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Della Thomas

A Message from the OLA President

"Observe always that everything is the result of a change, and get used to thinking that there is nothing nature loves so well as to change existing forms and to make new ones . . . ." 

This quotation, suggested by a member of the Program Committee for possible use with the Convention theme, "Focus on Change: Challenge to Librarianship," seems appropriate now as we look back over the old year and ahead to the new.

This has been a year of change in the library world. Outstanding events have included the passage of the National Library Services and Construction Bill and the formation of the Governor's Council on Libraries in our own state. The diligence of our Membership Committee has brought OLA membership to a new high, reflecting ALA's recently-announced record number of members. New buildings and expanded programs depicted at the second general session of the Convention in April offered further evidence that libraries are indeed in a fine state of ferment.

Notwithstanding these and other signs of progress, much remains to be done. As pointed out in the last issue, some Oklahoma counties are still without any public libraries, and many have token service. With a few conspicuous exceptions, Oklahoma school libraries, especially at the elementary level, fall below national and regional standards in materials, equipment, and professional staff, and the position of state school library supervisor remains unfilled. College and university libraries face the need for expansion to meet the heavy demands created by the double burden of increased enrollment and the need for more books and periodicals to keep up with the explosion of knowledge in all fields.

The Oklahoma Library Association needs the support of every member of the profession and every other citizen concerned with library service. Currently being mailed are questionnaires asking you for your individual opinions on matters of policy for the Association and for suggestions for committee appointments and prospective members. It is the hope of the Executive Board that each of you will take a few minutes to respond.

To take up the gavel which has passed through the hands of so many able Oklahoma librarians is a humbling experience. As a relative newcomer to the Association, I have been back through the files of the Oklahoma Librarian hoping to gain the perspective needed for responsible leadership. Progress has been the rule, rather than the exception, and every current gain can be traced plainly and surely through each successive administration. Ten years ago, Leta Dover, assuming the presidency, wrote in this column with confidence in the future inspired by the "stimulating and creative thinking" she had seen in the annual meeting of April 30-May 1, 1964:

"Were you conscious, as I was, of the feeling of cooperation, the earnest desire to work together to make Oklahoma's libraries better? If we carry that feeling and desire throughout this coming year, we should certainly not fail in our plans."

Everything else may be changing, Marcus Aurelius, but not the nature of librarians, or their faith in the future.

July, 1964
Focus on Change: Challenge to Librarianship

By SARAH JANE BELL, Secretary

The theme for the 57th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Library Association was “Focus On Change: Challenge to Librarianship.” Headquarters for the meeting were in the Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Thursday, April 23, 1963, 7:00 p.m.

The First General Session was held following dinner in the Sheraton Room with Trean Maddox, President, presiding. The invocation was given by T. Gene Hodges; Mr. James Johnson, Vice Mayor, brought greetings from the City of Oklahoma City. Greetings were read from A.L.A. and S.W.L.A.

The president presented the chairman of local arrangements committee, Miss Wentroth, who in turn presented committee members: Beth Oliver, Registration; Katherine Belcher, Decorations; Juanita Means, Meals; Virginia Owens, Publicity; Frances Kennedy, Hospitality and Information Booth.

Miss Maddox introduced both present and future officers.

A parody on the “up-to-date librarian” was sung by Mr. Herbert Greaves, student, Langston University.

The speaker for this meeting was Miss Myrl Ricking, Director, Office of Recruitment, A.L.A. She spoke on “Focus On Change: Challenge For Quality” and expressed concern for methods of service. Reference was made to the article on recruitment authored by Della Thomas, which is in the May issue of the A.L.A. Bulletin.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION
Friday, April 24, 1963, 9:30 a.m.

The Second General Session was called to order by the President, Trean Maddox. Necessary announcements were made. Mr. John Bennett Shaw, Chairman, Oklahoma Council on Libraries, brought greetings. He named the members and gave a report of history and accomplishments of the Council.

The theme of this program was “Focus on Change: Challenge to Library Development in Oklahoma.” Miss Esther Henke, Oklahoma State Library, was moderator.

The Book Worms, Students Librarians from Edmond High School, reported results of an extensive survey of library needs in their community. Their sponsor is Mrs. E. C. Hall.

Slides were shown of scenes in new libraries: Northwestern State College, Alva; Chickasha Multi-County; Ardmore Public Library; Hiltton Community Library; Blackwell High School; Northern Oklahoma Junior College; Alva Public Library; Oklahoma City Public Schools; Tulsa City-County Library; Phillips University; Belle Isle Branch (Oklahoma City); Bethany Nazarene and Enid City-County Library.

Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, gave inspiring and factual remarks and explained the new Library Services and Construction Act. He pointed out the fact that the state acutely needs matching funds and solicited the support of O.L.A.

At a noon luncheon Mrs. Eardeean Rector, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Chairman of College and University Libraries Division, presided.

The speaker for this meeting was Dr. A. M. Gibson, Associate Professor of History and Archivist, University of Oklahoma Libraries. His subject was “A Proposal for a Cooperative Program in the Preservation and Use of Oklahoma Materials.”

THIRD GENERAL SESSION
Friday, April 24, 1963, 7:00 p.m.

The Third General Session was held in the Skirvin Room of the Skirvin Hotel. President Maddox presided. Invocation was given by Mr. James Lykins, Midwest City High School. The speaker for this meeting was Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, University of California Library School, Los Angeles. Her subject was “Focus On Change: The Hinges of the Mind.”

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION
Saturday, April 25, 1963, 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth General Session was held in the Sheraton Room. The president, Miss Maddox, called the meeting to order.

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Treasurer, Mary Jeanne Hansen, gave the treasurer’s report.

Reports from Divisions were given.

Father Eugene Marshall presented the report of the Membership Committee.

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Mrs. Ida Self and her committee have continued work on the Officer’s Manual.

Reports were made by Mrs. Jane Stevens (Recruitment Committee) and Mr. Robert Motter (Files Committee).

The report on Library Education was made by Mrs. Myra Cunningham. Mr. William H. Lowry reported on Library Development.

It was moved by Miss Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Lucile Lawrence that unexpended funds allowed the Library Development Committee for 1963-1964 be used in underwriting the Governor’s Conference for Library Service. Motion carried.

It was moved by Miss Bethel DeLay and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Gleason that the Executive Board and the Association endorse a survey of libraries in Oklahoma as proposed by the Oklahoma Council on Libraries. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mr. Hunter Miracle. The new officers were presented by the president.

Miss Esther Henke presented the report of the Awards Committee. The Committee recommended that no Distinguished Service Award be given this year.

Mr. Calvin Brewer gave the report of the National Library Week Committee.

Mrs. Ada Ingram gave the report of the Publications Committee.

Mr. T. Gene Hodges reported for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. It was moved by Miss DeLay and seconded by Mr. Michelson that the report be received and adopted. Motion carried.

Miss Mary Ann Wentworth was unable to appear at this time. Appreciation was expressed by Miss Maddox for her help in making the Conference such a successful occasion. Registration revealed 330 persons in attendance (34 were exhibitors).

The president presented the Program Committee chairman, Mrs. Della Thomas and expressed appreciation for the fine program. Mrs. Thomas then named her committee and solicited opinions concerning improvement in programs and scheduling.

Miss Harriet Bonner gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved that it be accepted. It was seconded by Miss Bethel Delay. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

SEQUOYAH AWARD LUNCHEON
Saturday, April 25, 1963, 12:30 p.m.

The new president of the Association, Della Thomas, presided. The new officers were seated at the head table and were presented. Invocation was given by Mrs. Floyd Parkinson Gates, Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English and member of Sequoyah Committee.

Miss Clytie McCalib, 1963-64 chairman, reported an increase in voting of more than a thousand.

The Sequoyah Children’s Award was presented by Jimmy McPherson and Debra Gardner, Oklahoma City, to Mr. William P. Robinson for his book, “Where The Panther Screams.”

Mr. Robinson responded with gratitude and appreciation and talked about the problems involved in writing and selecting books for young people. He urged librarians to write publishers requesting that they accept more real stories and fewer imitation ones.

This was the conclusion of the 57th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Library Association.

DIVISION MEETINGS

Children’s and Young People’s Services

The Children’s and Young People's Services Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met in the East Room of the Sheraton Hotel for a breakfast business meeting, April 25.

For several years members of the Children’s and Young People’s Services Division have conducted a spring and fall book review workshop. This year, however, a new program was instituted. The American Library Association—Children’s Book Council Traveling Book Collection was made available to the librarians and other interested people through the Oklahoma State Library. The collections of approximately 150 books each were furnished by various publishers. The Oklahoma State Library divided the books into about twelve collections and rotated them to eleven libraries in the state which consented to be the book collection stations. Each of these eleven libraries sent notices to librarians, school superintendents, and other interested persons and invited them to come to the library and examine the books. Each collection was at the library for one month.

At the business meeting the project was discussed, the problems each library had were brought out, and then the results were evaluated. It was felt that one year was not enough time in which to fully evaluate the results, and everyone was interested in seeing that the program was continued. The members also proposed that the new chairman consider having book review workshops again in connection with the traveling book collection. The possibility of having district workshops was discussed as well as the general workshops such as we had before.
Election of officers for the coming year was held. Mrs. Mary Sloan from the Norman Public Library was chosen as chairman for the coming year, and Mrs. Elva Harmon, Coordinator, Children's Services at Tulsa City County library was selected as secretary.

Mrs. Audrey Biel, Coordinator, Young Adult Services, Detroit Public Libraries, and President, Y.A.S.D., A.L.A., told about their TV and radio programs. "Young America Looks at Books." Several of the Oklahoma librarians were interested in borrowing the tapes of the programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Children's and Young People's Services and School Libraries Divisions held a joint meeting in the West Room of the Sheraton Hotel at 1:30 p.m., April 21. Mrs. Audrey Biel, Coordinator, Young Adult Services, Detroit Public Libraries, and President, Y.A.S.D., A.L.A., spoke on "Focus On Change: Challenge to School and Public Library Relations." Mrs. Nancy Ruth Amis, Library Education Department, O.S.U., and Chairman, School Libraries Division of O.L.A. and O.E.A., presided. There was a large crowd and several people said they liked the joint meeting and hoped it would be repeated.

Irene Withgott
Chairman, Children's and Young People's Services Division, Oklahoma Library Association

Public Libraries

The Public Libraries Division of OLA met in the ballroom of the Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel, Saturday April 25, 1964, Mrs. Betty Lou Townley, Chairman, presided.

Mrs. Townley announced that, due to illness, Mrs. Jewel Bowers would be unable to serve as Chairman for the following year and Miss Elizabeth Cooper announced the following nominations: Mrs. Pat Westmoreland, Bethany, Chairman, Mrs. Katherine Belcher, Belle Isle Branch of the Oklahoma City Library, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Velma Lake, Duncan, Secretary. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Westmoreland, Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. Lake be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Miss Elizabeth Cooper spoke on "Staff Problems," followed by a discussion on the hiring of personnel and administrator-staff relationship.

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Townley.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Velma Lake,
Secretary

School Libraries

Officers of the School Libraries Division (elected in October during the OEA Convention) are Mrs. Nancy Ruth Amis, Stillwater, chairman; Mrs. Wanda Coldiron, Ponce City, chairman-elect; and Clara Harris, Norman, secretary-treasurer.

Division of Technical Services

The Division of Technical Services of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Sheraton Room of the Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel, Oklahoma City, April 24, 1964 at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Frances Penfold, chairman, presided over the meeting. The program consisted of a panel discussion based on the theme: "Focus on Change: What's New In Cataloging." Miss Ethel Thompson, cataloger, Curriculum Library, Oklahoma City, described their centralized cataloging service which is extended to 83 elementary schools and 18 secondary schools. Miss Thompson stated that all cataloging policies are formulated with the user in mind. Very few added author entries are made, but many subject headings are employed. The Dewey number is usually kept to no more than two decimal places. Miss Thompson recognized the problems involved in fitting books processed by centralized cataloging into an existing library collection. She stated that on the whole she and others who worked in the office felt that their program was most worthwhile in that the librarian was released from duties of processing the books and was thereby enabled to give more assistance to the patron.

Mr. Sam Smoot, Chief, Technical Processing Division, Tulsa City-County Libraries, told the assembled group of the Tulsa system's changeover from a card catalog to a book catalog, which is now being effected, using IBM equipment. In pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of the two forms of library catalogs. Mr. Smoot emphasized that the book catalog could be maintained at a much lower cost than the card catalog, that the entire holdings of the libraries in the system could be reflected more adequately, and that copies of the catalog could be distributed outside the library. He concluded by suggesting that one fringe benefit (when all the libraries in the area have gone to book catalogs — and he stated that the trend is definitely toward book catalogs and feels that it is bound to come to this area sooner or later) would be the ease with which a union catalog could be maintained.

The third speaker was Mrs. Alice Phelps Pattee, Head of Catalog Department, Oklahoma
State University Library, who made a progress report on ALA code revision. She said that the Lubetzkzy code which had been discussed at the Stanford Institute in 1956 and at the Montreal Institute in 1960 had been accepted in toto at the International Conference in Paris in 1961, and that at no time had his principles been challenged ... yet large research libraries in our own country felt that the cost of adapting their present catalogs to the proposed code was prohibitive, and the Library of Congress issued a statement to this effect. Committees have since been trying to work out some of the difficulties involved, and at the present time, basic principles and functions of the catalog are again considered. But Mrs. Pattee pointed out that much thought and work had been done on it and that there is still hope that a universal code can be realized.

Respectfully submitted
Ada A. Ingram
Acting Secretary

The Division of Technical Services met Friday, April 25 for breakfast in the Old Timer's Room, Frances Penfold presiding. The following officers were elected:
Chairman — Mrs. Pat Baker, University of Oklahoma Law Library
Vice-Chairman — Miss Mary Helen James, Oklahoma State University Library
Secretary - Treasurer — Miss Joy Ridings, Oklahoma State University

Library Educators

The library educators of Oklahoma unanimously agree on their desire to form a Division of Oklahoma Library Association, and through their duly appointed committee, do hereby formally petition the Executive Board of O.L.A. for approval by that board for Divisional status in O.L.A. It is understood that with the Executive Board's approval, a formal vote could then be made by the entire body of O.L.A. at the time of their annual meeting.

The library educators make this petition with full recognition of the responsibilities Divisional status sets upon them, and hereby state their objectives which make them feel they are ready to assume these responsibilities.

1. To advance education for librarianship, and to study and review changing needs for library education.

2. To promote high standards of librarianship, and to attract people of quality to the library profession.

3. To co-ordinate our programs with other state, regional, and national associations for library education.

4. To serve as a means of communication to improve the quality of instruction.

5. To encourage organized orientation in the use of library facilities.

Special Libraries Association

The Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association met at the Sheraton Hotel, Oklahoma City, on Friday, April 24, 1964.

Miss Virginia LaGrave opened the meeting by introducing Mrs. Mildred H. Brode, National President of SLA, who spoke on "Our Space Age Guidance System: Launching." Changes are occurring in the field of information through the acceleration of production of knowledge; great improvement in the technology of information handling; and in the recognition by the Government of research information as a national resource. Mrs. Brode stated that by 1970 there should be 30,000 special librarians working in the field. This has to be accomplished on the local level. Special librarians should attend workshops, and see that their local meetings are better known and understood by the public and by industry. They should try to become more interested in the bibliographic, research, and creative areas.

Next Miss LaGrave introduced Mr. Walter Treslin, Manager, Professional Placement and Manpower Development, General Electric Company, who spoke on "What Industry Expects from the Special Librarian." He stated that the company library should be an information center. Management thinks that the library should be useful; should be money to them. Having a useful library will stop repetition of experiments and studies which are costly. The key to a successful library is the librarian. The librarian must be an active person, who is running an intelligence unit.

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. The Treasurer's report was read by Jim Murray, since Miss Leon Ross could not attend the meeting. The new officers are: President — Miss Vern Hutchinson; Vice President — Harold Holland; Secretary—James Gourley; and Treasurer — Miss Leon Ross. Two new Board Members were elected: Mrs. Carrie Eagon, 1 year; and James Murray, 3 years.

Motion carried that the Chapter send $50.00 to aid in the production of the recruitment film.

James T. Murray, Secretary
OKLAHOMA COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

All members of the Oklahoma Council on Libraries were present for their regular meeting in the Blue Room of the State Capitol on April 23. Guests present included Mrs. Philip Kidd, Jr., W. H. Lowry, Harold J. Kleen, Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Miss Marian Craddock, Philip S. Ogilvie, Miss Elizabeth Smith, Harold E. Holland, Miss Esther Mae Henke, Mrs. Clifford Frates, Mrs. Mildred Patterson, Mrs. Leta S. Dover, T. Gene Hodges, Mrs. Pat W. Baker, and Mrs. Della Thomas.

Mr. Kleen, President of Oklahoma City Friends of the Library, reported on the enthusiasm of the group of Oklahoma County citizens who made the chartered bus trip to Tulsa to tour and observe the Tulsa City-County System.

Mr. Low in reporting on the progress of the Library Services Act stated that prior to March 1964 the budget for library services included seven and one-half million dollars, but in late March the President recommended to Congress to include forty-seven and a half million more, making a total of fifty-five million dollars. About twenty-five million was recommended for construction. Mr. Low stated the Senate and House are in agreement on the additional appropriation, and “hopefully the forty-seven and one-half million will be available by July 1, 1964 in addition to the seven and one-half million for 1964 already allocated (fiscal years).”

Mr. Hudson said that Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Extension Specialist, Library Services Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D.C., had visited the State Library to explain the Library Services and Construction Act as it applies to Oklahoma. Approximately $600,000 will be available for Oklahoma for combined services and construction, dependent upon State and local matching funds.

Mrs. Martin reported on plans for the Governor’s Conference on Libraries to be held at the Center for Continuing Education, Norman, September 23, 1964. The Conference will be made up of a “select” group of people attending by joint invitation of the Governor of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Council on Libraries.

Mr. Shaw, Chairman of the Council, was asked to continue to make plans for a survey to be made of all libraries, with emphasis on public libraries.

Mr. Hudson reported on the Western States Library Conference which he attended in Austin recently and told of the possibility of a two to three weeks institute on philosophy, procedures and techniques of library consultants.

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New Officers of the Oklahoma Library Association for 1964-65, elected at the Annual Conference business meeting in Oklahoma City on April 25. Left to right, seated, Mrs. Pat Baker, Norman, Secretary; Mrs. Della Thomas, Stillwater, incoming president; Miss Edith Gorman, Alva, Second Vice-President; Standing, Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Oklahoma City, Counselor; Mrs. Mildred Patterson, Oklahoma City, Treasurer; and T. Gene Hodges, Librarian of Central State College, Edmond, first Vice-President and President-Elect.
A Study of A Public Library for Edmond

By the Bookworms (Edmond High School Library Club)

This gives you a summary of reports as given by the students on February 24, 1964, at a guest meeting of Edmond civic, cultural, and social club leaders. We trust this will give you a view of the possibilities for a public library in Edmond. Robert Morgan, President of the Bookworms, had charge of the meeting.

Why the Bookworms chose this study—presented by Marilyn Stafford. Last year the student librarians on one of their programs had a panel discussion concerning the kinds of libraries and library services. It was brought out that Edmond did not have a public library when that topic was discussed, and the question was asked, "Why doesn't Edmond have a public library?" This was the origin of the study for this year.

It was pointed out that we have the college and school libraries, but that the materials from these are built around the curriculum of the schools. Thus there are insufficient to meet the needs of the public, plus the fact that the public school libraries are open only during school hours and are closed during the summer months. Not only would a public library benefit students, but also parents and the business and professional people of our town. We feel that a public library would also bring industrial and cultural advantages to our community. These are the main reasons why we have chosen the project of a study of a public library for Edmond.

Letters to foundations—given by Pat Watson. One of the first things we did after the club decided to investigate the chances for a public library was to write to various foundations and ask for information concerning grants. Letters were written to the following: Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago; Carnegie Corporation of New York; Ford Foundation, New York; Avalon Foundation, New York Independence Foundation, Philadelphia; and the Foundation Library Center, New York. In answer to our letter we found that none of these could offer grants to city or public libraries.

Visits to civic leaders—given by Anne Freeman and Barbara Overcash. After finding no assistance from grants or foundations, we turned next to the civic leaders of our community. A bond issue was to be voted upon for a new city hall and to renovate the old one. We thought perhaps space could be provided temporarily in one of these for a public library. We feel that we could have public library with space in the city hall or with a building especially for a public library, depending on how interested we are and how much work we are willing to do. We sent a committee to see Mr. J. B. Marshall, our City Manager. He was most cordial to our group and told us he would be glad to support us in any way that he could. Our committee also visited Mr. Jack Clifton, Chamber of Commerce president. He was very kind to us and expressed his interest in what we are doing, saying he would be glad to help in any way that he can. On invitation by Mayor Custer Service, our committee went to the City Council to ask their cooperation in our project. They asked that we consider the question from all angles, then report back to them the results. We began by taking a survey of public libraries and by collecting materials to help our study. Copies of the materials will be found in Edmond High School Library, Central State College Library, the City Council, and at the newspaper office with Mr. H. C. Neal. They are for the citizens to study.

Survey of public libraries in the state—Becky Emerson. In order to find out some facts about other public libraries in our state, we sent 39 questionnaire-letters to libraries in towns of comparable size to ours. We received 32 answers to the survey. We found that 28 of these libraries own their own building. Others occupy a municipal building and a city hall. The Del City library is a converted house which was given for that purpose. Nowata, a city of about 4,000, has a library in two upstairs rooms. The Lions Club, however, is converting a freight depot into a suitable library building. This library is, at present, maintained by volunteer help only. The oldest library in the survey is a 63 year old one at Hobart. The age of the building ranges from one now being built to 59 years. The initial cost of buildings was from $9,500 to $550,000 for a multi-county library at Norman. The initial cost of books was from zero (books donated) to $30,000.

In the 32 libraries there were 20 trained librarians with an average salary of $5,000.

Total expenses ranged from $679 to $21,415. In 25 cities this was raised by city budget; in 4 by a property tax; and 2 have tax pending.

The libraries are open an average of 40 hours.
a week. Nearly all require a borrower’s card which is usually free, but some, charge $1 to $2. These are issued for an indefinite period, 3 to 5 years.

Original skit — presented by Annelle Hawkins, Lynda Westhof, Mary Collins, and Jim Cunningham. “Typical Teenagers” was the name of the skit. The main idea was to convey several of the main reasons why Edmund needs a public library. With the backdrop of the TV world, “Typical Teenager” came on as a dramatic series television show, telling the story of John and Martha and their typical teenage life.

Ways to finance a public library—Jim Cunningham. The Bookworms, after going before the civic leaders, asked Mr. Leroy Faulkner, City Treasurer, to draw up some figures on the ways our town might finance a library. With a city sales tax 2 mills will give $21,700.20 per year. With a city property tax 2 mills will give $12,700.20 per year. Another possibility is an assessment of 50 cents on the water bill, which would bring in $19,524 per year. Twenty-five out of a survey of 32 answering our questionnaire-letter were supported by a city budget. (Mr. Marshall pointed out at this meeting that cities could not vote a city sales tax; that counties may vote a sales tax.) President Johnson signed a federal aid to libraries bill on February 11.

Bulletin board—Penny Davis. Attention was called to the bulletin board on which there are clippings from the local and Oklahoma City newspapers. Contents of these clippings range from the new proposed civic center which could provide a place for a public library for Edmund to stories about how other Oklahoma cities and towns have financed their libraries. The cooperation from these newspapers and the local radio station has been greatly appreciated.

Remarks by Mrs. Ada Ingram from Central State College Library—Mrs. Ingram explained the service policies of the college library, that the public is welcome to use the library, but the collection does not meet the needs and interests of the general public. Their collection must be built around the curriculum needs of their clientele. Remarks by some towns-people indicated their disappointment in not finding what they want at the college library.

The Bookworms invited the Edmund civic, cultural and social clubs to meet with them on February 24. After giving our study report to the group, they were invited to join the study and drive for a public library for Edmund.

At present the following organizations have representatives on a permanent committee for the study of a public library: Sorosis, Merry Modern Mothers, Orvis Risner P.T.A., Rotary Ann’s, Modern Mothers, Cleger P.T.A., Bookworms, League of Women Voters, Ida Freeman P.T.A., Gamma Mothers, Mothers Petite, Church Ministerial Alliance, Sunset P.T.A., V.F.W., Newcomers, Belles Lettres, A.A.U.W., City Federation of Women’s Clubs and Cambridge Club. Mr. Robert Ford, principal of Edmund High School, and Mr. Ellis Gragg, Edmund businessman and Edmund school board member, are the co-chairmen of the committee. Mrs. Earl Rice is vice-chairman and Mrs. Charles Weiss is the secretary.

The Committee has had three meetings. They have participated in several activities. Three members went to Tulsa to observe the Tulsa City-County System. Eight members attended the Central Oklahoma Librarians dinner meeting at Val Gene’s, Oklahoma City, after which they toured the new Belle Isle Branch Library of Oklahoma City. The Library Service Act was discussed at this meeting.

At the last meeting of the Edmund Public Library Committee, Miss Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian of Oklahoma State Library, was the guest speaker. She spoke on the new “Libra-
ry Service and Construction Act," recently signed
by President Johnson. Afterwards, there was a
question and answer period. The committee then
voted to report back to their individual organiza-
tions and clubs for follow-up study during the
summer. Through this time they will visit as
many public libraries in this area as possible.
When school resumes in the fall, the committee
will resume their regular monthly meetings to
further their study of a public library for Edmond.

1) How long have you lived in Edmond? Give the total number in your pre-

sent family unit number of adults pre-school elementary

high school college.

2) Did you have a public library in the town in which you lived previous to coming to Edmond? Yes

No.

3) Are you a property owner? a renter?

4) There are several ways that a public library may be financed. Which of the following would you

favor?

City Budget

City Property Tax

City Sales Tax

50 cent assessment on water bill

5) Would you favor a bond issue for a public library building? Yes No

6) If it becomes evident that Edmond wants and plans to have a public library, would you make

a gift of money or of acceptable books to aid in getting it started? Yes No

7) Do you hold a borrowers card to an Oklahoma City public library? Yes No

8) How many books have you checked out within the past year from:

An Oklahoma City Public Library

Oklahoma State Library

Central State College Library

Edmond High School or elementary school library

9) Would you use a public library regularly occasionally not at all

10) Do you think a public library would give Edmond cultural advantages it could not otherwise

have? Yes No Or that it would influence business and industry in locating in or

near Edmond? Yes No

(The above questionnaire was circulated by the Bookworms)

Oklahoma Student Librarians Association Meets

Three high school students from Tulsa and

Edmond were winners of $100 awards in the

"Treasure in Your Attic" contest sponsored by

the Oklahoma Student Librarians Association.

Participants in the contest collected documents,

manuscripts and other material dealing with the

history of the Southwest. The student who submitted the best entry in each category

received a $100 prize, donated by the University

of Oklahoma Alumni Development Fund, to be ap-

plied to his fees upon enrollment at OU.

Winners were Larry Gene Willis, Daniel Web-

ster High School, Tulsa; Linda Walden, Will Rog-

ers High School, Tulsa, and Jim Cunningham, Ed-

mond High School.

Willis, winner of the Printed Material cate-

gory, submitted a copy of "The Book of Psalms"

translated into Choctaw, which was published by

the American Bible Society in New York in 1908.

Miss Willis, whose entry was the best in the

Illustrative Material category, entered several

early-day photographs depicting historic scenes

in Oklahoma.

The best entry in the Manuscripts category,

submitted by Cunningham, was a land allotment

patent issued to his grandmother in January 1907

and signed by Tams Bixby.

The prize winners were announced during the

April 4 convention of the Oklahoma Student Li-

brarians Association at OU, which was attended

by approximately 400 students.

New officers elected by the association mem-

bers are Sheila Murphy, Midwest City High

School, president; Cunningham, vice-president; La

Donna Smith, Burns Flat High School, secretary;

Dana Street, Classen High School, Oklahoma City,

treasurer; Suzanne Logan, West Junior High

School, Norman, chaplain; Gaye Rucker, Doug-

las High School, Oklahoma City, parliamentarian,

Gayoma Cooper, Moon Junior High School,

Oklahoma City, song leader, and Shari McClure,

Central Junior High School, Norman, historian.

Members also approved a new constitution

and made plans for a summer workshop which

will be conducted at OU June 5-6.
RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The OLA Recruitment Committee consists of the following members: Retha Blythe and Ethel Moore, Tulsa; Laverne Carroll, University of Oklahoma; Vera Mae Hall, Edmond; Jeanne Loy, Pawhuska; and Mary Yeary, Newkirk.

Two meetings and considerable correspondence among members of the group enabled us to decide upon three immediate goals for the year.

One: to continue the annual contest sponsored by OLA for high school students. A 500 word paper on "Why I Would Like To Be A Librarian" was the contest topic. Winner of the contest is Neosha Ann Watterman, a Junior from Lindsay, whose award is a trip to OLA convention in Oklahoma City. Second place winner of a book is Sandra Phelps, a Freshman of Purcell, and honorable mention goes to Ruby Williams, a Sophomore from Sand Springs. The quality of the entries was good and the co-operation of school librarians in urging students to participate seems a worthwhile contribution to the recruitment program.

Two: Letters were sent to two hundred high school principals of the larger schools telling them of the critical shortage in the field of librarianship and asking their cooperation by calling this to the attention of school counselors.

Three: The "Recruitment Network" list of librarians over the state who are willing to answer local requests for information about librarianship was expanded and brought up-to-date by means of an appeal made for us in the Library Extension Division Newsletter. These volunteers will be used not only for local representatives for recruitment but also to cooperate with the "follow-up" program used in the state in cooperation with the ALA Office for Recruitment.

It seems appropriate for this committee to compliment the staff of the Oklahoma Librarian for an excellent January, 1964, issue devoted to Education for Librarianship and Recruitment.

The committee has been helped a great deal by the assistance of Miss Myrl Ricking of the ALA Office for Recruitment in supplying materials and current information needed to carry out program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Stevens, Chairman

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association met in The Oklahoma State Library, March 5, 1964. Several names had been submitted for the Committee to consider for Distinguished Service Awards. After careful considera-
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE


- We the resolutions committee, during the 57th annual convention of the Oklahoma Library Association, now in session at the Sheraton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 23, 24 and 25, offer the following resolutions:

1. Realizing our debt of gratitude to all our speakers for their messages of inspiration, we pledge ourselves to return to our work with renewed awareness of our role and challenge in this era of change. We will endeavor to improve ourselves and to keep before us our obligation to be purveyors of knowledge, compassion and stability, in a time of uncertain values and ideals.

2. Seeing the opportunity for progress in library services offered by the new Library Services Act, we resolve that a concerted effort should be made by O.L.A. to acquaint the public with the need for action in obtaining matching funds.

3. Recognizing the unusual quality of leadership and initiative exhibited by the Edmond High School group, the Bookworms, in conducting the survey in library needs for the city of Edmond, we recommend that the Association send a letter of commendation to the city manager of Edmond commending these students and their sponsor for their contribution to the furtherance of library service in the state of Oklahoma.

4. It is suggested that a note of cheer be sent from O.L.A. as a group to Mr. Richard Chase who contributed so much to the 1963 convention and who is now a patient at McBride Hospital.

5. We further request that the Association extend formal thanks to all who have participated in the planning and in the execution of plans which have made this 57th convention of Oklahoma Library Association a success.

Respectfully submitted,
redden Gilliam
Elizabeth Cooper
Harriett Bonner, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association held two meetings, during its 1963-64 term. The committee met first on December 9, 1963, at the Belle Isle Branch of the Oklahoma City Library. Its second meeting was held April 23, 1964, at the Sheraton Oklahoma Hotel as a part of the annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association.

A record of the committee's work will be found in its minutes.

The committee recommends to its successors the following activities for the year ahead:

1. Assist the Oklahoma State Library in the planning and execution of its Plan under the Library Services Act.


William H. Lowry, Chairman
Esther Mae Henke
Harold Holland
Phil Ogilvie
Elizabeth Smith
Mildred Patterson

The Library Development Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association met Thursday, April 23, 1964, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 368 of the Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members present were: William H. Lowry, Chairman, Harold Holland, Philip Ogilvie, Esther Mae Henke, Mildred Patterson, and Elizabeth Smith.

Mr. Lowry reported that two of the three questions referred to the Oklahoma Council on Libraries by the committee have been answered. Through the use of local funds, it appears possible to match maximum federal grants beginning with July 1, 1964. It also seems probable that under the provision of 65 O.S. Supp. 1963 41-43, the expenses of librarians and trustees attending workshops can be paid through the use of grants to the libraries concerned. The third question, development of a State Aid formula for public libraries is a long-term project needing considerable more study.

Miss Henke reported on the status of the State Library Plan under the new Library Services Act and the amount of money that might be available through it.

The committee discussed the Governor's Conference on Libraries to be held September 23, 1964, and the need for financial assistance since no state money is available. Mr. Lowry reported that the committee had more than $600 in its budget. Miss Smith moved that the committee recommend to the Executive Board that the unexpended funds of the committee be used in underwriting the Governor's Conference on Library...
ries called for September 23, 1964, seconded by Mr. Ogilvie, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lowry reported on the possibility of a survey of libraries in Oklahoma proposed by the Oklahoma Council on Libraries. The survey could probably be financed by Library Services Act funds and begin soon using professional personnel from outside the state. After a discussion of the advantages of a survey, Mr. Holland seconded the committee recommend that the Executive Board and the Oklahoma Library Association endorse a survey of libraries in Oklahoma as proposed by the Oklahoma Council on Libraries, seconded by Mildred Patterson, and passed unanimously.

Since there was no other business, Mr. Lowry thanked committee members for their interest and help, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Library Development Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association met Monday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Belle Isle Branch of the Oklahoma City Library, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were William H. Lowry, Chairman, Harold Holland, Philip Ogilvie and Miss Esther Mae Henke. Also present were Ralph Hudson, Martin Wenger, Edmon Low and Mrs. Charles Coe.

Mr. Lowry opened the meeting by pointing out that the major responsibility for library development lay with the Oklahoma State Library and that the task of the Library Development Committee was to work with and strengthen the work of the State Library. Reference was made to both "Standards for Library Functions at the State Level," newly published by the American Library Association and the laws of Oklahoma. Mr. Hudson agreed with this point of view.

A brief review was made of the various types of libraries in Oklahoma (public, school, college and university, special, and the University of Oklahoma Library School) and the present state of their development.

The work of the Committee during the previous year was discussed and possible projects for the new year were presented. These included:

1. Library and librarian certification laws.
2. Governor's conference on libraries.
3. Revision of public library laws.
4. Revision of censorship laws.
5. Constitutional provisions for libraries.
7. Survey of libraries in Oklahoma.
8. Aid in the development of the O.U. Library School.
9. Support of the State Library program including the budget.
10. Library Services Act workshops for librarians and trustees.

It was decided that major emphasis should be on public library development because this is a program with great needs, progress in public library service would help all other types of library service, and finally it was felt that work in the area of public libraries could be most effective.

Mr. Low described the work of the newly created Library Council and asked for suggestions which would assist the work of the Council. Mr. Ogilvie described some of his work with regional or statewide basis would be most useful. Mr. Hudson pointed out that there was a question as to whether it was legal to use federal funds in Oklahoma in order to pay librarians' expenses.

There was much discussion about the problems of library development in Oklahoma including lack of understanding at the local level and the shortage of funds and personnel. It was agreed that the Library Council could play a decisive role in finding solutions.

Mr. Low reported that the new Library Services Act would probably become law by February and that this would make more money available to Oklahoma but would also increase the need...
for more state matching funds. Since departmental budgets will probably have to be in the governor's office by September 15, 1964, planning would have to start soon.

Mr. Ogilvie made the motion that the following questions be considered by the Library Council in the near future:

1. Finding of adequate state funds for matching federal grants.

2. The use of federal funds for paying the expenses of librarians and trustees at State Library sponsored workshops and institutes.

3. Development of a state aid formula for public libraries. Mr. Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Low agreed to carry these recommendations to the Library Council.

The Committee agreed to meet again after the February meeting of the Council. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
PRELIMINARY REPORT. 1964

The leaflet entitled 'The National Library Week Program in Brief' defines National Library Week as "a voluntary citizens' movement dedicated to the long range goal of encouraging lifetime reading habits, increasing people's use of libraries, and expanding and improving the total reading and library resources of the nation." It is a year-round program culminating in an intense period of public education known as National Library Week.

Yes, the National Library Week program is very definitely "a voluntary citizens' movement."

Thousands of Oklahomans participated in National Library Week activities this year, and to the local committees who planned those programs, all who love books owe their thanks. However, both lack of time and information dictate that I restrict the remainder of this report to work done on the state level.

Our first volunteer was Dr. Warren C. Hultgren, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, who as State Chairman represented the NLW program so ably in public appearances and who used his great persuasive talents to recruit and inspire 36 other members of our hard-working state committee. At the invitation of committee members Alfred E. Aaronson, Chairman of the Tulsa City County Library Commission, the state committee held its organizational meeting in the board room of the Fourth National Bank of Tulsa. At that meeting we were informed of the activities of the new Oklahoma Council on Libraries by John Bennett Shaw, Chairman of the Council and of the activities of the State Library by Ralph Hudson, Librarian. William Lowry, Librarian of the Pioneer Multi-County Library told of the public library situation in the state and of the possibilities for library development. O.L.A. President Tread Maddox spoke on the school library situation in Oklahoma.

Other NLW volunteers were Ben Blackstock, Secretary-Manager of the Oklahoma Press Association, who chaired the Publications Sub-committee and Robert T. Motter, Jr., of the Motter Bookbinding Co., who headed the Press Sub-Committee. Through the efforts of these two committees in providing articles, fact sheets and library facilities maps to all Oklahoma newspapers and periodicals, National Library Week was celebrated by periodical articles and some 4000 column inches of newspaper publicity.

Twenty-five radio stations received NLW records and all television stations received films with which they publicized National Library Week. This was through the activities of the Radio-TV Sub-Committee led by James O. Kemm, Executive Manager of the Oklahoma Petroleum Council.

The participation of civic organizations all over the state in the National Library Week effort can be largely credited to the sub-committee working under Dr. Raymond Knight, principal of the Will Rogers High School in Tulsa.

Notable individual contributions included the OKLAHOMA TEACHER article on school libraries, which was written by Dr. Charles C. Mason, Superintendent of Tulsa Schools; and articles on the library situation in Oklahoma by John Bennett Shaw and by Welden Barnes, Oklahoma State University Public Information Director. These articles were distributed to the newspapers and periodicals of the state.

And to the steering committee, who served with such patience, energy and insight through the year, my personal thanks. Their names are familiar to us all: Tread Maddox, Gene Hodges, Virginia LaGrave, Ralph Funk, Helen Lioyd and Betty Lou Townley.

National Library Week is "dedicated to the long range goal of encouraging lifetime reading habits, increasing people's use of libraries, and expanding and improving the total reading and library resources of the nation." While mindful of the first two phases in this national goal, our emphasis in Oklahoma is on "expanding and improving library resources." Our state goals are "Public library systems covering 77 coun-
ties” and “School libraries in all Oklahoma schools.” We are far short of these goals at present, but a small additional effort on the part of each citizen of this state would put them within our grasp. An additional $1.10 per citizen annually would bring public library service to every person in Oklahoma, and a few dollars for each school child would give him adequate school library service. The bridge between these goals and our present situation is the individual volunteer who will work month after month the year around explaining the possibilities of library development to people who have not yet heard the story. In this Oklahoma Library Association profession — librarians are for books, reading and libraries. Let us say so!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The following were members of the Membership Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association for 1963-64: Mrs. Frances Barnes, Librarian at the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha; Mrs. Marion M. Bergin, Humanities Librarian at the University of Oklahoma Library, Norman; Miss Elva Curtis, Librarian at the Ponca City Senior High School in Ponca City; Mrs. Elizabeth Geis, Librarian at the Dewitt Wallar Junior High School in Enid; Mrs. Nan Sturdivant of the Tulsa City-County Library System; and Mrs. Violet Wills of Pawhuska (Pawhuska Public Library Trustee).

Our meeting was held in the main Public Library in Oklahoma City, November 16, 1963.

Plans were made that a member of the committee would be present at the spring District meeting of OEA in her own district to make personal contact with the librarians in the district and encourage OLA membership. Miss Curtis promised to write a librarian in those districts in which a committee member would not be present to ask her to represent OLA to the librarians there present.

Various members agreed to make drafts of letters to be sent new librarians, special librarians, public librarians and library trustees, and to former OLA members who had to date failed to renew their membership. A copy of each of these drafts was sent to each member of the committee for suggestions and approval. In mid-March the letters were mailed out. Since the chairman felt that it could be as easily accomplished to have the typing classes in St. Gregory’s High School address the envelopes and type in an inside address as to call another meeting of the committee for this purpose, this procedure was followed. 122 letters were sent to public librarians and trustees, 291 letters were mailed to former OLA members who to date had not renewed their membership, and 104 letters were mailed to librarians who did not hold membership in OLA during 1963. The names and addresses for this latter group were obtained from a list of those librarians who attended the fall session of OEA.

Mrs. Bergin was assigned the responsibility for making up an “ad” placed in the January issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. At the request of the committee the State Library kindly included a membership blank in its November issue.

It was proposed that librarians contribute articles to the Oklahoma Teacher in which some mention or recognition would be given to OLA. No further action was taken on this proposal.

Mrs. Bergin extended a greeting to and told of student membership in OLA at the Oklahoma Student Librarians Association meeting held on the OU campus April 4.

In addition, the chairman, at the request of the president, Miss Maddox, sent a report of Julia Schwarz, Membership Chairman of the Florida Library Association on the methods used by our Association to increase its membership. The ideas and methods of several state associations were collated into a report, a copy of which was sent to our president.

Each member of the Committee was requested by letter to help staff the membership booth during the annual OLA Convention. A favorable response was received.

The chairman, at the suggestion of the president, sent a letter to Mr. Ferman Phillips, OEA Executive Secretary, requesting a joint meeting of the librarians’ section and the reading section at the annual OEA Convention. A solution is hoped for so that librarians don’t have to make a choice of which of the two meetings to attend.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Eugene Marshall, a s b. Chairman

July, 1964
College and University Libraries Division Announces Project

Mrs. Earlean Rector, chairman, presided over a session of the Division of College and University Libraries on Saturday, April 23, at which time important business was conducted and a noteworthy project adopted. The project can and should involve all Oklahoma librarians. Their report follows:

I. Activities engaged in during the year
   Officers activities
   A. Published one newsletter
   B. Co-sponsored one luncheon for 1964 OLA Conference

C. Studied the possibilities of a project in which the divisional members could participate: Joining in the movement to collect and preserve Oklahoma historical and cultural materials. Persons who were interviewed about the possibility of such a project for the College and University Division of OLA showed great interest in the idea and gave sincere encouragement to the committee in pursuing the possibilities further. Many people are cognizant of the urgent need for citizens of Oklahoma to be alert to the fact that early historical facts are being lost or destroyed. A committee was appointed.

D. Committee appointed to draft working papers for the project, if adopted
   1. Committee composed of the following:
      Miss Opal Carr
      Mr. Jack Haley
      Mrs. Mary Morris
      Mrs. Dorothy Ward
      Mrs. Earlean Rector, Chm.

II. Immediate and long range plans for the Division
   A. To adopt as a project active participation in the movement to preserve Oklahoma cultural and historical materials.
   B. Election of officers

IV. Newly elected officers
   Mr. Raymond A. Pillar, Chm.
   Mrs. Thelma Gunning, Secretary

Proposed project: Is for the College and University Division to participate in a statewide movement to collect and preserve Oklahoma historical and cultural materials.

Purpose: There is an urgent need to encourage the citizens of Oklahoma to collect and preserve materials on local history before it is lost or destroyed.

I. Types of material needed
   A. Local events, places and names
   B. News of noteworthy people, particularly early settlers
   C. Newspapers, i.e. certain ones
   D. Old books, pamphlets and broadsides
   E. Manuscripts
      1. Correspondence
      2. Personal — if it relates to events, etc.
      3. Memoirs, etc.
   F. Records
   G. Pictures
   1. Photos
   2. Paintings
   H. Maps and posters
   I. Museum artifacts (?)
   J. Old cemeteries and tombstone epitaphs
   K. Genealogical material
   L. Interviews with pioneers or local citizens

II. Ways of collecting
   A. Who can collect
      1. Local clubs and organizations — both men’s and women’s
      2. Librarians and school librarians
      3. Retired people
      4. Authors
   B. How to collect
      1. Publicity — make the public aware of the situation through newspapers, etc.
      2. Personal contacts

III. Processing, preservation, storage and cataloging
   A. References
Library Association to Be Formed in Lawton

A drive to organize a library association in Lawton was started this week by the Junior Service League of Lawton. Drive chairman, Mrs. Ben O. Key, stated that "Ready access to a handy, well-stocked, up-to-date library is one of the greatest needs of Lawton."

Serving on the committee headed by Mrs. Key are: Mrs. James Cottingham, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. James Marshall, Mrs. Peter King, Mrs. William Jolly, Mrs. James Bushart, Mrs. William Erwin, Mrs. Max Brock, Jr., Mrs. John Pijpes, and Mrs. Ralph Wertz.

Mrs. James Cottingham, president of the Junior Service League, said "Our board and members after studying the situation decided to take the initiative in fostering this new group. After seeing reports from the city Library Board and from the American Library Association, Mrs. Cottingham said, "We felt that the plight of library services in Lawton and our rating compared to minimum national standards called for this action."

"The lack of adequate library service is not confined to Lawton. Pres. Kennedy in his message to Congress, Jan. 29, 1963, stated: "The public library is an important resource for continuing education. But 18 million people in this Nation still have no access to any local public library service and over 110 million more have only inadequate service. Advanced age, lack of space, and lack of modern equipment characterize American public library buildings in 1963. Their rate of replacement is barely noticeable: 2 percent in a decade. There are now no Carnegie funds available for libraries—or have there been for 40 years."

Lawton’s library holds the distinction of being the last library in the nation erected from funds donated by Andrew Carnegie, the Irish immigrant, industrialist-philanthropist. It was erected in 1921-22, shortly after World War I.

"Lawton is more than 25 years behind times in library services," Chairman Key stated, "and we are in that kind of a rut where we slip back two years for every year nothing is done. We’re still in horse-and-buggy days here library-wise."

Other cities have solved poor library services through organizations generally called "Friends of the Library," Mrs. Key explained. Our present library was started by "friends" in 1906 when the Federation of Women’s clubs, including Entre Nous, collected books and started a free library, later donated to the City, and becoming the basic collection from which our present library grew.
Today, more than 300 "Friends of the Library" organizations exist throughout the U.S.

"But one-time spurts of enthusiasm is not enough to insure continuing good, up-to-date library service," Mrs. Key said. "The American Library Association reports show that library service will suffer and deteriorate if it doesn’t have organized public backing. What the alumni is to a college, or the PTA to a school system, "Friends of the Library" is to good library service by organizing continual public attention and support to keep their library abreast of times."

Dr. Charles E. Green, President of the City's Library Board, has stated that, "We estimate that we need in Lawton at this time a new expanded main library and two new branch libraries located in the western and southern parts of Lawton. We are also making studies which forecast our needs well in the future, but curing present needs is our main objective. It will take $1,500,000 to correct our present situation. The only way it can be done is by public support of the whole city, to the last man, woman and child. We heartily endorse the Junior Service Leagues efforts towards this goal."

Plans are for letters and phone calls to go out to call an organization meeting for a "Friends of the Library" association.

**NEWS NOTES**

By HANNAH D. ATKINS

Bryan County Law Library has completed an extensive remodeling venture with books which had formerly been scattered throughout the courthouse now being housed in the renovated quarters of County Judge Ceph Shoemake. Book-shelving was paid for by contributions of individuals.

Broken Bow Public Library had its formal opening in its new $25,000 building during National Library Week, April 12-18.

The William L. Hart Library of Little Axe, was dedicated on April 19. The library is located on the tracks of an old wagon road from Newalla to Norman which was opened in 1889. An addition to the one room structure is scheduled to be completed in early summer.

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Elva Harmon was recently appointed coordinator of the children’s program of the Tulsa City-County Library System. Mrs. Harmon came to Tulsa from Philadelphia with experience in Korea, with World Book, and with other libraries.

Pioneer Multi-County Library was the recipient of a $3,000 grant from the Library Development Fund of the Oklahoma State Library. Most of the fund has been spent for new equipment needed.

Mr. Gene Hodges, Central State College Library, is listed in the current volume of Who's Who In America.

Miss Edith Scott, Assistant Director of Technical Services and Associate Professor of Library Science, University of Oklahoma, has been appointed by Librarian of Congress L. Quincy Mumford to a new position in the Descriptive Cataloging Division to provide advanced in-service training in descriptive cataloging theory and practice. She will report for duty on September 1.

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First Oklahoman to Win

Wm. P. Robinson Receives Sequoyah Award

For the first time in its six-year history an Oklahoman has won the Sequoyah award! Mr. William P. Robinson, Tulsa, was named this year’s winner for his book, “Where the Panther Screams.”

Miss Clytie McCalib, Chairman of the Sequoyah Book Award Committee for 1963-64, opened the Sequoyah luncheon meeting with the following words:

No, we didn’t reach our goal of 50,000 Oklahomans participating in the Sequoyah program, and I have ruefully concluded that “the itching sensation which we mistook for ambition was merely an inflammation of the wishbone.”

This program has steadily grown each year, and I am happy to report 1963-64 was no exception. There were 13,000 votes cast in 1959, the initial year; this year there were 26,000, an increase of 1,000 votes over last year. I am told we have as good response as the William Allen White Children’s Book Award upon which ours is based. Naturally we are pleased with these results, but as we take pride in what has thus far been accomplished, let us not be content to rest here. Every librarian, classroom teacher, administrator and trustee should do his utmost to help propote the program.

The first area of emphasis should be increased co-operation among ourselves. All of us need to be imbued with the same kind of spirit manifested by the pioneer Oklahomans who formed our state, and as pioneers in this reading program let us remember the words of Mr. Robinson, “Pioneer families had to pull together; families of today still pull together.” If we emulate the Hawkins family in this respect, we shall attain any goal we set in the future.

Acceptance Speech by William P. Robinson

Mr. Chairman, Miss Varner, Mr. Berger, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Although it has now been more than a month since the night Miss Gorman called me from Alys, I am still amazed, dumbfounded, surprised—and, I must say, most humble about all this. It is incredible that one of the barefooted outcasts of Frederick, Oklahoma should win this enviable honor and distinction. I want to thank all of you, I want to thank everyone in Oklahoma. I feel highly gratified that people living from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to Dime Box, Texas have read Where The Panther Screams. May their tribe increase! I cannot help but quote Hilaire Belloc’s fine lines:

When I am dead, I hope it may be said:
“His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.”

Or—and the author here escapes me—I have no doubt that the DEVIL grins At the seas of ink I splatter;
Ye gods, forgive my literary sins.
The other kinds don’t matter.
Now, for all my astonishment, my incredulity, surprise and bewilderment, I am NOT speechless. In spite of the humility which I shall eternally feel upon contemplating the honor of this award, I am far from bereft of my desire to communicate orally. So I am stealing a few lines from Lewis Carroll’s great poem—thus—

“The time has come,” the Walrus said
“‘To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings.”

I do want to talk of many things, perhaps too many things. I feel the need to speak a little while about some of the problems of writing yarns for young people—about the kind of story we should select for our children’s reading. I wish that people like you who are in a position to observe and know would write millions of letters to the publishers of children’s books and short stories and tell these publishers to search and find real stories—not synthetics or imitations—but real stories for these real people, our children, to read.

I mean this seriously. I was never more serious in my life. Some kind of authoritative weight must push the publishers into printing more and more real stories for boys and girls and less and
less imitations. REAL stories as WORLD publishes, for example!

What is a story? What is a REAL story? How can you tell the difference between a hang-up, first-class yarn and a dull, flat, nothing-ever-happens, trivial collection of words and sentence fragments?

Any discerning, perceptive, mature reader can answer these questions, though not easily and certainly not briefly. You know these answers as well as I do, but with your permission, let me review some of the facts.

I want to begin by expressing my abhorrence, my utmost revulsion against those juveniles where the birds talk to the flowers or vice-versa or the imitation story about the educated cat. At the same time, I hurriedly attest the excellence of "The Incredible Journey"—you recall—the trip back home of the dog and the cat, overcoming almost insuperable obstacles in the process. But this was written for adults, not children. Would it, therefore, be a crime for children to read it? Not nearly so much a crime as compelling the boys and girls to read SOME of the senseless pap with which we force feed them. Or not the crime of preventing a child from reading The Incredible Journey, because (O Heaven help us!) because, Johnny, You Are Not Ready For It Yet! Johnny can read, can learn to read. Johnny WILL read if you give him a book that's worth reading, a book that has the ring of authenticity, a book that induces a willing suspension of disbelief—a real story—and story means conflict. My good friend Helen Rushmore has pointed this out for years.

NOT READY FOR IT! Sacre bleu! Now, just in case there's one of these CONTROLLED VOCABULARY people present, I will digress for one long paragraph to aver that I, too, am a student of psychology. I am quite familiar with the psychology of readiness, especially reading readiness. This familiarity tells me that frequently the CHILDREN ARE READIER THAN WE THINK THEY ARE. Sometimes we may tend to become enraptured with the theoretical aspects of psychology and less aware of applied psychology—in any event, we are riding the readiness horse to death, even to the degree that we insist the kids wait until graduate school to learn what a simple declarative sentence is. One trouble is, of course, that most of them will never make it to graduate school. During the last 30-odd years we have fostered, encouraged, and developed quite a CULT of the DON'T-LET-'EM-LEARN-ANYTHING. I cannot for the life of me understand this, and I am glad this organization has no membership where I work. But it's appalling that in a fast moving era like the present, when progress and change are commonplace, when what we learn on Monday is obsolete before next Monday, we keep the kids in the sandpile until they're in the seventh grade. For example, the old principle of physics—matter can neither be created or destroyed—this has been dead for twenty years. We who shepherd the young in this country must wake up with regard to their knowledge of communication in their native tongue and with regard to the reading materials we furnish them—so unbelievably much of which is PURE DRIVEL.

END OF DIGRESSION: I'll repeat my question. What is a REAL STORY? What is the difference between a first-class story and a dull, nothing-ever-happens, slice of life thing?

I'm not telling you anything, please understand me—because people like you already know that STORY means CONFLICT—it means FIGHT; it means BATTLE. STORY means STRUGGLE, HOPE, WINNING. STORY means that the reader easily and willingly identifies himself with the good people—he hates the bad ones and is happy when the good people shoot the bad ones. As a writer develops his story, he is constantly mindful, particularly in stories for young people of the ennobling aspects of his yarn—conscious of the time tested virtues of honesty, integrity, patriotism, golden rule living, worthy ambition, the endless strike to amount to something. The writer must be able to blend all these and thereby lift his story above the mediocre, above slowness and downright trashiness. You cannot possibly ennable a fourth grade boy by compelling him to read a story about trashy people unless the young hero fights his way up and out of the trash.

I want to give just one little example of lousy and harmful things we occasionally force our children to read. I have in mind a fourth grade basic reader, used generally all over the United States. I could cite more than one story, but I will limit myself to just ONE—by far the worst of the lot—BILLY'S BICYCLE. It's a real killer—it GLORIFIES THEFT—or if THEFT is too shocking a word, use milder language, thus: this story, so-called story, piece of printed material, shows how an older and larger boy bullies or "CONS" a younger, smaller boy out of his bicycle for longer and longer periods every day. Stylistically, the material is a total loss. The sentences are jerky, and paragraphing was a closed book to the author. The alleged transitions between paragraphs are rougher than the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Perhaps the editors did an unskilled job of condensing the material—whatever the reason, these pages ought to be torn out of the book because the con game glorified it for no other reason.
Anyone who works in the public schools knows the extreme difficulty of teaching some children this simple little principle: If It Isn't Yours, Don't Touch It. "Billy's Bicycle" doesn't help. No Not one bit. This is the kind of story that I fervently hope the teachers slide by, skip or otherwise ignore in favor of having the pupils read something that, at least, is not harmful.

In comparison, I think of the tremendously fine story, Big Feet, by Ethel K. Welch which you may have read when it was first published in the February 1964 Issue of INSTRUCTOR. This short story has a present day setting, is told in today's language and is hung on a very solid historical peg — events in the house in Fredericksburg, Virginia where young George Washington once lived with his parents. The story has a strong appeal for middle grades children and is even tied in with mathematics (mathematics is currently en vogue, you know).

I wish that the publishers of our basic readers in the elementary schools would search out stories of this kind rather than so many dull and frequently harmful. By the way, I want to pause
to indicate that I call sloppy syntax, poor paragraphing, bad grammar harmful—these are harmful just as the glorification of theft is.

Mrs. Welch's stories are well-done besides being real stories. Ethel K. Welch publishes not only in Instructor but in a number of the so-called LITTLE MAGAZINES—stories for kindergarten and primary grade, children's stories for middle grades children, stories for the young high school students—all her stories are really first-class, action-filled conflicts. She even publishes—for pay—in church-sponsored magazines, and you can't find a place with more taboos than they have.

I wish that the other publishers of children's books would stand up from their chairs and do—Miss Varner, Mr. Berger—what WORLD has done and search for more stories like Helen Rushmore's THE SHADOW OF ROBBER'S ROOST, or Bessie Heck's Millie. May I say to these "other people," do as WORLD does?

Here and there we have a solitary gleam of light. Once in a while some intrepid teacher smuggles into the classroom a copy of Beowulf in Modern English, or The Song of Roland, or The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere or "The Boy's King Arthur." And this fearless soul who wants his pupils to learn to read good books even while they're in the fourth grade is always rewarded—always. The kids go wild with genuine interest at a story or poem that has some meat in it, the readiness boys, the controlled vocabulary boys notwithstanding.

A couple of months ago, I read in the newspaper that the public schools in the greater Cleveland area had adopted a basic First Grade Reader based on the account of Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe. From the published quotations, I judge that this book does not go like this:

Oh, oh, oh.
Look, look, look.
Admiral, Admiral, Admiral.
Cape Horn, Cape Horn, Cape Horn.
No, not like this. Oh, fortunate first graders next year in Cleveland!

Another gleam of light I saw in the April 1964 Reader's Digest. Phyllis McGinley has written an article entitled, Let's Stop Shortchanging Young Readers. It's too much for practical hope. I know, but I wish that every teacher, every writer, every parent and grand-parent, every librarian, every publisher in our country could read this piece of profound advice by Phyllis McGinley in the April Reader's Digest. May I quote a few short sentences?

"Children, of all people, deserve the best. Their tastes are forming. From the first nursery rhyme to the last Arthurian legend, motivation, characters proficiently drawn. Yet the mass of the writing offered children today is limp, listless, unoriginal, mediocre and humdrum... And even when the writing lifts itself above accepted "juvenile" standards its vigor is drained away by that leech of publishing—the Law of the Right-Vocabulary."

I must interpolate right here that many publishers—not WORLD, Miss Varner, Mr. Berger, not WORLD, but many publishers need some help from people like you, and me, ladies and gentlemen, some reassurance of protection from the controlled vocabulary pests. The editorial staff of WORLD PUBLISHING CO, did not ask me to alter a single vocabulary item in Panther. But back to Phyllis McGinley's article for a minute or two. She writes further.

"I maintain that this stranglehold of the "right vocabulary" has probably done more than anything else to frighten worthwhile authors away from the juvenile field. Whose invention was this vocabulary restriction? Librarians deplore the trend, publishers disclaim responsibility, authors declare themselves stifled by it, children detest it. But the fact remains that somebody has set up as Gospel the rule that odd words, long words, interesting words, grown-up words, must be sifted out from a book as chaff from wheat.

I suppose the theory drifted down from textbooks, those tested "Readers" which are the common and insipid fare of the elementary schools. Like many bad things they were inspired by good intentions. A vocabulary must be acquired in standard stages... and according to procedures formed in a laboratory."

Let me repeat that I am glad that WORLD PUBLISHING CO, along with a few others does not fall in this category Miss McGinley hereby describes. She goes on to say,

"Children afraid of new words! Absurd! Children are explorers by nature. What kind of expedition is it if their fiction contains nothing new and strange and mysterious—not even new and strange and mysterious words?"

Children are, a braver generation than we suppose. They deserve brave books—the best that men and women of wit and talent can write for them."

I want to say that I concur fully. This is what I aspired to in Panther and what I still aspire

*The quotation by Phyllis McGinley is from TALKING DOWN TALKED DOWN, copyright 1960 by Phyllis McGinley, first published in Glamour, and included in Miss McGinley's book SIX- PENCE IN MY SHOE to be published in September by The Macmillan Company.
to. This is what is achieved by Helen Rushmore and by Ethel K. Welch and by Bessie Heck in MILLS. For another example, Harry Leiser, The Lost Canyon of The Navajos.

We who are interested in children's stories must remember that the Little Income Tax Exemptions are Not Tender Flowers—they are not timid, shrinking violets. They are strong, imaginative, alive, curious. They love big, important, earth-shattering events. They love the magnificence of genuinely heroic men and women. I speak as an ex-boy. I speak as a parent, a grandparent, a senior high school English teacher, as an elementary school principal, and I didn't start yesterday. Children love battles—yes, violence—man against Nature, man against man if right triumphs over wrong, justice over injustice, our country over its enemies. Yet we stand idly by and watch the young ones avidly read Mad magazine, for example, that tells that Nathan Hale Was A Traitor! This is what happens to children's reading when we deny them the privilege of reading something truly heroic—a violent struggle to establish law and order. You and I will recall the quotation, History is the lengthened shadow of one man." We remember it or ourselves—why not also for our children? Our history, every page of it, is filled with the splendid heroism of big men, strong men, iron-willed men—count off a few—Washington praying at Valley Forge, John Paul Jones with ten-to-one odds against him, Daniel Boone facing the unknown, Lewis and Clark tracking the wilderness, the French couriers-du-bois or that incredible man with the rifle, the ax and the plow—the American pioneer who gambled everything including his life—the man who won. His counterpart is not known anywhere in the world's history. For tremendous, heroic and splendid achievement, we can also look about us, of course, in this present mid-twentieth century.

Now, before some do-gooder stands up to call me a corrupter of the child's mind, let me remind you again and again that I'm talking about men and women of stature, of achievement, of strong-willed persistence in the face of staggering odds—the kind of people that made our country the greatest nation on earth. Old duffers like me used to read in school about this kind of person—this kind of hero. Furthermore, I am talking against hoodlums, against hooliganism—in favor of 100% heroes. Did you ever stop to wonder why so many young people tend to admire the "hood," the gun-man, the bully, the criminal? We teach the children to read, but we give them pitifully few imaginative stories based on wholesome, patriotic, worthwhile struggle and achievement.

I repeat, the child's mind responds readily to heroes and hero-worship. Let's strive to give them only this kind of imaginative reading. I want to quote a few well-known quotations for you:

1. "I know not what course others may follow, but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death."
2. "I have not yet begun to fight."
3. "Go west, young man. Go west."
4. "I regret that I have only one life to give to my country."
5. "Honor thy father and thy mother..."

Are the ideals bespoken here outdated, outworn, hackneyed and trite? Are we a bit too sophisticated these days? Contrariwise, I feel quite strongly that heroic stories begat like performance. And right here in this connection, there's another important and vital point that seems to have slipped into oblivion in our times. The kids of Athens 2300 years ago used to sit and watch the tragedies of Sophocles—the kids along with their parents. Have we so forgotten Aristotle's principle of dramatic katharsis that we can't possibly remember it no matter how we frown and dig and paw through dusty brain corners?

And while we're remembering Aristotle, let's go back a moment to the controlled vocabulary boys. They've done a lot of good, and all of us have profited from their work. But let's not run into the ground, please. There's a vast difference between a vocabulary drill, a spelling test, a standardized reading test on the one hand, and, on the other, the creation of a first-class story for the young reader.

Instead of worrying about the controlled vocabulary or whether some character in the yarn—some frightful character—said "Boo!" to another one, let's worry about whether the story has some substance in it. I've mentioned a few lodestones for comparison—Helen Rushmore's novels, especially, The Shadow of Robber's Roost—Harry Leiser's The Lost Canyon of the Navajos—Bessie Heck's Millie—the stories by Ethel K. Welch.

Let's go further and investigate the stories we propose for our children's reading—carefully investigate grammar, syntax, word choice—the right word, not its second cousin which is probably wrong word. One detail we must remember is that dangling participle—O lovely dangling participle! People who don't know their participles should refrain from using them—certainly editors should refrain from printing them. May I read you a few juicy samples of these grievous faults I've just mentioned?

Mark looked across the creek and saw an Indian sitting on a horse aiming a rifle. Quite a horse, wouldn't you say? I did that once, and it lived through three drafts before I saw it.
But I did see it before anyone else did.

Here's another one—a real daisy to get into print—but it's there on white, 16 lb. paper, in black type, 11 on 12 Old Style Caslon No. 337, 1 point leaded—

Riding across the prairie one day, there was a cabin nestled under a hill... May I timidly ask upon what was the cabin riding? And how could the cabin both ride and nestle? Another:
The address was concluded by reciting a passage from Wordsworth... I wouldn't do that to anybody—not even to Wordsworth. And this killer:
Having taken our places on the bench, the umpire announced the batteries.
No wonder people want to kill the umpire. How about this:
In talking with Mr. Henshaw, the argument became violent.
Isn't that sickening? These are too.
Neither of the boys ARE at home.
Each person must pay their way.
You wouldn't think such things could creep into print, but they have, and, of course, the ultimate responsibility lies with the author. Just a few more:

... an exact replica was erected.

If we ever need to hide a book from the children, it's one that has stuff like this in it.

Whether one attempts to write for the young or for the old—to select good reading for the young—one must include a study of Mark Twain's masterful essay, Fenimore Cooper's Literary Offenses. This piece is not only the sole example of honest criticism of Cooper's work, but it speaks some good advice to both readers and writers. I do not propose to start a controversy over Cooper, though I wouldn't shy away from such a controversy. I do propose to quote a few lines from the essay as advice both to us writers and to those who select writings for young people to read. Mark Twain says:

Cooper's art has some defects. In one place in Deerslayer, and in the restricted space of two-thirds of a page, Cooper has scored 114 offenses against literary art out of a possible 115. It breaks the record.

There are nineteen rules governing literary art in the domain of romantic fiction—some say twenty-two. In Deerslayer, Cooper violated eighteen of them. These eighteen require:

1. That a tale shall accomplish something and arrive somewhere. But the Deerslayer accomplishes nothing and arrives in the air.
2. They require that the episodes of a tale shall be necessary parts of the tale, and shall help to develop it. But as the Deerslayer tale is not a tale, and accomplishes nothing and arrives nowhere, the episodes have no rightful place in the work, since there was nothing for them to develop.

3. They require that the personages in a tale shall be alive, except in the case of corpses, and that always the reader shall be able to tell the corpses from the others. But this detail has often been overlooked in the Deerslayer tale.

4. They require that the personages in a tale, both dead and alive, shall exhibit a sufficient excuse for being there. But this detail also has been overlooked in the Deerslayer tale.

5. They require that when the personages of a tale deal in conversation, the talk shall sound like human talk, and be talk such as human beings would be likely to talk in the given circumstances, and have a discoverable meaning, also a discoverable purpose, and a show of relevancy, and remain in the neighborhood of the subject in hand, and be interesting to the reader, and help out the tale, and stop when the people cannot think of anything more to say. But this requirement has been ignored from the beginning of the tale to the end of it.

6. They require that when the author describes the character of a personage in his tale, the conduct and conversation of that personage shall justify said description. But this law gets little or no attention in Deerslayer . . .

7. They require that when a personage talks like an illustrated, gilt-edged, tree-calf, hand-tool ed, seven dollar Friendship’s Offering in the beginning of a paragraph, he shall not talk like a Negro minstrel in the end of it. But this rule is flung down and danced upon in the Deerslayer tale.

8. They require that crass stupidities shall not be played upon the reader as ‘the craft of the woodsman, the delicate art of the forest’ . . .

9. They require that the personages of a tale shall confine themselves to possibilities and let miracles alone; and, if they venture a miracle, the author must so plausibly set it forth as to make it look possible and reasonable. But these rules are not respected in the Deerslayer tale.

10. They require that the author shall make the reader feel a deep interest in the personages of his tale and in their fate; that he shall make the reader love the good people and hate the bad ones. But the reader of the Deerslayer tale dislikes the good people in it, is indifferent to the others, and wishes they would all get drowned together.

11. They require that the characters in a tale shall be so clearly defined that the reader can tell beforehand what each will do in a given emergency. But in the Deerslayer tale this rule is vacated.

“Even though these large rules, there are some little ones. These require that the author shall:

12. Say what he is proposing to say, not merely come near it.
13. Use the right word, not its second cousin.
15. Not omit necessary details.
16. Avoid slovenliness of form.
17. Use good grammar.
18. Employ a simple and straightforward style.

Even these seven are coldly and persistently violated in the Deerslayer tale.”

And so on. I wish each of you would take time to read or to read again this little essay of Mark Twain.

Now, I have talked of many things—
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax—
Of cabbages and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot
And whether pigs have wings . . .
It is time for me to sit down.

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By RONALD A. CURTIS

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Doomsday Creek
Adams, Clifton
Garden City, Doubleday, 1964, $3.50.
An old man, a pert young girl and big, ugly Casey gallop across the prairie to reach Doomsday Creek and ransom the old man’s son from the Comancheros. The author, a great favorite of Double D Western readers, has written 23 novels and over 125 magazine stories about the West.

Pennsylvanian System in the United States

A Symposium
American Association of Petroleum Geologists
Tulsa, 1962, $7.50.
Thirteen articles are included in a symposium dealing with the Pennsylvanian system. The American Association of Petroleum Geologists is based in Tulsa.

Wild Flowers of Oklahoma
Burch, Dean
Tulsa, Tulsa Litho Co., 1963, $2.50.
Bartlesville-educated Miss Burch is now a retired biology teacher of the Tulsa Public Schools. She delightfully combines her photographic skill with her interest in wild flowers to make a pictorial glamour piece cherished by any Oklahoma library. People living outside Oklahoma would appreciate our state flora more by viewing this refreshing book. A “must” purchase for Oklahoma collections.

Happy Hunting Grounds
Campbell, Walter Stanley
Chicago, Lyons, 1963, $6.00
Stanley Vestal (his original name) was born in the same year the Interstate Commerce Commission was established. He was a graduate of Southwestern State College, Weatherford, while his step father, J. R. Campbell was president of that institution. This first Rhodes Scholar from Oklahoma became interested in Southwestern Indians as a result of boyhood reading. Our review volume was first published in 1928 and it concerns the Cheyenne Indians.

To God Be The Glory
Clay, Donice L.—(r)
Very basic thoughts for meditations are simply presented here. Many religious questions that people ponder are discussed and reflected upon by a Hobart, Oklahoma-born Christian. Donice L. Clay is now the chairman of the Home Economics Department of a Kentucky College.

Mystery of The Old Oil Well
French, Dorothy Kayser
Read how Oklahoma’s famous weather helps to solve a contemporary mystery about pipeline thieves in this volume for fifth thru seventh grade readers. The author lives in Bartlesville where her husband is a patent attorney.

The Kickapoo; Lords of the Middle Border
Gibson, Arrell Morgan
Another full-length portrait of a tribe as an addition to “The Civilization of the American Indian” series. Careful documentation and a generous bibliography add to the value of this volume. A good basic tribal history for Oklahoma and/or research collections.

The Old Sheepskin Coat
Hatchkiss, Mary L.
New York, Vantage, 1957, $2.95.
Three families move from New Mexico to Oklahoma at the time of the opening of the Cherokee Strip. Many adventures befall this group on their trip and life is changed due to the old sheepskin coat. Young people and those young-at-heart will enjoy this fictional account. The author was born in Texas, educated in Oklahoma, and currently resides in California.

They Pay Me to Catch Footballs
McDonald, Tommy
Philadelphia, Chilton, 1962, $2.95, paper ed., $1.95.
Short Tommy McDonald relates his experiences as a football-basketball star through public school, the University of Oklahoma, and as a professional football player for the Philadelphia Eagles. A description of feats on football fields with a sprinkling of a family portrait fills 123 pages. Easy reading for adult sports fans.
The Seeker and the Explorer
McGalliard Associates.

Through two fictional characters creativity is
discussed. The seeker and the explorer represent
two types of people; one in quest of creativity;
the other creating. This volume would probably
have limited use in philosophy collections.

Methodist Trails to
First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Misch, Fannie B.

A long time member of the First Methodist
Church at Tulsa, Mrs. Misch compiled material
in her collection for not only a history of her
church but a history of Tulsa as well. She has
 penned articles which appeared in the Tulsa's
newspapers, American Scene, Chronicles of Okla-
amia, and Oklahoma Today. A vibrant story is
 herein written demonstrating the role of Method-
ists and churches in the settlement of the West
and Oklahoma in particular. A welcome addition
to local Oklahoma collections.

Outlaw's End
Moore, Gerald E.
$3.50.
A fictionalized biography of Henry Wells, out-

law par excellence of Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkan-
sas, and Missouri.
Oklahoma, University Library.

The Lois Lenski collection in the University
of Oklahoma Library with a complete bibliography
of her works. Norman, University of Okla-
home Library and the School of Library Science,
1963.

An extensive bibliography of all of Lois Len-
ski's works to date. Items not in the OU collec-
tion are starred.

The Fraud
Rader, Paul
New York, Viking, 1961, $4.95.

A novel of contemporary Texas in which a
young Bostonian is transplanted to Dallas.
The author's ability to write shows in some spots,
but the plot used is photocopied in other volumes.
Cattle-Raising on the Plains of North America
von Richthofen, Walter Baron
Norman, University of Oklahoma, 1964, $2.00.

Published first in 1885 by a transplanted Ger-
man nobleman. Cattle-Raising on the Plains of
North America was one of the books responsible
for the cattle boom of that period. Five descrip-
tions of the Great Plains, lists of outstanding cat-
tle companies, and propaganda makes interesting
adult reading here. Of great interest to non-fic-
tion western readers.
NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 7, 1964

The Executive Board of O.L.A. met at Belle Isle Branch Library on Saturday, March 7, 1964 at 9:45 a.m. Members present were Trean Maddox, Della Thomas, Robert Motter, Mary Jane Hansen, Mary Ann Wentruth, Ada Ingram, Sara Jane Bell. Guests were Clytie McCalib, Myra Cunningham, Jane Stevens, Mary Yeary, and Esther Henke.

Myra Cunningham reported on the called meeting of Library Educators. Signed copies of their petition for a Division were turned over to the president and secretary. There were nineteen signers representing ten schools.

This report was approved by the Executive Board and will be presented at the annual meeting in April. The Board agreed that a review of the requirements for the Distinguished Service Awards might result in greater understanding. The president requested that The Awards Committee re-evaluate the requirements and suggest necessary revisions.

Mr. Motter reported that the Committee visited Enid and felt that it would accommodate the convention. Because of the State Band Festival, April 8-10, 1965, was the only available date.

The President commended the work of the committee. In response to a previous suggestion that this become a standing committee, the president stated that this would require a constitutional amendment. It was requested that the Site Committee continue as a select committee.

Mrs. Jane Stevens reported for the Recruitment Committee.

Miss Virginia La Grave reported that the national president of Special Libraries, Mrs. Mildred Brode, will visit the convention on Thursday and Friday.

It was moved that a letter be sent to every Association member of S.W.I.A., and a letter to the presidents of each of the other 44 state Associations urging them to vote for Mr. Low, candidate for A.L.A. presidency. Motion carried.

Miss McCalib reported that the 1964-65 master list has been published. Miss Wentruth recommended that a select committee be appointed to make a study with the aim of arriving at a more specific description of the organization of the Sequoyah Award Program, its functions, purpose, relationship to O.L.A. and other sponsoring organizations, and that some persons be involved for school and public libraries.

Sarah Jane Bell, Secretary

April 24, 1964

Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel. 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Maddox. Members present: Trean Maddox, Della Thomas, Robert Motter, Mary Jeanne Hansen, T. Gene Hodges, Edith Gorman, Pat Baker, Mildred Patterson, Sarah Jane Bell, Esther M. Henke, Ada Ingram, Mary Ann Wentruth, Elizabeth Cooper. The minutes were accepted with necessary corrections.

Miss Maddox announced the following officers had been elected by the Association for 1964-65. T. Gene Hodges, First Vice-President and President Elect; Edith Gorman, Second Vice-President; Pat Baker, Secretary, Mildred Patterson, Treasurer; Elizabeth Cooper, A.L.A. Councilor. The report of the Site Committee was made by Mr. Motter. The following dates and sites were confirmed for future conventions: April 8-10, 1965 in Enid April 21-23 or March 31-April 2, 1966 in Tulsa.

The Site Committee recommended that this continue to be a functioning committee until and if an executive director is appointed. They also recommended that sites be selected at least three years in advance and that Tulsa and Oklahoma City and the State lodges be considered as major convention sites.

The Board agreed that no action will be taken on these recommendations unless through a vote of the total membership.

The staff of the State Library offered to match O.L.A. contributions to the Library Development Fund, but the Board agreed to contribute two to one with the understanding that others are also free to contribute. The State Library has made a gift of $210.00.

The Governor's Conference on Libraries is scheduled for September and will require a financial outlay of about $750.00. It was moved that we underwrite this conference up to $750.00, using money already available in the Library Development Fund ($600), and supplementing the remainder from the general budget if necessary. Motion carried.

It was moved that the Board endorse a survey of libraries as recommended by the Library Development Committee.

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