murphy, Mabel A.  O.C.
Mvers, Mrs. R. D.  411 S. 14, Clinton
Nelson, Charles  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Newby, Jerry  722 Brannif Building, O.C. (2)
Newman, Reva  Duncan HS Library
Noble, James  1514 E. 8th St., Okmulgee
Nolan, Mrs. Alice  Poteau City Library
Nolan, Rama  Capitol Hill Branch Library.
O'Bar, Jack  Southwestern State College, Weatherford  O.C. (9)
Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth  Norman PL
Oribson, Mrs. Theo  Okmulgee PL
Owens, Virginia  5304 North Hudson, O.C.
Pace, Mrs. Genevieve  McAlester PL
Panter, Carolyn  Ponca City Library
Parham, Paul  Marvin E. McKee Library, Panhandle A & M College, Goodwell
Parks, Mrs. Eva  Box 709, Prague
Parrish, Rita Jo  Bartlesville PL
Paschall, Faye Marie  1507 E. Broadway, Enid
Paschall, Mrs. J. B  Rt. 1, Marietta
Paschall, Kathryn  Bethany Nazarene College Library, Bethany
Pattee, Mrs. Alice P.  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater
Pattee, E. J.  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater
Patterson, Mildred  5900 N.W. 52 St., O.C.
Payne, J. W.  Ponca City
Penfold, Mrs. Frances O.C.U. Library, O.C. (6)
Phillips, Mrs. Albert S.  Box 152, Fairfax
Piller, Raymond  Southeastern State College Library, Durant
Pittman, Mrs. W. H.  Seiling PL
Potts, Mary Evelyn  O. U. Libraries, Norman
Poverud, Kenneth  Central HS Library, O.C.
Powell, Mrs. S. B.  Wilson
Price, Elizabeth Y.  536 N.W. 33 Street, O.C.
Purdum, Mrs. Les  Bartlesville PL
Rainey, Tabertha  Ponca City Community Library
Randel, Mrs. Myrtle C.  Ponca City PL
Rector, Mrs. Earle C.  O.U. Libraries, Norman
Richard, Mrs. Gertrude B.  Dunbar Branch Library, 613 N.E. 4 St., O.C.
Richardson, Mrs. Helen G.  Ponca City PL
Rushmore, Helen  1929 South Xanthus, Tulsa
Ryan, Mrs. E. B.  1506 South Yorktown, Tulsa
Sage, Virginia  Anadarko PL
Saunders, Mrs. J. A.  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Scanlan, Alice  111 N.E. 11th, O.C.
Schwartz, Mortimer  O.U. Libraries, Norman
Scott, J. Waymon  Encyclopedia Britannica, Box 6031, O.C. (11)
Self, Mrs. Ida  Norman Jr. HS Library
Sellers, Lois  601 Spruce St., Wamego, Kansas
Shanklin, Brunette  O.U. Libraries, Norman
Shaw, Mrs. Mary  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Simpson, Juanita M.  946 N.E. 21, O.C. (5)
Sister, Ella  Claremore PL
Small, Mrs. Mamie  Lawton PL

Smith, A. Elizabeth  Bethany Nazarene College Library, Bethany
Smith, Mrs. Austin  603 D. St., N.W. Ardmore
Smith, Louise  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Smith, Peggy  Ponca City PL
Smith, Ralph B.  19 W. Main St., O.C.
Smith, Willis L.  19 W. Main St., O.C.
Smoot, Mr. Sam  Tulsa PL
Snelson, Mrs. Evaline D.  Curriculum Library, Oklahoma City Public Schools, 500 N. Klein, O.C. (6)
Snyder, Beula  Hennessey
Spalding, Ruth  O.U. Libraries, Norman
Spence, Melville R.  O.U. Libraries, Norman
Spencer, Lee  O.B.U. Library, Shawnee
Stark, Mrs. Alva  Tulsa PL
Sterba, Mrs. Gertrude  Ponca City PL
Stevens, Mrs. Jane B.  Northern Oklahoma Junior College Library, Tonkawa
Stewart, William H.  Muskogee PL
Stratton, John  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater
Strickler, Mrs. Letha  Guymon City Library
Sullivan, Mrs. Irene D.  2216 E. Maple, Enid
Swofford, Mrs. Mae  Red Fork Branch Library, 2310 W. 41st St., Tulsa
Tanner, Mrs. Homer N.  310 North 4th, Ponca City
Tate, Mrs. Mary Louise  836 S. Knoxville, Tulsa
Taylor, Mrs. Robert S.  619 7th Street, Perry
Templeton, Mrs. Monzelle  Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne
Thomas, Mrs. Della  O.S.U. Library, Stillwater
Thomas, Thelma  Pauls Valley PL
Tingle, Gladys E.  East Central State College Library, Ada
Tipps, Mrs. Wilma  329 South Peters, Norman
Torrey, Corinne  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Townes, Mrs. Willa Mae  Seminole HS Library
Townsend, Mrs. Price  300 S.W. 3, Marietta
Turner, Mrs. J. C.  Bartlesville PL
Unferth, Etalice  Classen HS Library, O.C.
Walter, Lois G.  O.U. Pharmacy Library, Norman, Oklahoma
Walter, Otto  Oklahoma State Library, O.C. (5)
Ward, Mrs. Michaeil S.  2344 Manila, Muskogee
Warriner, Mrs. Clell  Okmulgee PL
Waterfield, Katharine  Bixby HS Library
Watkins, Etta Gray  City-County PL, Cherokee
Wentworth, Mary Ann  Oklahoma City Libraries, O.C. (2)
Wheeler, Mrs. Marvin  907 W. Tishomingo St., Madill

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DIVISION REPORTS

Children's and Young People's Service Division

The Children's and Young People's Service Division of the OLA met in the Conference Room of the Student Center at Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma, April 28, 1961.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mary Ann Wentworth, Oklahoma City Libraries. The minutes of the 1960 meeting were read.

Whitaker, Mrs. Rachel N. 1017 Wilson Ave., Clinton
White, Frances Tulsa PL, 220 S. Cheyenne
White, Mr. William G. 1805 Robinson, Ardmore
Whitehead, Mary Pan American Petroleum Corp., Geology Library, Box 591, Tulsa
Williams, Rev. B. Franklin Pawhuska
Williams, Mrs. Evelyn 1544 S. Columbia PL, Tulsa
Williams, Mildred L. Southeastern State College Library, Durant
Willis, Violet Box 167, Pawhuska
Winn, Herbert E. Bartlesville PL
Withgott, Irene Woodward PL
Wood, Joe 18th and Revard, Pawhuska
Wyatt, Kermit H. 19 W. Main, O.C. (2)
Zieller, Mary Ann O.U. Libraries, Norman
Zweicher, Mrs. Alice Rt. 3, Box 300 R, O.C. (7)

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Bartlesville Public Library
Cleveland, Garvin. McClain Multi-County Library, Norman

Duncan Public Library
Emerson Jr. High
Enid Public Library
Fairview City Library
Friends of Library c/o Miss Mary Selken 201 S.W. 64, O.C.

Grandfield Public Library
Muskogee Public Library
Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company P.O. Box 1498, O.C.

Oklahoma State Library 109 State Capitol, O.C. (5)

Oklahoma City Library
Pawhuska Public Library
Phillips University Library
Pror Public Library
Selings Public Library
Seminole High School Library
Seminole Public Library

by Mae Swofford, and approved following a correction of the name Frances Tipps to Wilna Tipps.

Mary Ann Wentworth brought up discussion that the office of Vice Chairman be eliminated. A motion was made and passed that it be eliminated.

Wilna Tipps, from Norman Public Library, announced a meeting of the Children's Book Selection Conference to be held May 12th, from 9:30 to 2:30 at the Extension Center of the University of Oklahoma. Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver from Norman is the chairman of the committee. The other committee members are Mrs. Della Thomas, OSU; Mary Ann Wentworth, Oklahoma City Libraries, Virginia Collier, Tulsa Public Library, and Dee Ann Ray, State Library.

Rama Nolan, Oklahoma City, membership chairman of A.L.A. talked on "What A.L.A. membership means to us and what we can do for A.L.A."

The nominating committee composed of Allie Beth Martin, Virginia Collier and Elizabeth Frances presented their nominations for the offices of this division for 1961-62. The following slate was presented: Chairman, Wilna Tipps; Secretary, Dorothy Burrow. This slate was accepted unanimously.

The business meeting over, the audience settled down for a delightful hour and a half with Oklahoma authors. We were most fortunate in having Dora Aydelotte, Althea Bass, Alberta Constant, Harold Keith, Grace Penney, William Robinson, Helen Rushmore, and Zoe Tilghman, with Tom Baker as moderator of the panel.

These Oklahoma authors discussed many different aspects of literature in Oklahoma and writing techniques. One of the interesting things which aroused discussion among the authors was the declaration by Mrs. Constant that she thought children's books should not be graded in any way. She and the other authors agreed that interest should be the deciding factor.

It was generally agreed that this was a delightful meeting and a true joy to attend. Meeting adjourned (slowly and with regret).

MAE SWOFFORD, Secretary

College and University Division

The College and University Division met at 2:30 p.m., April 29, 1961, in the Home Economics Department of Northwestern State College, Alva.

In the absence of Chairman Gene Hodges,

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Secretary Jack O'Bar presided.

The program consisted of a panel discussion of the topic "Regional Surveys and the Development of Academic Libraries." Members of the panel were as follows: Dr. Irving Lieberman, University of Washington; Miss Eugenia Maddox, University of Tulsa; Mrs. Jane Stevens, Northern Oklahoma Junior College; Mr. John Stratton, Oklahoma State University; Dr. Arthur McAnally, University of Oklahoma.

A motion was made that the reading of the minutes of the annual meeting for the previous year be eliminated. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Officers elected for the coming 1961-62 year were as follows: Chairman, Mr. Melville Spence, University of Oklahoma; Secretary, Mrs. Jane Stevens.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

JACK O'BAR, Secretary

Public Libraries Division

The Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met April 28, 1961, in Conference Room 3 at the Student Center, Northwestern State College, Alva, with Mariam Craddock presiding.

William Lowry moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as printed in the Oklahoma Librarian. The motion was seconded by William Morse. Motion carried.

Miss Craddock announced that Mary Jeanne Hansen and Virginia Collier had been appointed as the nominating committee and called on Mrs. Hansen to give the report. The following names were submitted: Chairman, Hunter Miracle; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Billee Ruth Day; Secretary, Mildred Wallen. William Stewart moved that the officers be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Miss Craddock introduced Mr. James Gourley, Librarian of Tulsa Public Library; Mrs. R. D. Myers, a trustee of the Clinton Public Library; and Mr. Herbert Winn, Librarian of Bartlesville Public Library. These three served as a panel for a discussion on library building and equipment with Mr. Hunter Miracle serving as Moderator.

Mr. Gourley led the discussion in which he very ably told of the problems involved in formulating plans to establish a City-County Library at Tulsa.

Mrs. R. D. Myers was most enthusiastic as she described the details of building a new library which progresses from the initial select-

ing of a suitable location to the final equipping of a library.

Still another problem, that of remodeling and expanding, was discussed by Mr. Winn. Bonds have recently been voted by the people of Bartlesville for the expansion of their public library on the present location.

Each member of the panel emphasized the necessity of careful checking and rechecking with the architect and builders to be sure the location is suitable for future planning and expansion. The concluding thought was that it takes much hard work and the co-operation of the entire citizenry to carry any such project to a successful conclusion.

After announcements, the meeting adjourned.

MYRTLE JONES, Secretary

School Libraries Division

The Division of School Libraries met in the Alva High School Library at 9:00 o'clock, Saturday, April 29th, with Mrs. Margery Clyne, hostess librarian. Miss Hazel Fleming, Enid High School, Chairman of the School Librarians' Division, presided and welcomed librarians and visitors. Miss Fleming expressed the appreciation of the librarians to Miss DuVall and Mrs. Margery Clyne for the privilege of meeting in Alva and in the high school library.

Minutes of the School Librarians' Division which was held in Ada in 1960 were read and approved.

Miss DuVall announced the final voting results of the books on the Third Sequoyah Children's Book Award. There were 16,215 total votes cast with Robert A. Heinlein's winning book, Have Space Suit-Will Travel, receiving 2,061 votes. The Helen Keller Story, by Catherine Owens Peare, received 1,779 votes for second place, and The Americans, by Harold Coy, received 1,256 votes and third place.

Mrs. Vera Mae Hall of Edmond High School, chairman of the nominating committee, read the recommendations for officers for the 1961-1962 year. They are: Gladys E. Tinkle, East Central State College, Ada, Chairman; Mildred Patterson, U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City, Vice-Chairman; Bethel DeLay, Edison High School, Tulsa, Second Vice-Chairman; Edith Holley, Stillwater High School, Secretary-Treasurer. Mary Leach, Holdenville High School, moved that the committee be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

We were reminded by Marian Dierdorff, John Marshall High School, Oklahoma City, that the
dues for OLA are payable on January 1st of each year. Everyone was invited to enroll.

Sarah Jane Bell, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, gave a few of the values which are received from membership in ALA and issued an invitation to new members.

Trea Maddox, Bell Junior High School, Tulsa, State Chairman of School Library Development, and Elva Curtis, Ponce City, Chairman of School Libraries Division of OLA last year, are in Chicago attending another leadership conference on "School Library Development Project". Trea Maddox sent in a report of the project which is filed with the secretary. This report stated that if Oklahoma was to be considered for grant funds, our application must be submitted before June 1st, 1961. Mary Leach moved that the Committee on School Library Development of the OEA submit a plan and apply for a grant before June 1st. The motion carried. The School Libraries Division of OLA offered to render any assistance that might be needed.

This brought up the discussion that the School Libraries Division of OLA and OEA should be brought together for the purpose of working as a unit for better library services to the schools.

Mrs. Frances Barnes of O.C.W., Chickasha, asked that all officers of OEA and OLA, both elementary and secondary, meet with her after the meeting to discuss plans to integrate OEA and OLA.

Hazel Fleming introduced our speaker, Mrs. Floriginell F. Morton, Director and Professor of the Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who spoke on "Improving the School Library". Mrs. Morton, a charming and vivacious speaker, told how library standards are being raised in Louisiana by easy stages. She believes that standards apply to program of service in the library, classrooms, and community. Standards are both quantitative and qualitative, and are being met in some areas, and can be met. The qualitative standards apply to all now. They are the abiding substance, and will help us to achieve our main ends. We should set some short and some long time goals. Each state should set some goals for all to attain. A state school library supervisor will give valuable service in helping the schools attain their goals and we should, according to Mrs. Morton, resist making minimum standards. The maximum minimum standards should be the starting line and when those standards are reached, the minimum standards should be raised. State standards may need to be revised. Regional standards should be goals for state schools to attain. When regional standards are being met, they should be raised with emphasis on qualitative (excellence) standards.

Dr. Irving Lieberman, University of Washington, School of Librarianship, Seattle, a guest at our meeting, also gave us some very inspiring thoughts. He said that principals, superintendents, and administrators should be in library meetings which are working on standards. He feels that librarians should cease talking to themselves and talk to the administrators and supervisors.

Both Dr. Lieberman and Mrs. Morton stressed the need of unifying the school librarians of OLA and OEA into one working unit. They also emphasized the need for a state school library supervisor.

The School Librarian Division closed 11:30 with the thinking that this was the most profitable meeting it had held. After the meeting, officers of School Libraries Division of OLA and OEA, both elementary and secondary, met to discuss plans for unifying the two.

As there was no quorum, the group agreed to meet in Oklahoma City, on June 3rd. Mrs. Barnes, as acting chairman, will notify all officers and give the location of the meeting.

BETHEL DELAY, Secretary

Technical Services Division

The Division of Technical Services of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Little Theater, Fine Arts Building at Northwestern State College in Alva, Oklahoma, April 28, 1961 at 9:30 a.m. There were 22 members of the Division and Association present. The meeting was called to order by Miss Evelyn Potts, the chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss Potts announced that the name of the division is officially Division of Technical Services.

The chairman reported that Divisional dues of five cents per member were voted at the ALA meeting in Montreal in June, 1960.

Miss Potts asked for discussion of the practice of mailing minutes to the members who had been present at the meeting. Without formal motion, it was decided to continue mailing the minutes.

She announced that we would continue paying the dues of fifty cents a year, which could be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer at the close of the meeting. This money could be used to pay for a guest speaker at some future meeting. The chairman suggested that a list of members should be compiled.

Since the chairman will be unable to attend the Council of Regional Groups of the American
Library Association meeting in Cleveland, a representative will be appointed.

Miss Clarice France, chairman of the Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. Florence Peckham and Mrs. Mildred Donaldson, read the following slate of officers: Chairman, Mrs. Ida Ingram, Central State College, Edmond; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Mary Jeanne Hansen, Oklahoma City Libraries, Oklahoma City; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Alma G. Doughty, Northwest Classen High School, Oklahoma City.

Miss Frances Kennedy moved that the report be accepted and they be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Miss Mariam Craddock and carried.

The program was presented by Mrs. Alice Pattee, Head of the Catalog Department, Oklahoma State University, who talked on the “Revision of the Cataloging Code.” Mrs. Louise Gibson, Senior Cataloger of the University of Oklahoma Library, spoke briefly on the third edition of Union List of Serials, which is expected to be published in 1962.

The meeting adjourned.

FRANCES PENFOLD, Secretary-Treasurer

TRUSTEES DIVISION

After a very cordial welcome extended by Mrs. Mildred Byerson, trustee of the Alva Public Library, the meeting of the Trustees Division was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on April 23, 1961, in the ballroom of the Bell Hotel, by Mrs. D. C. Howard, Chairman.

The regular order of business was followed. During a committee report, Esther M. Henke, Extension Librarian, asked for approval of a voting delegate to attend the meeting of the Trustees Division of ALA to be held in Cleveland. Miss Violet Willis was selected.

The following officers were elected for the coming year; Chairman, Mrs. D. C. Howard, Pawhuska; Vice-Chairman, R. K. Lee, Woodward; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Laurie Bowman, Seminole.

Father B. Franklin Williams, trustee of the Pawhuska Public Library, led a round table discussion on “Steps in Developing the Multi-County Library.”

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ETNA BOWMAN, Secretary-Treasurer

SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

The Oklahoma Library Association, Special Libraries Section, and the Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Association met in Alva.

NEWS NOTES

Adeline Franzel, Special Services Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library, was guest editor of the March 31, 1961 issue of the Newsletter of the Division for the Blind, Library of Congress. Adeline has received recognition for her active program through an article “Library Service for the Blind” in the Library Journal of February 1, 1961, by Kathryn Sexton. Always interested in adult education, Adeline is also president of the Oklahoma Adult Education Association.

Betty Renick resigned as librarian of the Chickasaw Multi-County Library. She is now living in Colorado.

After serving as librarian of the Bristow Public Library for 37 years, Miss Berenette Jackson retired January 1, 1961. Mrs. Vivian Herman succeeds her.

Marie Stone, librarian at Murray State College, Tishomingo, retired June 1.

Virginia Owens is the author of a survey report, “State Library Activities in the Field of the Aging.” This has been issued by the Adult Services Division of ALA.

Louise Smith has resigned as Adult Services Librarian of the Oklahoma City libraries. On August 1 she will become Assistant Director of the San Antonio Public Library system.

Mrs. Allene Hyde has been named librarian for Page Memorial Library in Sand Springs. She succeeds Mrs. Elta Lanham, longtime librarian who resigned recently because of ill health.

Saturday, April 29, 1961, at 8:30 a.m.

The following officers, having been nominated for the ensuing year, were elected unanimously: President, John B. Stratton, Assistant Librarian, Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater; First Vice-President and President-Elect, Mrs. Carrie W. Eagon, Research Librarian, Jersey Production Research Company, Tulsa; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Frances Fisher, Librarian, St. Anthony Hospital Libraries, Oklahoma City, Secretary, Miss Virginia Z. LaGrave, 1903 N.W. 33rd Street, Oklahoma City; Treasurer, Sam P. Smoote, Head, Technical Department, Tulsa Public Library, Tulsa; Past President, Miss Edna Blanc, Librarian, Research and Development Library, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville.

General discussion followed. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

JOHN B. STRATTON, Chairman

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Esther Grimes Witcher

All of us lost a good friend and the Library one of its outstanding staff members in the death of Esther Grimes Witcher on May 8. Always cheerful and friendly, Mrs. Witcher was beloved as a person and respected as a librarian by everyone who knew her. Her work as Social Sciences Librarian was distinguished for her sound knowledge of library resources in education, psychology, sociology and library science, and for her keen interest in students as well as a gracious willingness to help everyone.

Her breadth of experience was most beneficial to the library. She held degrees from O.U. (B.A., B.A. in L.S.) and Illinois (M.S. in L.S.), was school librarian for several years at Ardmore and Ponca City, then worked for several years in the public libraries of Oklahoma City and Nashville. In 1946 she moved into the university library field, working at Illinois and Southern Illinois, before joining the O.U. Library in 1948 as Periodicals Librarian. She became Education-Psychology Librarian in 1952 when the branch library was established, and was considered a member of the “family” there. In 1958 she became the first Social Sciences Librarian in the library reorganization.

Mrs. Witcher was active in professional and other organizations being a member of A.L.A., S.L.A., Phi Beta Kappa, A.A.U.W., and Sorosis (past president.) She had published a union list of periodicals received by the O.U. Libraries, an article on territorial magazines of Oklahoma in the Chronicles of Oklahoma, and at the time of her death was engaged on a bibliography of the works of the noted children’s book author. Lois Lenski, which the library will publish this fall.

By Melville Spence

Jennie M. Elrod

Mrs. Jennie M. Elrod, librarian of the Okmulgee Public Library from 1933 to 1946, died March 24, 1961. Before serving as librarian in Okmulgee, Mrs. Elrod worked in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., and then in a small library in Indiana.

Mrs. Elrod did much research in Indian lore and photographed the Oklahoma Indian tribes. These pictures are now at the Oklahoma Historical Society. Active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Elrod was instrumental in organizing the Okmulgee chapter.

Lula K. Pratt

Library circles in Oklahoma suffered a deep loss when Lula K. Pratt, librarian of Connors College died March 24, 1961.

A graduate of the Library School at the University of Oklahoma, she was librarian at Northeastern A & M College, Miami, Oklahoma, before coming to Connors College in 1950. She was one of the leaders in the junior college library field.

Her interest in books and reading, in the improvement of library services and standards among junior colleges made her an outstanding and influential figure in Oklahoma and in the nation. As chairman of the Junior College Standards Committee of ALA and as chairman of the Junior College Section of ALA, in 1957 she aided greatly in working out Junior College Standards which were adopted by the ACRL.

Quietly and steadily she worked with colleagues and students at her college, and with other junior college librarians in Oklahoma, giving strength and guidance to the profession.

Mrs. Pratt and I were neighbors, living near each other at Muskogee, and we spent many hours “talking libraries.” Her thoroughness, her perseverance, her feeling for well-planned organization of work, was a steadying influence and an inspiration for all of us.

By Letia Dover

Christine Patterson Browning

Mrs. Christine Patterson Browning, librarian at Pawnee since 1947, died May 7, 1961, while visiting a daughter in Concord, N.C. Born in Harmony, Pa., she came to Oklahoma as a child. She married Dr. R.L. Browning, and in the early 1930's they came to Pawnee where he was active in creating interest for the establishment of a municipal hospital. After his death in 1947, Mrs. Browning became the librarian of the Pawnee library.

While librarian, Mrs. Browning was instrumental in enlarging and expanding the facilities of the Pawnee Public Library. Her activities in civic affairs brought the library into community activities of many kinds.
# TREASURER’S REPORT – 1960-61

## GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS
- Advertising, Oklahoma Librarian: $392.00
- Dues and subscriptions to Oklahoma Librarian: $1,500.00
- Exhibits, 1960-61: $756.00
- From Convention Local Arrangements Committee: $1,206.00
- Received from Children's Book Workshop, O.U.: $39.00
- From New Method Bindery for convention programs: $45.00
- Total Receipts: $3,946.00
- Balance on hand May 31, 1960: $1,984.27
- Transferred to General Fund from Library Development Fund: $142.87
- **TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TRANSFERS, GENERAL FUND:** $6,073.14

## DISBURSEMENTS
- Expenses, Oklahoma Librarian: $1,780.00
- Expenses, 1961 convention: $1,549.14
- Expenses of Membership Committee: $20.00
- Scholarship to student of O.U.: $360.00
- Return of one exhibitors fee: $35.00
- Rental of P. O. Box, stamps and invoice forms, Treasurer: $19.04
- ALA Round Table membership: $2.00
- Telephone, postage, telegrams for President and Vice-President: $203.89
- Stationery: $40.80
- Return of over-paid dues: $4.00
- Oklahoma City University Library for use of staff room: $10.00
- Luncheon for outgoing and incoming Executive Board: $19.33
- Total Disbursements: $3,938.29
- Transfer of money to Library Development Fund: $750.00
- Transfer of money to Sequoyah Award Fund: $50.00
- **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS, GENERAL FUND:** $4,783.29
- Total Receipts and Transfers, General Fund: $6,073.14
- Disbursements and Transfers, General Fund: $4,783.29
- **TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND, May 31, 1961:** $1,289.85

## SEQUOYAH BOOK AWARD FUND RECEIPTS
- From English Council: $50.00
- Sale of bookmarks, posters, etc.: $44.75
- From Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers: $50.00
- Balance on hand May 31, 1960: $135.52
- Transfer from General Fund: $50.00
- Total receipts and transfers to Sequoyah Award Fund: $331.27
- **DISBURSEMENTS**
- Plaque for 1960 Convention: $21.63
- 1961 Convention expense: $46.75
- Total disbursements: $68.38
- Total receipts: $331.27
- Total disbursements: $68.38
- **TOTAL IN FUND May 31, 1961:** $262.89

## PAST PRESIDENTS FUND RECEIPTS
- Received from Past Presidents: $30.00
- Balance on hand May 31, 1960: $321.00
- Total: $401.00
- **DISBURSEMENTS**
- None
- **TOTAL RECEIPTS, PAST PRESIDENTS FUND:** $401.00
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND RECEIPTS

Donations .................................................  50.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1960 ......................  546.24
Total ..................................................  645.24
Transfer from General Fund .........................  750.00
Total receipts and transfers .........................  1,395.24

DISBURSEMENTS
Expenses of printing folders, postage and advertising
on T.V. and radio ........................................  1,252.37
Total disbursements ...................................  1,252.37
BALANCE ON HAND August 27, 1960 ...............  142.87
Transferred to General Fund, October 1960 .......  142.87
BALANCE IN LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND ........  400.00
During year .............................................  4,269.75

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SUMMARY

Receipts During Year  $3,946.00
Beginning Balance    1,904.27
Total                5,940.27
Account transfers    657.13
Totals               5,273.14
DISBURSEMENTS        3,803.29
BALANCE ON HAND       1,289.85

MARIAN DIERDORFF, Treasurer

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July, 1961
Weeding and Replacements

By Miriam Matthews

Mechanical lending, new techniques need to be developed to measure the amount of use. Lacking dates on book checks and guides, if libraries with mechanical charging will determine book use by regular inspection of the shelves by the staff then the loss of this old device will not be serious and the staff will be better informed about the book collection.

Basing the fate of a book primarily on its circulation record or discarding scientific and other classes of books published before arbitrarily assigned dates can result in the loss of much important material. When is a book out of date? This is a difficult question and we can only state that there is no rule of thumb. For much material the answer is obvious. In the case of some material, the library must make use of every bibliographic tool and other aids, consulting specialists when necessary before arriving at a decision.

5. An objective and impartial viewpoint should be maintained by the weeder at all times for censorship can be practiced just as effectively in weeding as in book selection. This was brought out in the recent Fiske report which discovered that some California librarians were permanently removing books from circulation for fear of possible controversy.

Expendable Books

6. According to national standards the currently-useful material which forms the bulk of the public library collection is usually expendable or "dead" within ten years. Therefore, a library's book collection policy might reasonably state that certain categories of books, with understandable exceptions, are not to be replaced or rebound. For example, many westerns, mysteries and other titles of an ephemeral nature may be discarded as fast as they become soiled or worn or as their popularity declines.

7. Libraries might establish the policy of using plastic jackets not only to improve circulation by making them more attractive but also to prolong the life of books and obviate the need for early rebinding. This is especially important for ephemeral literature which can then be discarded without rebinding. When a volume has served its purpose, the librarian will be less reluctant to discard it when only 15c has been spent for a plastic jacket than when approximately $1.50 has been invested in rebinding it.

8. Back files of periodicals should be kept a stated number of years and the library's holdings should emphasize titles which are indexed in the standard indexes. Most magazine files are generally kept only five or ten years. However, if space permits, the National Geographic Magazine should be kept indefinitely and also the standard indexes which are important as reference tools whether or not the magazine files are available for the years covered by the older indexes.

9. With few exceptions, public libraries should not attempt to become research libraries. They should consider expendable seldom-used material which can be borrowed through inter-library loan from a nearby library or the State Library. If important, the availability of certain materials should be checked before discarding to prevent losing the last copy in an area. Because of the rapidity with which books go out of print in this country as contrasted with Great Britain, it seems desirable that all librarians exercise professional responsibility in not destroying material which might have value elsewhere.

10. A library's policy should be explicit about rejecting unsolicited gifts which are of dubious value before they are processed. It is costly to add such items to the book collection only to withdraw them a short time later.

11. It is not important to keep sets of books intact. If only one or two volumes of a set have value for the collection, libraries should retain those and withdraw the rest of the set.

This completes my list of guideposts for librarians engaged in organizing their weeding and replacement policy and procedures. It is essential to remember that the job of weeding is never finished, no more than is the program of selection, unless we want our collections to stagnate. Naturally, some mistakes will be made in the weeding process, even with the most carefully planned program. This will not deter the enlightened administrator who realizes that the overriding consideration is maintaining an up-to-date functional collection, well adapted to the special needs of today's library clientele.

In conclusion, I would like to present for your consideration several questions which my colleague and I feel might furnish the key for more efficient handling of library collections.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

April 27, 1961

A pre-conference meeting of the Executive Board was held at 4 p.m. on April 27, 1961, in the Student Center, Northwestern State College, Alva. Members present were Elizabeth Cooper, Marian Dierdorf, Frances Kennedy, William Lowry, Elizabeth Oliver and Gerald Coble. Louise Smith and William Stewart were guests.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Elizabeth Cooper.

Mr. Stewart announced that 26 exhibitors had contracted for booths at the conference. One of these was not able to attend due to illness in his family. It was decided that his fee should be refunded.

The 1962 Conference is to be held at O.S.U., Stillwater, April 26 through April 28. Mr. Coble moved that the 1963 Conference be the last weekend in April at O.U., Norman.

Miss Cooper announced the result of the election of officers. (For names see Conference Report, p. 32) Representatives to S.W.L.A. will be appointed by the new president.

The treasurer's report showed 325 memberships had been paid in 1961. Miss Dierdorf reported a balance of $1,336.07.

Mr. Lowry reported for the Legislative Committee. After a brief discussion of Senate Bill 122 (obscenity bill) it was decided to send each legislator a copy of the Library Bill of Rights, with a statement reaffirming OLA's belief in the freedom to read.

The balance in the Oklahoma special fund at ALA which remains from the Library Development Fund activities will be ascertained with the object of contributing it to the ALA Building Fund.

The Awards Committee recommended establishing a policy for awards other than the Distinguished Service Award. Mrs. Oliver moved that a committee be appointed to begin a study of an awards program. Seconded by Miss Dierdorf, the motion passed.

Miss Dierdorf moved that the expenses of the president at the Alva meeting be paid by the association. Mr. Coble seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting adjourned.

May 27, 1961

The incoming and outgoing Executive Boards of OLA met in joint session May 27, 1961, at 10 a.m. in the O.C.U. Library. Members present were Elizabeth Cooper, Gerald Coble, Gene Hodges, Marian Dierdorf, Elizabeth Oliver, William Lowry, Frances Kennedy, Mary Ann Wentroth, Jack O'Bar, Juanita Means and Mabel Murphy. Louise Smith was a guest.

Miss Cooper, president during the past year, opened this meeting. She presented suggested designs for an official seal and for the Distinguished Service Award. No decision was reached and Miss Cooper was requested to continue looking for acceptable designs.

Miss Dierdorf reported a balance of $1,339.19 in the general fund. It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Mabel Murphy, that OLA give $10.00 to the O.C.U. Library for use of the library for meetings. The motion passed.

After a discussion of the $263.41 remaining in the ALA accommodation account for the Library Development Fund, it was moved by Mr. Lowry that this money be contributed to the ALA Building Fund. Seconded by Frances Kennedy, the motion passed.

Mr. Coble reported that half of last year's $300 scholarship had not been used. He suggested that to be effective, the fund should be arranged in November for availability the following academic year. He also suggested that OLA keep a year to increase the amount, as scholarships of less than $500 were difficult to use. Frances Kennedy moved that OLA add $350 to the $450 not used last year to make a $500 scholarship to be awarded for the 1962-63 school year. Mabel Murphy seconded the motion, which passed.

Miss Cooper reported that work toward making OLA tax exempt had been delayed pending the Treasurer's report and a copy of the new amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. She was authorized to continue efforts toward this end. She recommended that as a means of continuity, that old officers make written reports of the work done each year to be turned over to the succeeding officers. She also recommended that each July issue of the Oklahoma Librarian carry messages from both the retiring and current presidents.

At this point, Miss Cooper turned the meeting over to Mr. Coble, the new president, who entertained discussion on the possibility of combining OLA and SWLA scholarships.

Mr. Lowry was appointed a representative to attend a special meeting of the Adult Services
Miss Dierdorff recommended that a treasurer’s manual be compiled and that the bookkeeping of the association be simplified. There was discussion as to the desirability of compiling an officers’ manual.

Mr. Coble announced the committee chairmen for the coming year. (These appointments are listed in the directory on p. 50.)

A letter was read from Mrs. Allie Beth Martin thanking the association for awarding her the Distinguished Service Award, and suggesting that an award for trustees be established.

Mr. Lowry reported for the Legislative Committee concerning the progress of bills affecting libraries.

Miss Cooper moved that OLA participate as an official member of the “Interorganization Committee.” Seconded by Miss Dierdorff, the motion passed.

Mr. Coble explained plans for the coming year. Work is already underway to get school librarians more active in OLA. He discussed legislation needed in the next biennium, and the plans needed for action in library development. He proposed that long range plans be developed.

The meeting adjourned.

Weeding . . .

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1. How should libraries in a given area cooperate in the compilation and distribution of basic purchase lists for replacements and superseded lists for withdrawal?

2. Should a cooperative storage plant be established to serve libraries in a given area in order to prevent too much duplication of little-used material?

3. How can we make known the general holdings of libraries in a given area?

4. Should library schools be encouraged to offer refresher courses for practicing librarians in the principles for formulating a weeding program and the techniques for carrying it out?

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The second paper of this series by Mrs. Mary E. Murdoch will be printed in the October issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Oklahoma Student Librarians Hold Meeting at University

The seventh annual convention of the Oklahoma Student Librarians Association was held March 18, 1961 in the Student Union on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman. About 450 student librarians and their sponsors attended.

—Larry Stearns, President, officiated during the convention. Dr. George L. Cross, President of the University, gave the welcome address. The group was also greeted by Mr. Gerald Coble, Director of the Library Science School and Sponsor of O.S.L.A. Campaign speeches were made by the candidates for offices for the coming year.

The Festival Singers from the University entertained at the luncheon in the ballroom. Following the luncheon the students participated in buzz sessions, before coming together for the final general session. Miss Adeline Franzel, Special Services Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library, spoke to the group on library services to the blind.

The highlight of the day came with the announcement of the winning candidates and the installation of the new officers. They are: Judy Hall, Oklahoma City, President; Sue Marshall, Oklahoma City, Classen, Vice-President; Pat Wommaek, Sulphur, Secretary; Cecilia Wills, Midwest City, Treasurer; Gayle Fox, Cleveland, Reporter; Judy Cole, Tulsa, Parliamentarian; Joyce Newton, Oklahoma City Douglass, Song leader; and Barbara Baucom, Edmond, Chaplain.

Children’s Book Conference Held at OU Extension Center

The Children’s and Young People’s Services Division of the Oklahoma Library Association and the Extension Division of the State Library sponsored a Children’s Book Conference at the Extension Study Center of Oklahoma University, May 12.

Fifty-nine school and public librarians from Enid, Duncan, Norman, Kingfisher, Chickasha, Tulsa, Ada, Oklahoma City, Wilson, Ardmore, Lindsay, Pauls Valley, Stillwater, Davis, and Woodward spent the day discussing and examining 300 new books for ages 3 to 15.

A late summer meeting is being planned to review late spring and summer publications. Those willing to preview these new books should contact Mrs. Wilna Tipps, chairman of the Children’s and Young People’s Services Division, 329 South Streeters, Norman.
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