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A Message from the OLA President

There is no need here to recount the many important events and accomplishments of the past year on the Oklahoma library scene. Mrs. Della Thomas, who provided such excellent leadership of the OLA during the past year, did this so cleverly and so well in the April Oklahoma Librarian.

Now it is time again to look to the future and to hope that the days that lie ahead will be as rewarding for the Oklahoma library cause as have been the days that have passed, and well indeed they may be.

The dedication of Tulsa's magnificent new Central library building and the planning of Oklahoma City for its new City-County system bring promise of library advancement for the two great urban centers of our State.

The state-wide revival of interest in the importance of the work of library trustees points the way to finding new strength for the support of our public libraries. There is also evident a new interest in the importance and effectiveness of the State Library and what it can mean in developing multi-county library systems for the less densely populated areas of Oklahoma.

The new Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 under its Title II has tremendous possibilities for the development and growth of school libraries, while the pending Higher Education Act of 1965 together with the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 have far-reaching implications for the college and university libraries in our State.

These and other factors give promise of quickened library activity all over Oklahoma and in the year ahead it is my job and yours as OLA members together to do all in our power to further the development of all types of library service in Oklahoma.

July, 1965
Expanding Horizons For Library Service

Youngblood Hotel, Enid, Oklahoma

April 8-10, 1965

By Pat Baker, Secretary

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The session was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on April 8 in the ballroom of the Youngblood Hotel with approximately 100 members present.

A quorum having been established, President Della Thomas introduced the parliamentarian, Father Eugene Marshall. The secretary's report of the executive board meeting held at 10 a.m. on April 8, was read and approved. Father Marshall read three constitutional changes proposed by the Constitution and By-laws committee. They were unanimously approved and turned over to the secretary for inclusion in the revised constitution. Reports of the treasurer and the following committees were read and approved: Exhibits, Nominations, Program, Publications, Membership, Sequoyah Awards Steering, International Cooperation Year, National Library Week, Library Development. The following divisions made reports: Children's and Young People's Services, College and University Libraries, Trustees, and Library Educators. These reports were filed with the secretary.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The session was called to order at 8 p.m. following dinner in the Youngblood ballroom. There were 157 persons in attendance.

The invocation was given by Eugene T. Curtis and Assistant City Manager Joe Sailors welcomed the group on behalf of the city of Enid. Vocal music selections were provided by students of Phillips University.

Mrs. Marquis James spoke on "The New Edition of the Cherokee Strip," mentioning also other of her husband's works. She told of his childhood in Enid and his experiences in the army during World War I and while working on the New Yorker, emphasizing the influence of libraries on his life.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 9th, with approximately 100 members in attendance.

John Bennett Shaw spoke on "Expanding Horizons in Oklahoma," stressing the library development in the last two years in Oklahoma. He mentioned particularly the work of the Oklahoma Council on Libraries and said that the survey of Oklahoma libraries by Francis R. St. John has interested people in libraries who were never interested before.

Bill Gillam, Oklahoma City teacher, spoke on the importance of the passage of the one cent sales tax increase and the two bond issues providing aid to colleges and other institutions and for road building.

Esther Mae Henke showed the film of the 1st Oklahoma Governor's Conference on Libraries, "Conference at Work," and introduced Beth Heimann, chairman of the Library Development Committee. Mrs. Heimann said that through the Governor's Conference we had been given the first inkling of the real interest throughout the state in the development of good library service and that in the lay people we have our greatest strength. Our weakness, she felt, is in how poorly we are to communicate our plans and dreams of better library service to these people.

Edmon Low urged that librarians support the sales tax increase and the bond issues. He and Bill Lowry began a solicitation of funds for this purpose.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. following luncheon sponsored by the Trustees Division. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Horace C. Casey, First Presbyterian Church, of Enid. There were 238 persons in attendance.

Betty Lou Townley urged that all members work very hard for National Library Week, saying that she felt hopeful that we would be able to win the national prize for the best campaign.

Rollin H. Thayer, chairman of the Trustees Division, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, past president of the American Library Trustee Association. Mrs. Lynch's topic was "The
Golden Key is Books’" and she spoke in dramatic fashion of her conviction that books are magic things with a life of their own, and that the world of books is the most remarkable creation of man.

Following the speech, Bill Lowry moved that the Oklahoma Library Association endorse the one cent sales tax increase and the bond issues to be decided April 27, 1965, and that these issues be recommended to all those concerned with education in Oklahoma. Mel Spence seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Arthur McAnally moved that O.L.A. go on record as favoring strongly Senate Bill 241 for the establishment of a Library Board for the State Library, and recommends that it be approved and that copies of this resolution be sent to Speaker of the House J. D. McCarty and Governor Henry Bellmon. Evelyn Clements seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Della Thomas with 230 in attendance. Mrs. Karl Neal, president of Southwestern Library Association, brought greetings from SWLA and from the Arkansas Library Association.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Frances Kennedy by Esther Mae Henke in a humorous presentation.

Miss Henke awarded a Citizen’s Recognition Awarded to John Bennett Shaw for his exceptional contributions to libraries, library service, and librarianship.

Laverne Carroll, chairman of the Recruitment Committee, introduced Mrs. Barbara Sister, librarian at Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, who presented a $10 prize for the purchase of a book to Karen Johnson. Karen, a Sand Sprng high school student, won the contest called "The List is Long" by listing 183 different types of librarians.

President Thomas read a telegram from Edwin Castagna, ALA president, expressing regret that he could not attend.

Edmon Low introduced the main speaker, Mr. Robert B. Downs, Dean of Library Administration, University of Illinois. Dr. Downs spoke of "Books that Changed the World," giving a brief description of 20 works from the sciences and biological sciences published during the 16th to 20th centuries and pointing out that in each case the book was influential because the time was right.

Following the meeting the slide program, "Operation Awareness," which is available to groups for the publicizing of National Library Week, was shown.

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SIXTH GENERAL SESSION

The session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. April 10, by President Della Thomas, who introduced Pat Westmoreland, chairman of the Public Libraries Division, sponsor of the meeting.

Mrs. Westmoreland turned the program over to Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission and her two panelists, Miss Florene Jordan, Columbia-Lafayette-Ouachita Regional Library, Magnolia, Ark., and Mrs. Robert Keathley, Arkansas River Valley Regional Library, Dardanelle. In discussing "Libraries for Everybody, How Arkansas Does It," the panelists explained the history, financing and future of the Arkansas library system. Mrs. Neal reported that Arkansas, formerly one of the most bookless states, has made rapid progress and has been able to oversubscribe available federal funds every year since the Library Services Act was passed.

Bill Lowry announced that $599.55 had been contributed to the fund for the passage of the bond issues and sales tax increase.

Wilton Tipps read the report of the resolutions committee and moved its acceptance. Mary Evelyn Potts seconded the motion and it passed.

Elizabeth Cooper moved that the membership express its gratitude to Della Thomas for her excellent job as president by a standing ovation. It was done.

SEQUOYAH AWARD LUNCHEON

The 7th annual Sequoyah Award luncheon was held in the ballroom of the Youngblood with 174 in attendance. President-elect T. Gene Hodges presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. G. K. Nusbbaum representing the Friends of the Enid Public Library.

Elva Harmon, chairman of the Sequoyah award steering committee, introduced representatives of the six organizations which cooperate in the award program. She then introduced Cheryl Deck, Longfellow Junior High School, Enid, and Jim Barnard, Waller Junior High School, Enid, who presented the award.

In the absence of the winner, Madeleine L’Engle, her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Howard of Oklahoma City, accepted. After reading a letter from the winner, Mrs. Howard played a tape of the author’s acceptance speech in which she briefly summarized her winning book, "A Wrinkle in Time." Referring to Oklahoma as her "state-in-law" (her husband is from Muskogee), she expressed her great disappointment that an engagement made seven months ago prevented her accepting in person.
OLLA Distinguished Service Awards

By Irma Tomberlin

The Distinguished Service Awards of the Oklahoma Library Association have been presented to only seven persons in the past, and it was truly a pleasure for the Awards Committee to be able to recommend to the Executive Board, not one but two individuals to receive this honor. The By-Laws of the O.L.A. Constitution state that the Distinguished Service Award may be given to a librarian, or a lay person who has shown a very special interest in library services and in libraries, and who has made important contributions to the development of librarianship and libraries, particularly in the state of Oklahoma. We feel that Frances Kennedy and John Bennett Shaw are indeed worthy of this tribute paid them by the Association.

I am very grateful to Mr. Max Batchelder, of Sapulpa, for the fine article on Mr. Shaw, and to Miss Aline Treanor for the delightful article on Frances Kennedy.

Frances Kennedy

John Bennett Shaw

Service Award She Designed Turns Out To Be Her Own

By Aline Jean Treanor

A Distinguished Service Award is not usually designed and executed by its prospective winner. But OCU librarian Frances Kennedy has created an exception. She wrote her own. It was an innocent reversal of custom that rippled considerable meritment as well as satisfaction through the Oklahoma Library Association last weekend, as members held annual conference in Enid.

Miss Kennedy is a long-time director of OLA, has held its every office, and has twice been its president. She has edited its publications. She has an almost-perfect attendance record since 1928. She has chaired many a committee, including the one on awards. And she has never been pleased with the hand-inscribed parchment certificate of the Distinguished Service Award.

Miss Treanor is staff writer for the Oklahoma City Advertiser.

So this year, before convention, when she learned that the parchment forms had run out or been misplaced, she welcomed the chance to do a volunteer, gratuitous duty for OLA. Enlisting the help of Miss Esther Mae Heisinger of the State Library staff, she studied designs and shopped for prices, and came up with the design for an engraved bronze plate on a neat rubbed walnut plaque, with a book for hanging it on the wall.

She proposed that the next Distinguished Service Award winner be presented with it, and also the five living holders of the parchment from years past. It's a rare award. In OLA's 56 years, it has been given but seven times.

As convention opened, only the executive board and the awards committee knew there would be a Distinguished Service Award. And only the committee, chaired by Mrs. Irma Tomberlin of the OU Library, knew to whom it would go. But word...
got around there would be one, and considerable
curiosity and suspense filled convention air until
the second evening, when the awards dinner was
held. And it's not hard to guess, from cues thrown
out.here, who won the Distinguished Service
Award.

Actually the parchment forms turned up in
time, and that is what Miss Kennedy got. But
says she, “I fully expect to get the plaque in
place of it.” And as for the new inscription, it
is one she wrote for the ideal winner, not any
particular one, “in recognition of inspired leader-
ship, devoted service, and unusual contribution to
the library profession.”

Miss Kennedy has other honors, variously ex-
pressed—from Pilot Club, for planning and out-
fitting, along with city librarian Marian Crad-
dock, the children’s library at Pilot Recreation
Center, 1436 NW Third; from the American Li-
brary Association and Wilson Bulletin, the John
Cotton Dana award for best publicity of any li-
brary in the country, which was OCU’s the year
it moved into its present quarters; from the Li-
brary Binding Institute, a $250 prize and trip to
Washington, D.C., for an essay describing the
OCU Library fire in the old Goldbug building.
Miss Kennedy did not educate herself in the
first place for librarianship. She intended to
Teach English, and took her major in English at
OU. But English teachers were less in demand
then than now. So when she heard of a library
vacancy at Muskogee, she took it. And it was
from Mrs. Cora Case Porter, Muskogee librarian,
that she got the inspiration to continue. In 1948,
she returned to OU for her library degree.

She served the Oklahoma City system as ref-
erece librarian for 17 years, and after going to
OCU, she concluded at first that she had made
a mistake. “I was offered no tips at OCU,” she
says. “At the Main Library downtown, I was of-
ered everything from a stick of chewing gum to
money, as much as five dollars.” But she soon
changed her mind. Now, she says
“University librarianship is just choice. Asso-
ciations with the faculty, watching student de-
velopment, and keeping up with the latest books as
we must, is a growing education for me.”

OCU library is well up to national standards,
she says. “In 1947, when I came on the job, we
had 22,000 books. We now have 85,000, and we are
shooting for 300,000. And we have no deadwood.
It is a live collection.”

—Reprinted from The Oklahoma City Advertiser,
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Oklahoma’s “Irregular” Collector

By Max L. Batchelder

When he was still a child, a wise uncle arrang-
ed for him to buy $5 worth of books each month
at the local book store.

By the time he was 12, he operated his own
600-book rental library, and has since been a book-
store owner, oil-well drilling contractor, and funeral-
home director. And he’s the only member of the
Baker Street Irregulars in the state of Okla-
oma.

His name is John Bennett Shaw, and he was
recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award
by the Oklahoma Library Association for his out-
standing work in fostering the growth of libraries
in Oklahoma.

John Bennett Shaw—one falls into the habit of
using all three names when speaking of him—
has a remarkable spread of interests—book de-
signing, religious work, youth counseling, book
collecting.

Mr. Batchelder is a professional journalist and
is currently a graduate student at the University
of Tulsa.

July, 1965

His analytical evaluation of books, unswayed
by the usual passion of bibliophile, has made his
services sought after by persons and groups pre-
paring to make library donations and who need
a dollars-and-cents appraisal of their donation for
tax purposes.

He has himself, in the last few years, donated
thousands of books to various universities and li-
braries. “I want to be sure they are kept togeth-
er,” he explains, “and that they are placed in
the proper hands.” He still shudders when he re-
calls that a callous library worker “rubber-
stamped” one entire collection, including a rare
book worth hundreds of dollars.

His G. K. Chesterton collection is perhaps one
of the best in the nation. He plans to donate his
remarkable Graham Greene collection to a library
seen. The Greene collection began long before that
author reached his present stature.

“That’s part of the challenge,” Shaw points
out. “Trying to guess ahead of time which writers
will move on to acceptance.” His ability to do
this is illustrated by a Greene volume he bought
years ago for seventy-five cents, but which is now worth 50 or 60 times that amount.

With books as his primary interest, John Bennett Shaw has naturally shown great interest in library systems. He has been a guiding light in Tulsa's recently-successful effort to build a new 2½-million-dollar City-County library.

To accomplish this, he led the fight to get state legislation permitting Tulsa and Oklahoma City to form a joint city-county library system. He is presently a member of the Oklahoma Council for Libraries — the only such state library board of its kind in the nation.

He is chairman of the Administration Committee of the Tulsa City-County Library Commission, as well as being chairman of the Branch-Library Committee.

As a member of Tulsa's Philbrook Art Museum Library Committee, he helps set policy for that rather specialized library and helps decide on acceptance or rejection of book gifts to the museum.

He is also chairman of the University of Notre Dame's Library Council. He himself took his AB from Notre Dame in 1937, before doing graduate work at Columbia and receiving his MA at the University of Tulsa in 1940.

His interest in books never wavered during his university days, and when he took his wife, Margaret, on her honeymoon, he returned with more than 90 books ferreted out from old bookstores.

He has passed on his love of books to his children. The oldest, Margaret Bricke, is completing work on a doctorate in history at the University of Kansas, and will leave soon for Scotland with her husband.

His son, Patrick, is a sophomore at Notre Dame. As a youngster, Patrick adopted his father's technique of specialized collecting by putting together a "library" of scores of pirate books.

Katie, a seventh-grader at Monte Cassino school in Tulsa, has accumulated a comprehensive collection of "Oz" books, and is presently engaged in a campaign to convince her father she should be permitted to attend a convention to be held soon in Chicago in honor of Frank Baum.

The other two members of the family, Shaw insists, are Bridgit and Gogarty, a pair of Irish dachshunds.

John Bennett Shaw and his wife, as members of the National Executive Board of the Christian Family Movement, have maintained a steady interest in religious work. They also act as youth counselors to the National Conference of Christians and Jews and for the Young Christian Students group.

A look at a few of the other organizations in which he takes an active part gives some idea of the scope of his interests: Tulsa Committee for United Nations, former treasurer of Catholic Art Association, member of the Oklahoma Catholic Board of Education, chairman of the Tulsa Catholic Board of Education, and member of the board of Tulsa's St. John's School of Nursing. As manager of the Fitzgerald Funeral home in Tulsa, he is a member of the state and national Funeral Directors Association.

John Bennett Shaw will be quick to admit that of all his collections, he is proudest of his Sherlock Holmes. This single collection has, some 1,300 items of Holmesian interest, including foreign translations. Shaw makes no particular effort to collect manuscripts of any author, being more interested in the printed book in each case.

He is the only Oklahoma member of the Baker Street Irregulars, a world-wide group of Sherlock Holmes aficionados, who take their name from the group of street urchins who used to serve Holmes. Holmes would award the original Irregulars with an occasional shilling, and the custom has been handed down to the present group. Whenever someone makes a particularly outstanding contribution to Holmesiana, his fellow members will award him an English shilling, minted during the reign of Queen Victoria. Some 60 persons have received the Shilling, and John Bennett Shaw is one of them.

Although he enjoys his collecting efforts, Shaw is quite serious about the value of such collections. "Most great libraries began as private collections," he points out. Completeness is the key to the Shaw collections. He expects them to be used for research, and he feels that their value as source material is in direct proportion to the comprehensiveness.

He is far removed from the traditional picture of a book-collecting recluse, who gathers precious manuscripts and first editions around him, locks out the world, and gloats over his possessions. Shaw is much more interested in seeing that his collections grow to a size where they will be useful to scholars and students.

In fact, when asked what single volume he would choose if he could have any rare book in existence, he answered quickly, "a first-folio Shakespeare."

Then he smiled and added, "Of course, I'd sell it immediately and use the money to enlarge my other collections."

OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN
DIVISION MEETINGS

Children’s and Young People’s Service Division

The Children’s and Young People’s Services Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met for a brief business meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8 at the Youngblood Hotel.

Presiding was Mrs. Mary Sloan, Children’s Librarian, Norman Public Library. Following the reading and acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mrs. Wilma Tipps, Children’s Librarian, Ardmore Public Library, read the report of the Nominating Committee in the absence of its Chairman, Mrs. Velma Lake, Duncan Public Library. Nominated were: Mrs. Elva Harmon, Chairman, Coordinator of Children’s Services, Tulsa City-County Library System, Mrs. Virginia Atkinson, vice chairman and Chairman Elect, Children’s Librarian, Enid and Garfield County Library, Mrs. Ida Self, Librarian, West Junior High School, Norman.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted unanimously.

Mrs. Tipps made a report on the two Book Selection Conferences sponsored by the Division. She was Chairman of the first one held at Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma, on October 16 with seventy-two present. Mrs. Shirley Chapman, Children’s Services Librarian, planned the second held at Belle Isle Branch Library on March 10 with seventy present.

Mrs. Elva Harmon, Chairman of the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Committee discussed briefly the recommendation of the Select Committee on the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Program and the action which her committee is taking to implement the Select Committee’s recommendations. She also discussed the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce’s Good Reading for Youth Program.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

The Children’s and Young Adult Services’ Division and the School Library Division held a joint program meeting on Friday, April 9 at the Youngblood Hotel. Dr. William E. Bittle, of the University of Oklahoma’s Department of Anthropology, spoke on the “Function of Myth.”

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Harmon, Secretary

College and University Library Division

The College and University Library Division met at 8 a.m., April 10, 1965 in the Governor’s Suite, of the Youngblood Hotel in Enid, with Mr. R. A. Piller, chairman, presiding. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Nominations were made for chairman and secretary, and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Chairman, Imogene White, Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore; Secretary, Eugenia Maddox, University of Tulsa, Tulsa.

Frances Kennedy urged members of the Division to join the American Library Association. She reported on a survey of head librarians in the state. Leadership in ALA is needed and Oklahoma college librarians should become members in order that that leadership may become active.

Mr. Piller reported on the project endorsed by the Division. This project is to collect and preserve Oklahoma historical and cultural materials. More help is needed if headway is to be made. Since little work has been done to date, the chairman asked if the Division wished to retain the project. Discussion followed. It was suggested that materials peculiar to an area might be routed to the college and/or public library of that area. It was decided to continue the project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Public Libraries Division

The meeting of the Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Pat Westmoreland, Bethany Public Library, Bethany.

Mrs. Westmoreland gave a resume of her year in office. She suggested that a news media be set up for the Public Libraries Division and emphasized that all members should support the Oklahoma State Library. She announced that the Public Libraries Division sponsored the April 10th morning meeting.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for the coming year: Kathryn Beleher, Belle Isle Branch of the Oklahoma City Library, the present Vice-Chairman to automatically become the Chairman, William Lowry, Pioneer Multi-County Library, Norman, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Velma Lake, Duncan Public Library, Duncan, Secretary. It was moved and seconded that these be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Mrs. Westmoreland then introduced Miss Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian, who spoke on “What We Are Doing In The State—And What We Expect to Do.” A few of the things already accomplished which she mentioned were: some libraries have set up 5 and 10 year pro-
grams of progress; a new organization has been started—The Northeastern Library Association. Two new library buildings have been erected, one in Enid and one in Chickasha; a new branch library has been established at Marietta.

National Library Week was discussed briefly by Mrs. Betty Lou Townley, Chairman of the National Library Week Committee.

Mrs. Virginia Collier, the American Library Association representative, reported briefly on the American Library Association.

Mr. William Lowry asked for the support of the Public Libraries Division on a bill before the House of Representatives.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Velma Lake, Secretary

Division of Technical Services

The Technical Services Division of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Crystal Room of the Youngblood Hotel, Enid, Oklahoma, April 9, 1965 at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Pat Luster Baker, chairman, presided over the meeting. The program consisted of a panel discussion based on the theme: "Today and Tomorrow in Technical Services."

The first speaker was Mrs. Alice Phelps Pattee, Head Cataloger, Oklahoma State University Library. Her topic was "Cataloging, the State of the Art." She stated that three long awaited publications are scheduled for completion in 1965: the 3rd edition of the Union List of Serials, the 7th edition of LC List of Subject Headings, and the Dewey Decimal Classification, 17th edition. A new edition of the A.L.A. Filing Rules is also underway. Mrs. Pattee discussed briefly the rising popularity of book catalogs, the unsolved problem of satisfactory card reproduction, and the latest information on the A.L.A. code revision. She also feels that the trend is toward more centralized cataloging and learning how much the computer can help us.

Mr. J. Michael Bruno, Acquisitions Librarian, University of Oklahoma, spoke on "The Changing World of the Acquisitions Librarian." He dealt chiefly with the changes which automation can make in the acquisitions department. It can be very helpful in keeping files and records for both storage and searching purposes. He feels that at present the most help is derived in accounting procedures used in the acquisitions department. The initial cost is naturally quite high but will average out over a period of years.

The third speaker was Mr. Sam Smoot, Chief, Technical Processing Division, Tulsa City-County Library System. His topic was "Tulsa's Book Catalog—A Reality." Mr. Smoot stated that cataloging is the very first step in screening the material to be included in the book catalog. He gave a break down of the steps used in preparing the catalog. 1. The I.B.M. punch card is coded from information obtained in cataloging. 2. The information is put on magnetic tape. 3. The computer produces three separate tapes (author, title, subject). 4. The material is printed into three separate catalogs. Mr. Smoot had given the advantages and disadvantages of the book catalog for the proceeding year and was available for questions at the end of the session. He also had samples of the catalog to show those who were interested.

Sixty-eight persons signed the attendance sheet. At the business meeting on April 10 Mr. John Suter of East Central State College, Ada was elected vice-chairman and chairman-elect and Mrs. Ermine Ryan, Tulsa City-County Library, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Pauley, Secretary-Treasurer

Library Educators Division

The Library Educators Division met Thursday, April 8th, in the Mural Room of the Youngblood Hotel, Enid. Mrs. Myra Cunningham, Chairman of the Division, presided. The theme for the meeting, "Expanding Libraries Create a Challenge to Library Educators" was explored by a panel consisting of Miss Mariam Oaddock, Director of Oklahoma City Libraries, Mrs. Esther Cleesko, Presbyterian Medical Library, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Meriel S. Lunn, Director of Instructional Materials, Oklahoma City Public Schools.

In the business session, Mrs. Cunningham was re-elected Chairman, and Mrs. Anne Cramer, Southwestern State College, Weatherford, was elected secretary.

Trustees Division

The annual business meeting of the Trustees Division of the Oklahoma Library Association was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 8, 1965, at the Youngblood Hotel, Enid, Oklahoma. Present were twenty-eight trustees. Dr. Rollin H. Thayer served as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Charles E. Lane served as Secretary.

Mrs. Edwards, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave her report. She moved that the present officers be re-elected. Upon second there of the following officers were re-elected by acclamation—Rollin H. Thayer, President; Mrs. J.V.L. Morris, Vice-President; Charles E. Lane, Secretary-Treasurer.

President Thayer gave his report on the proposed activities of the Trustees Division and proble
lems presented by Trustees for discussion. A summary of the problems of libraries was held.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted, it was resolved that the Trustees Division ask the State Librarian to provide services of his office to organize and help libraries over the state by regular field visits and dissemination of information concerning library affairs; and that the Trustees Division support increased authorization of the funds for the State Librarian for this purpose.

The members of the Trustees Division further expressed support of the current legislative proposal to create a State Library Board and requested its members to contact their legislators on this matter.

The members of the Trustees Division further expressed their appreciation to Governor Henry Bellmen for his interest in library affairs and his farsightedness in holding the recent Governor’s Conference on Libraries on September 23, 1964, in Norman, Oklahoma.

At the meeting, a door prize which consisted of a Trustees Manual, was won by Miss Violet Willis of Pawhuska. Miss Willis has given this book to the Pawhuska City Library where it can be made available to the library trustees for their use.

The Trustees Division is working on plans for a series of workshops for trustees over Oklahoma during the coming year.

At the Trustees Workshop, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Past President of the American Library Trustees Association spoke on “Promises to Keep.”

In her speech addressed to both library trustees and librarians, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, of Oakdale, Louisiana, called upon them to re-examine the meaning of the oft-used term “public trust.”

Titting her speech “Promises to Keep,” Mrs. Lynch defined the term literally as the duty of trustees and librarians, since the public trusts them to know and to act. Reminding her hearers that “the public trusts us with its business,” Mrs. Lynch pointed out that although the public itself might not know exactly desirable standards of library service, it has a right to expect the best possible service through its appointed agents—the public library trustees.

Benefits offered trustees through membership in the American Library Association and in ALTA, a division of ALA, will accrue to the public interest through improved trusteeship. Work of the state library and trustee associations, study of new techniques, exploration of advantages offered by system libraries—these, Mrs. Lynch said, “are a few and only a few of the things the public trusts you to know about your job of trusteeship.”

Pointing out that it is part of trusteeship to act on what it knows, Mrs. Lynch said that the public, in effect, says to the library board regarding any proposed improvement, “Go ahead and sell me on it.” “This,” she continued, “is a part of the public’s trust in the library board, that when a thing needs doing, you’ll tell them, sell them, and make them do it.”

Public relations campaigns, political organization in favor of library legislation, participation in National Library Week, National Book Week, and similar observations, all were cited as tools for such action by the library boards.

In conclusion, Mrs. Lynch asked each trustee present to make a personal pledge to himself, to learn all that he could of his duties, so that he might know, to do all that he could, so that he might act; and above all, to be responsible for the library and for its ever-increasingly essential service to the public.

Oklahoma Chapter, Special Libraries

The Chapter met in the Browsing Room of OSU Library, with Vern Hutchison, President, presiding. A letter of resignation from Harold Holland, President-Elect, was read aloud.

A new cover for the Newsletter, designed by Jo Ann Lauderdale, Public Relations Chairman, was approved. Reports of the committee chairmen were read and approved. Mary Lanning, Projects Committee Chairman, reported that prize winners in the “Letter to the Editor” contest on “Suggestions for Improvement of Cooperation Among Special Libraries of Oklahoma” were Vern Hutchison and Julia Triplehorn.

Virginia LaGrave, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers, which were unanimously approved:

President—Vern Hutchison, U.S. Bureau of Mines
Secretary—Jo Ann Lauderdale, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.
Treasurer—Mary Lanning, North American Aviation, Inc.
Director 1965-68—James Gourley, Federal Aviation Agency

A paper on the Statistical Information Retrieval System (SIR) developed in Phillips Petroleum Company Technical Information Services was presented by Molly Wolfe. David Weiss led the discussion. The system uses as many as 40 keywords in indexing and has recall capabilities of 98 percent with relevancy count of 72 percent. Virginia LaGrave reported on her work as a member of the Governor’s Council on Libraries.

The meeting was adjourned.
OLA OFFICERS, 1965-1966

William MacGilliard, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Jane Stevens, 2nd Vice-President; Gene Hodges, President; Mrs. Mildred Patterson, Treasurer; Mrs. Anne Cramer, Secretary (Inset).

New and Old Officers

The "new" and the "old" meet in Oklahoma City University staff room May 15, 1965.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
The Membership Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association held an organizational meeting December 5, 1964 at the Belle Isle Branch of the Oklahoma City Library.

The committee members have accepted and performed the following activities for the year 1964-1965:

Mrs. Ethel Moore was in charge of the OLA Membership Table at the School Librarians Division of OEA in Tulsa in October, 1964.

At the request of the committee, Miss Esther Henke attached an OLA membership form to the December, 1964 issue of the Library Extension Division Newsletter.

Mrs. Mildred Patterson and Mrs. E. Rector revised the two official membership rosters.

Miss Irene Withgott prepared an OLA membership advertisement for the April, 1965 issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Mrs. Rector prepared an OLA "ad" and attached membership forms in the Newsletter of the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association. Also, the Oklahoma Teacher carried an OLA membership "ad" in the April, 1965 issue.

Mrs. Edna Hale accepted the responsibility of drafting a letter to be sent to new librarians in the state inviting them to become members of OLA.

Mrs. Leila Chowning composed a joint letter to Public Librarians and Trustees in the state. These letters were sent to each public librarian in the state.

Mrs. Tom Irby drafted a letter of invitation to prospective OLA members who are not librarians. The committee recommends that in the future OLA members freely suggest to the committee names of citizens in their cities who are interested in better library service, so that a membership invitation can be extended to them.

Mrs. Violet Willis authored the letter which was sent to librarians and trustees who had not renewed membership in OLA, March 10, 1965.

Mrs. Elsa Howard wrote the letter to be sent to former members of OLA who did not renew membership 1963-1964.

An invitation to join OLA was sent to ninety-five Library School students at the University of Oklahoma. Copies of this letter were also sent to Mrs. Della Thomas for circulation among Library Education students at Oklahoma State University.

Mrs. Moore extended "Greetings from the Membership Committee of OLA" to the Oklahoma Student Librarian Association at its annual conference in Norman, March 20, 1965. She also assumed the duty of making arrangements for OLA membership announcements to be made at the meetings of the Librarians' Sections of each OEA District Meeting in March of 1965.

Members of the committee staffed OLA Membership Table during the OLA Conference registration periods April 8-10, 1965.

Appreciation is expressed to Student Assistants in the Business-Economics Area of the University of Oklahoma Library for their efficient service in performing clerical duties for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Chowning, Edna Hale, Elsa Howard,
Marian Irby, Ethel Moore, Violet Willis,
Irene Withgott, Eardean Rector, Chm.

BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
The members of the committee are: Rev. Eugene Marshall, Chairman, St. Gregory's College Library, Shawnee; Mr. Calvin Brewer, Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater; Mrs. Virginia Collier, Tulsa Public Library; Miss Odel Locke, Cameron State Agricultural College Library, Lawton, and Mrs. Lynn Harris, Frederick Public Library.

The By-Laws and Constitution Committee had only one meeting to date on December 13, 1964. This meeting was held in the library at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Three of its five members, Rev. Eugene Marshall, Mr. Calvin Brewer, and Mrs. Virginia Collier, were present. The president of O.L.A., Mrs. Della Thomas, was also present.

The following suggestions for changes in the By-Laws and Constitution of O.L.A. were made:

The problem existed, since the union of the School Libraries Division or Section of O.E.A. became affiliated with O.L.A., of relating the terms of office of one with the other. There was also the problem of what to do when a division might not have sufficient members present to elect officers at the regular time. Our Committee suggested the following change be made to Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution: "Each organized division shall elect a chairman and secretary in the course of each general meeting UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY IMPOSE AND FOR A TERM OF OFFICE CONTERMINOUS WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, OR UNTIL A NEW DIVISION CHAIRMAN AND SECRE-

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TARY ARE ELECTED AND SHALL ASSUME OFFICE.

The Committee felt that the By-Laws and the Constitution did not agree with respect to the Nomination Committee and the election of officers. Our recommendation is to delete altogether the present By-Law No. 6 (f) and replace with the following statement:

"Nomination Committee. THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT AT THE LAST BUSINESS SESSION OF EACH REGULAR GENERAL MEETING A SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, THERE HAVING BEEN TWO CANDIDATES Nominated FOR EACH OFFICE."

It was felt that the O.L.A. Representative to Southwestern Library Association should have constitutional recognition and then be made a member of the Executive Board. Our Committee proposes that Article V, Sec. 1 of the Constitution read: "The administration of the affairs of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be vested in and exercised by the President and the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the American Library Association Council Representatives, THE SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES, the retiring president and the retiring secretary. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Board. A quorum of the Board shall consist of five members including the President."

By-Law No. 4 would require subdivisions and a new title. We recommend that the title to the By-law be as follows: LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES. The two paragraphs of this By-Law would be: (a) AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, (b) SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE. The exact wording as found in the present By-Law No. 4 to be included under paragraph (a). The following paragraph is recommended under (b): "THE ASSOCIATION SHALL ELECT AT SUITABLE TIMES AN OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE EVENT THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE CANNOT ATTEND A MEETING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT AN ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION AND CERTIFY THIS SELECTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION."

A copy of these recommendations was filed with the president.

(Rev.) Eugene Marshall, O.S.B., Chairman N.B. The Committee changes in wordings are indicated by words in caps.

The above recommendations were voted upon and passed at the annual business meeting, April 8, 1965 at the Youngblood Hotel in Enid.

THE SEQUOYAH CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award Selection Committee, whose responsibility is to select the books for the annual Masterlist from which Oklahoma children select the titles they like the "best" and to promote wide participation in the program, is composed of members from seven cooperating organizations. Members are Laverne Carroll (Library School), J. F. Thompson (State Department of Education), Floy P. Gates (OCTE), Mary Carnahan (State Library), Ida Self (OEA), Neva Bethel (OCPTA), Jane Canasler (OLA), Ruby Ewing (OLA), Virginia Atchison (OLA), Delores Lautermilk (OLA), and Elva Harmon (OLA). Frances DuVall serves as Executive Secretary to the committee.

Committee efforts since the selection of the titles for the Masterlist have been directed toward promoting greater interest in the program and in publicizing the winner of the 1965 Award. Activities include:

1) Publication of the list or information about the program in the spring issues of the Journals of the OEA, and OLA, in the State Library's Extension Division Newsletter and the Department of Education's Superintendent's Newsletter.

2) A mailing on the program by Miss Carroll to all members of the School Librarian's Section of OLA-OEA.

3) An effort to reach elementary principals and librarians at district OEA meetings.

4) Two news releases sent for the committee by the State Library to all state news media. The first of these, intended to stimulate interest in the program and in the winner, was sent during the balloting period. The second included information on the 1965 winner as well as the new Masterlist.

5) A mailing to twenty-six hundred elementary and junior high school principals, superintendents of school systems and county superintendents of a packet which contained (a) an information sheet on the Sequoyah Program and the school procedures for participation (b) an annotated copy of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Masterlist, 1965-1966 (c) a sample ballot.
a tabulating sheet (e) information on the 1965 winner.

(6) A mailing to all teachers whose classes voted this year on the items listed in (5) above. They are also being sent a facsimile of Miss L’Engle’s letter to Oklahoma school children.

(7) A mailing to all teachers of Children’s Literature in the state urging them to support the program actively and offering to furnish the material listed in (5) above in sufficient quantity to distribute to their classes.

Pursuant to a recommendation made in the report of the Select Committee on the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award, the Executive Board asked the present committee to study that committee’s recommendations and implement them, subject to the approval of the governing bodies of the sponsoring organizations.

Much progress has been made toward implementing the recommendations of the Select Committee. Important tasks which still face the committee include:

1) Secure agreement of cooperating agencies to suggest changes.

2) Work out details of cooperative arrangements with Miss Henke at the State Library and arrange for the duplication and distribution of next year’s list.

3) Provide for copies of books being considered for the list for the use of the Book Selection Committee.

4) Refine the tentative calendars prepared by the Chairman for the Steering and Book Selection Committees.

5) Prepare a draft of the handbook recommended by the Select Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elva Harmon, Interim Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Marked progress toward the improvement of Oklahoma Libraries in the past year is a result of a concerted effort by many citizens and librarians. The Oklahoma Library Association expresses special appreciation to the following whose efforts have been most successful:

1. To Governor Bellmon and his staff for the sponsorship of the Governor’s Conference in September.

2. To the Oklahoma Council on Libraries under the leadership of John Bennett Shaw for its sponsorship of the St. John survey, and for its active promotion of library legislation now pending with good promise of successful passage.

3. To the Library Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Beth Helmman which

Oklahoma Librarian Columnist Given Award

Mrs. Hannah D. Atkins, who writes the column NEWS NOTES for the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN was selected recently for the Outstanding Woman of Oklahoma award by Soroptomist Club of Oklahoma City, international women’s community service organization.

Mrs. Atkins is general reference librarian and acting law librarian at the Oklahoma State Library. In addition to professional activities she is engaged in civic, club, and church affairs, is the wife of a practicing physician, and is the mother of three children.

organized the 13 regional Post-Governor’s Conferences and whose daily efforts in behalf of passage of the pending state legislation has helped to insure the success of these issues.

4. To the Oklahoma State Library whose staff contributed greatly to the success of the Governor’s Conference, the completion of the St. John Survey, and to the success of the pending legislation with many hours of work beyond the call of duty.

5. To the National Library Week Steering Committee and its Chairman, Betty Len Townley, for its active support of library development in designing the program “Operation Awareness.”

6. To the president and other members of the Executive Board for their able leadership throughout the year.

7. To the city of Enid, the librarian and staff of the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County for their every expression of hospitality which has helped make the 58th convention of the Oklahoma Library Association a success.

8. To the legislature of the State of Oklahoma and to its leaders, J. D. McCarty, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Clem McSpadden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, for their efforts on behalf of better library service for the state of Oklahoma.

Having gained insight and inspiration from the things that we have heard here, we, the members of the Oklahoma Library Association pledge ourselves anew to greater efforts toward expanding horizons for library service.

Respectfully submitted,

Resolutions Committee, OLA

Donald Richardson, Clara Harris, Edith Edwards, Clyde McCall, and Wilma Tippix, Chairman
Sequoyah Award Acceptance Speech

Ballroom, Youngblood Hotel
Saturday, April 10, 12:30

The session was presided over by T. Gene Hodges, and opening remarks were made by Mrs. Elva Harmon, Chairman, Sequoyah Award Steering Committee.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee is pleased that you have chosen to share in the festivities of the seventh Sequoyah Award luncheon. I wish to thank publicly the members of my committee and to recognize Miss Frances DuVall, the committee's Executive Secretary, whose year-round efforts on behalf of the Sequoyah program have kept it flourishing.

The selection of Madeleine L'Engle's *Wrinkle in Time* by the children of Oklahoma as recipient of the seventh Sequoyah Children's Book Award has a special significance. It is the first time our children have selected as the book they "like" the best one which has also won the Newbery Award. Its selection is a testimony both to the author's great skill as a storyteller and to the growing impact of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award program on the reading taste of Oklahoma children.

What about *Wrinkle in Time* has made both children and eminent children's librarians agree that it is a "best" book? It is an extraordinarily skillfully written adventure story in which, to paraphrase May Lamberton Becker, "something not only happens but keeps on happening." The reader is whirled along with Meg, Calvin, and Charles Wallace, into a series of incredibly credible journeys through time and space toward Meg's climatic and terrifying, but successful encounter with IT. It is, too, a perceptive rendering of two very real, if atypical, young people struggling toward self-knowledge: a story full of family love and the security it provides even during trouble. But most of all, like all good fantasy, it is rich in the meanings and feelings which speak to the mind and heart. The age old battles of Good over Evil, Love over Hate, and the newer one against forces which would turn us into mindless automatons, or as the author said in her Newbery acceptance speech, "make us like every other muffin in the muffin tin," are in *Wrinkle in Time* fought anew.

A prior commitment to the Florida Library Association has kept Miss L'Engle from being with us today. As she said in her charming letter to Oklahoma children, a facsimile of which you will find by your plate, "If only I had Mrs. Whatsit or Mrs. Which around to help me I might be able to tessier out to visit you, and to be in Enid in person on the day the award is presented. But, since I have to be equally far from home in the opposite direction the night before, and since even the best jet planes can't yet tessier, my sister-in-law from Oklahoma City will have to be there in my place."

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Howard. And here, on behalf of the school children of Oklahoma, are Cheryl Deck, seventh grader at Enid's Longfellow Junior High School, and Jim Barnard, seventh grader at Waller Junior High School, who will present the Sequoyah Book Award Plaque to her for Miss L'Engle.

Cheryl Deck:

What is a wrinkle in time? Our Oklahoma author Madeleine L'Engle has given an explanation in her Sequoyah award book *A Wrinkle In Time.* She says that a Tesseract or wrinkle in time is like this: if you pretended that this cloth was a road and a little bug crawled across it every day he would take the same path or steps, but if you wrinkle the cloth he might go in a different century or maybe a different planet. This is how we think our author had her characters travel in her book *A Wrinkle In Time.*

We are proud we have a Sequoyah Book Award for only a few states have this. Teenagers I have talked to enjoyed this book and so did I.

Jim Barnard:

*A Wrinkle In Time* begins with a storm and the introduction of Meg Murry, her ten year old twin brothers, and her dumb baby brother, Charles Wallace, who really isn't dumb at all. Meg is doing everything wrong these days since her father has been gone on this secret mission. The people are beginning to say that he has deserted his family. It bothers Meg when they talk about it but it does not seem to bother her mother and this disturbs Meg.

During the storm, the family is visited by Mrs. Whatsit, an unearthly creature. Mrs. Whatsit has two companions, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which. These three creatures agree to take the children to another planet by tesseract.
Only Meg, and Charles Wallace, and Calvin, a neighbor boy are allowed to go with the three unearthly creatures who were disguised as women. When they got to the planet, they learned their father was there on a secret mission. He had been captured by IT, the One Great Mind, who had put him in a pillar of glass. When the children got their father out, Charles Wallace, the dumb baby brother, was captured.

One of the creatures tells Meg that if she will return to the One Great Mind, and use a natural fault, she can get her brother back. Meg finds this natural fault is love. The father then tesseract them back to the three unearthly creatures who return them to their home. (Then there was a whirring) While the three Mrs. W’s were standing in front of them, the joy and love was so tangible that Meg could feel it with her bare hands.

Then Mrs. Watsit said breathlessly, “Oh, my darlings, I’m sorry we don’t have time to say good-by to you properly. You see, we have to . . .”

We’ll never know what it was that Mrs. Whatsit and Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which had to do, for with a gust of wind they were gone.

When Mrs. L’Engle wrote A Wrinkle in Time, she started a special classification of books for young people. Where else can we find so much that is thrilling in one book? Here is the science fiction, fantasy, yes—and even the age old battle of good versus evil. This is not a book that grown ups tell us we must like—rather one that we ourselves can say, “For us, this is it!”

For the many exciting hours in space and time that Mrs. L’Engle has given to us young people of Oklahoma she deserves some special kind of recognition. Mrs. Howard, will you stand please. Tell Mrs. L’Engle for us that it is a delightful story and one that we all enjoyed very much. Here is a plaque to help her remember—we love her, and her book A Wrinkle in Time.

Sequoyah Award Acceptance Speech

By Madeline L’Engle

About a year ago I was invited to a dinner at which T. S. Eliot was being given an award in absentia. He had been asked to make a tape that was to be played at the dinner. As the tape was put on with all kinds of sound and fury and trouble with the machine, I thought, what a perfectly awful job for Mr. Eliot—to have to make a tape far away from New York that would be listened to by people who couldn’t see him—perhaps some of them could see this brown stuff going around on the machine, but nobody could see Mr. Eliot himself. I thought, what a perfectly impossible job for anyone to have to do! And here I am having to do the same thing and I am not. Mr. Eliot, I can’t recite poems about cats, and I don’t have his charming, lovely English voice, but I am terribly happy to be making the tape because I’m so proud and so thrilled that the children of Oklahoma have awarded “A Wrinkle in Time” the Sequoyah Award. If only I had Mrs. Watsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which around to help me tessar, I might manage to be with you in Oklahoma today, but, unfortunately, I’m as far from home in the opposite direction, in Miami.

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giving a talk to the Florida Library Association.

Since all the science in “A Wrinkle in Time,” including the concept of the tesseract, and, by the way, as Mrs. Mrsat would say, there is such a thing as a tesseract, and tesseract for space travel is based on Einstein’s theories of relativity and the studies that have come from them, perhaps one day it will be possible for someone to come jumping across the continent in two or three minutes. But, alas, not in 1955, and not for the author of the Sequoyah Seventh. The “Sequoyah Seventh” has an awfully nice sound, doesn’t it?

Even if I didn’t have a special feeling in my heart for Oklahoma, I’d be deeply honored by having the children vote for “A Wrinkle in Time,” you see, because Oklahoma is my state-in-law. My husband was born in Muskogee; he grew up in Tulsa where his mother still lives in South Owasso. My sister-in-law, who’s standing in for me, and who’s with you today, lives in Oklahoma City. One of the first things that struck me about Oklahoma, when I went there on our wedding trip, was the wonderful feeling that everybody seemed to have for statehood. I grew up in New York City and on the Eastern seaboard where people are used to having states be states, where it isn’t anything in their memories, or their fathers’ or their grandfathers’ memories. And, then, when I was twelve, I went to Europe to live and in the various schools I was in there, I managed to get no American history or geography at all, and there are great, very bad, gaps in my education that nineteen years of marriage have not quite filled in yet although I am better than I was.

During the run of “The Cherry Orchard,” the play in which I met a tall, handsome Oklahoman named Hugh Franklin, we played in Chicago. One night I went into the theatre and one of the members of the cast who had a dog said, “Oh, we’ve had such a nice walk by the lake.” And I asked, “Did you walk about it?” My husband heard the remark and he gave me a geography book for Christmas, but, even so, he knew I was a pretty safe bet as far as knowing about American geography was concerned. So, after we were married, and bought a second hand car and took a trip through the West and the mid-west, and all the parts of America I’d never seen before, heading, first of all, to Oklahoma to meet my parent-in-law, he knew he could tease me and he was telling me all about Oklahoma. I listened to everything he had to say and drank it in avidly.

At one point I said, “Are the streets of Tulsa paved?” And he said, “Yes, the main street was.” Then I asked the usual questions about Indians and it wasn’t until he told me that his mother put on shoes to go to church on Sunday morning, that I knew my leg was being pulled.

Since then I have learned a lot about Oklahoma. I especially remember hearing my father-in-law tell about how he arrived in Indian Territory in 1905 with his bride. He’d been sent there by the Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the Department of the Interior. That is a real Indian story for you. In 1907, just before statehood, he made a dash to Washington with the final list of registrations of the Indians to preserve all the rights that he felt they should have. So you can see why the Sequoyah Award has a very special meaning for me. And then, perhaps, because of my feelings towards the Oklahoman whom I’m married to, and because of our visits to Tulsa and to Oklahoma City, and because our nephew and niece are such outstanding young people, I will have a prejudice about Oklahoma and Oklahoma children. I think they’re just a little brighter and friendlier and warmer than most. And that these young people should care about “A Wrinkle in Time,” a book which means so much to me, makes me very happy.

On one level, “A Wrinkle in Time” is fantasy and science fiction; but, like most fantasy and science fiction, it has a deeper level that is its real reason for being. And I’ve been amazed and humbled by the depth of understanding children have shown in writing or talking to me about the meaning of the book. In the world we live in today we all have to make a choice for good or for evil. And this, of course, is the choice that is given Meg and Charles Wallace and Calvin. In the end of the book, where she has to go back to Camazotz to try to rescue Charles Wallace from the evil power of the disembodied brain, IT, Meg learns that this choice has to be tested in the fire of love. And over and over again, children have written to say, “I liked because part where Meg discovered what she had that IT didn’t have.” This, of course, was Love.

I’ve been so humbled and so impressed and so happy by the loving responses from children who have written to me—children I’ve taught in school and in Sunday School, and all the children in Oklahoma who’ve written to me and who voted for “A Wrinkle in Time,” that I feel a tremendous sense of happiness and confidence in thinking that we’re leaving our world in their hands. Again, I wish so very much that I could be with you today. I’m very happy that my sister-in-law is with you in my place. I send you all my most grateful and loving thanks.

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When a librarian visits another library he is usually interested in how that library performs the job which is his own responsibility when he is "back home." A cataloger can scarcely resist pulling out the drawers of the card catalog; a circulation librarian likes to take a peek at the circulation files; an acquisitions librarian wants to know how that work is carried on in the library being visited.

For any who might be interested in organizing a curriculum library or in comparing one system with another, here is an explanation of how we do it in our library.

When the Curriculum Materials Center of the Central State College, Max Chambers Library was being planned, it was decided to include in our collection these materials: materials as textbooks with accompanying manuals, workbooks, and tests; sample courses of study of schools over the nation; sample units of work in all areas of study; vocational guidance material; an education vertical file; encyclopedias which are recommended for elementary and secondary use; and a subscription to the Curriculum Advisory Service Bulletins (Materials Analysis Publications) which is an evaluation aid for textbook and non-textbook materials in the areas of arithmetic, language arts, science and social science.

It is our aim to keep the textbook collection up-to-date so that the materials which are included for the study and inspection of teachers in training are currently available from the publisher. The Official List for all Textbooks for use in the public schools of Oklahoma is the basis of ordering books; however, an attempt is made to obtain all books submitted for adoption in Oklahoma. There are many of the textbooks for elementary and secondary schools of other states in the collection.

The books are arranged on the shelves according to the Dewey decimal classification system, using broad numbers for each area. Examples of the Dewey classification for textbooks used in the curriculum library are as follows:

070  Journalism
300  Elementary social studies
323.6  Civics
333  Government
428  Grammar
428.1  Spelling
428.2  Penmanship
428.6  Reading
430  German language
440  French language
460  Spanish language
470  Latin language
500  General science
510  General mathematics
511  Arithmetic
512  Algebra
513  Geometry, Plane
513.3  Geometry, Solid
514  Trigonometry
517  Calculus
516  Analytic geometry
530  Physics
537  Electricity
540  Chemistry
574  Biology
613  Health
630  Agriculture
640  General home economics
641  Foods
645  Home management
646  Clothing
650  Business education
651.3  Clerical and office practice
651.74  Business English
652.3  Typewriting
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657  Bookkeeping
684  Woodworking
700  Art and handicrafts
744  Mechanical drawing
790  Music
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810  American literature
820  English literature
900  World history
910  Geography
920  Ancient and Medieval history
940  European history
973  U.S. History
978.6  Oklahoma history

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The units of work are classified by adding .07 to the subject area number. They are then shelved following the subject area. The books within each area are arranged in alphabetical order by the publisher, as many of your college instructors refer to a particular publisher of a series of textbooks more than to the author of the series. This method was also used so that all the texts in the subject area by a certain publisher would shelve together, sometimes the authors are different. The series of other publishers would be interfiled if the author entry were used.

The classification number 375 (courses of study) is adapted from the elementary education number (372) in Dewey. Examples of numbers used for courses of study are:

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375.41 Reading
375.415 Phonetics
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375.878 Music
375.88 Literature
375.89 History
375.91 Handicapped
375.843 German language
375.844 French language
375.846 Spanish language

A separate card catalog is maintained for the curriculum collection in the room with the collection. No reference is made in the main card catalog to the material in the collection.

Subject headings are adaptations of the Library of Congress subject headings. Example of the cataloging of textbook material:

C La Brant, Lou LeVanche, 1933-428 Your language [by] Lou LaBrant [and M17y others]
6v. illus. supp.
Teacher's manual. Grades 4-6.

The letter C is used as an indication to the location of shelving. In the above example, the 428 is the class number for the language grammar area. M17 is the letter and number for the McGraw-Hill Book Company. Where possible, series entries are used so as to place the grades in correct order. The grade level is also used as a part of the call number. The supplement may be a teacher's manual, workbook, or tests which accompany the text. For the convenience of the user the textbook and all accompanying materials are shelved together.

There is also a publisher file in the card catalog. This is for the benefit of those students who are looking for books of a certain publisher in a specific subject area.

Courses of study are arranged by subject area. The main entry is by the state, then the school district. The entries are arranged in alphabetical order by state first then by the schools within that state.

Example:

C Iowa. Des Moines Public Schools
375.42 Spelling curriculum guide, grades 1-6
I09d [n.d.]
29p.

In the example, the number 375.42 is spelling courses of study. The I09 is the number for the state of Iowa. The letter d is for the Des Moines Public Schools.

Pamphlets in the education vertical file are those relating to the field of education. They are arranged in alphabetical order by subject area and are listed in the area catalog by the subject. We use Subject headings for the information file, by Miriam Ogden Ball as our guide for subject headings. Occasionally when there is no suitable subject heading in this guide we use adaptations of Library of Congress subject headings.

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Reruitment Contest Winner

The winner of "The List is Long," OLA's contest for high school students was Miss Karen Johnson of Sand Springs. She received a $10.00 book gift certificate and transportation to and from meals at the OLA's statewide meeting in Enid, April 8-10.

Miss Laverne Carroll, School of Library Science, Norman, was chairman of the Recruitment Committee.

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New Services For The Blind

By Hannah D. Atkins

A browsing room for blind readers? At first thought this might seem a bit preposterous but such a browsing room has already been established by the Special Services Division of the Oklahoma State Library in the Washington County Library in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Since January of this year, blind persons have been able to visit the special section of the library and listen to "talking books" or tapes in order to make his own selection of reading material. Some readers keep up with the current magazines by visiting the library weekly and reading the periodicals while there.

Browsing rooms afford the blind reader with the personal assistance of the librarian on duty as well as an opportunity to meet other blind persons. Lively discussions and exchange of ideas has already been a worthwhile by-product.

The Oklahoma State Library is one of 32 Regional libraries designated by the Library of Congress to assist in carrying out a program of free library service to America's sightless readers. The Special Services Division serves approximately 2,100 patrons in the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas with Braille books, "talking books," books on magnetic tape and projected books. All materials are furnished through and administered by the Library of Congress.

Braille and "talking books" are used exclusively for the blind whereas magnetic tapes for which copyright clearance has been arranged by the State Library are available to people with other handicaps as well. Projected books are provided for individuals with handicaps or disabilities which make the handling of bound books impractical. The State Library also serves a large number of partially sighted readers through the use of the extra large type in their printed bulletins.

The Oklahoma State Library is able to offer a unique service through the use of a multi-graph press which prints in Braille and a Braillewriter which is a typewriter with Braille keys. Both enable the Special Services Division to fill special requests for materials which have not already been recorded or written in Braille. For blind students needing specific titles this has been an invaluable service.

The scope of the collection in the Special Services Division is similar to that of any general collection in a public library. The main difference in a regional library for the blind and a local public library is that the regional library serves most of its readers through the mail. The blind reader makes his selections from the printed or Braille catalogs which are supplied by the Library of Congress.

A second section for the blind, complete with browsing room, will be established at the new Tulsa City-County Library. Mrs. Marian G. Patron is Special Services librarian of the Oklahoma State Library.
NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 12, 1965

The Executive Board met February 12, 1965, in the Sequoyah Building. The meeting was called to order by President Della Thomas. The members present were: Della Thomas, T. Eugene Hodges, Mildred Patterson, Ada Ingram, Elizabeth Cooper, Sara Jane Bell, and Pat Baker. The guests present were: Betty Lou Townley, Wilna Tipps, Eear Dean Rector, Jim Elkouri, Mary Jeanne Hansen, Leta Dover, Allie Beth Martin, Beth Heimann, and Helen Donart.

Appointments of several Oklahomans to SWLA committees were announced. Tom Baker has been asked by the national organization to serve as chairman of the SWLA Scholarship Committee and Hunter Miracle is a new member of the SWLA Book Award Committee. A new select committee of OLA, headed by Tom Ballard, has been appointed to plan observance of the U.N. International Cooperation Year. Arrangements are being made for a special display of books at the annual OLA meeting which will later be used as a traveling unit available to any library.

Committee chairmen presented brief oral summaries of their progress reports, which were turned over for the files. Those reporting included: Eear Dean Rector, membership; Jim Elkouri, Intellectual Freedom; Wilna Tipps, Resolutions; Elva Harmon, Sequoyah Book Award; Sara Jane Bell, Nominations; Betty Lou Townley, National Library Week; Beth Heimann, Library Development; and Allie Beth Martin, Select Committee on the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award program.

Elizabeth Cooper moved the acceptance of the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award program and the sending of letters of commendation to the appropriate people who have been connected with the program. Mildred Patterson seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Mrs. Heimann and Mrs. Martin strongly urged those present to attend the public hearing on the state library budget, Senate Appropriations committee, February 17. They also suggested that any non-librarians interested in library development be urged to attend and that members of the appropriations committee be contacted.

Elizabeth Cooper reported on her attendance at the ALA midwinter meeting, mentioning that ALA had clarified its policy regarding states which have not integrated their library associations. Miss Cooper reported that Page Belcher and Jed Johnson plus representatives sent by all but one of the other Oklahoma legislators had attended the congressional luncheon held during ALA.

Mrs. Thomas summarized written reports of the Awards Committee and the By-laws and Constitution Committee. The possibility of including the constitutional changes proposed by the by-laws and constitution committee in the State Library’s Newsletter will be investigated.

Gene Hodges gave a summary of the program for OLA, which will have as its theme “Expanding Horizons for Library Service.”

Mrs. Rector outlined her plans to send each public librarian a letter to read to the local trustees. It will include an invitation to attend OLA and will especially mention the trustees workshop to be conducted by Mrs. Weldon Lynch.

Elizabeth Cooper volunteered to work on an officers handbook and was appointed to head a special committee for this purpose.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Student Librarians Elect Officers

Jim Cunningham, a student at Edmond High School, has been elected president of the Oklahoma Student Librarians Association (OSLA) for the 1965-66 academic year.

Other new officers are Richard Vollmer, Capitol Hill High School, vice-president; Ann Jenicki, Choctaw High School, secretary; LaDonna Smith, Burns Flat High School, treasurer; Nancy Pettry, West Junior High School, Norman, chaplain; Joyce Nusz, Canton High School, song leader; Hope Landrum, Midwest City High School, parliamentarian, and Darrel Gibson, Capitol Hill Junior High School, historian-reporter.

The officers were elected during the 11th annual OSLA convention March 20 at the University of Oklahoma, said Miss Laverne Carroll, assistant professor of library science at OU who is state sponsor of OSLA.

Before the installation of officers, Mrs. E. C. Hall, Edmond High School, was made an honorary member of the association in recognition of her long record of service as a sponsor.

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NEWS NOTES

By HANNAH D. ATKINS

Miss Mariam Craddock, director of Oklahoma City Libraries, was one of the recipients of awards given on May 25 by the Oklahoma City Professional Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism sorority. Director of Oklahoma City Libraries since 1961, Miss Craddock has served the system for more than 42 years. She began her career as a branch librarian and for many years was head of the acquisitions department. It has been during her directorship that a million dollars in library bonds was voted, the Belle Isle Branch constructed, and mobile book trailers added to the system. Miss Craddock is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and has done additional work at Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts.

Phillip P. Chandler II, Oklahoma City, and Stephen Read, Tulsa, were among 38 students from 27 states who were winners of cash prizes in the second international $65,000 Educational Fund Awards Program sponsored by Great Books of the Western World. The two Oklahomans won $1000 each.

PERSONNEL:

Mortimer Schwartz, law librarian and professor of law at the University of Oklahoma, has resigned and will assume duties as law librarian at the University of California at Davis. He will be establishing a library for the new School of Law there. Also resigned and moving to the University of California are Mrs. Pat Baker, formerly assistant law librarian, Mrs. Mary E. Williams, circulation librarian, and Mrs. Phoebe Bandy, cataloger.

Mrs. Marian Patmon has returned to the Oklahoma State Library as Special Services Librarian after serving as librarian at St. Anthony Hospital. Mrs. Patmon had served in various divisions of the State Library until December 1963 when she resigned to accept the position at St. Anthony's.

Edward P. Miller of Norman has been named head of the Business and Economics Department of the Tulsa City-County Library.

Jerome D. Simpson, Central State College Library, has accepted a position with the University of New Mexico Library, Albuquerque.

(Note: Please send news items from your library for this column to Mrs. Atkins, Oklahoma State Library, Oklahoma City. Copy should reach her approximately six weeks before date of publication.)
Recently I was asked how books were chosen for this column. Each month I receive from the State Library a list of titles added to the Oklahoma collection during the previous month. From these listed titles I select the titles to be reviewed.

This method of selecting titles of Oklahoma books and authors needs to be amplified greatly. You, the reader, can help. As you find interesting material published about Oklahoma or material written by an Oklahoman, send me the author, title, publisher, and price, if known, in order that it may be included in this column. Please send your suggestions to:

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By your aid this column can reflect better its purpose. Too, the State Library’s Oklahoma collection may be more complete. Won’t you help?

**Andy Adams: His Life and Writings**
Hudson, Wilson Mathis.
Dallas, Southern Methodist Press, 1964, $5.00.
illus.

A biography of Andy Adams, the Western fiction author, and a criticism of his works. The literary value of his writings is discussed.

**The Hottest Fourth of July in The History of Hangtree County.**
*Clifton, Ralph.*
Garden City, Doubleday, 1964, $3.50.

Five years ago Marshall Gilman had shot Nick Prince during an arrest. Now Nick’s brothers drifted into town to even the score. An interesting western for those who enjoy suspense stories. For public libraries and private reading.

**The Long Death, The Last Days of The Plains Indian**
Andrist, Ralph K.
New York, Macmillan, 1964, $3.95, illus.

A dramatic survey of the life and misfortunes of the Plains Indian from the early 1800’s to 1890. There are no footnotes and the bibliography is short. Fifteen illustrations show some of the Plains Indian leaders. For general reading.

**American Wild Horses**
*Beebe, Burdette Faye.*
New York, McKay, 1964, $3.95, illus.

Do you know why Easterners have a better chance to see wild horses than Westerners?... Whether branding hurts a horse?... Why horses stand when sleeping? The answers to these questions are discovered as well as many other interesting facts about American wild horses. An excellent addition for public and school libraries.

**A Cheyenne Sketchbook**
*Cohoe, William.*
Norman, University of Oklahoma, 1964, $5.95, illus.

An anthropologic description of sketches drawn and compiled by Cohoe, an Oklahoma Cheyenne Indian, in 1876. A history of the travels of the sketchbook and a biography of its artist aids in complete appreciation of the art and description. The commentators are from the University of Minnesota (E. Adamson Hoebel and Karen Daniels Petersen).

**Horse in the House**
Corbin, William, pseudo.
New York, Coward, 1964, $3.95, illus.

A horse-loving girl and a girl-loving horse share mutual adventures when a horse thief enters...
their world. A sensitive but exciting story for junior high school girls. The author is the husband of Eloise Jarvis McGraw.

Drumbeat: The Heartbeat of The Indian Community
Tulsa, illus., monthly.
A newsletter of the Oklahoma Indian community. Some articles for this monthly publication are reprints of photo copies of newspaper columns. Useful for Indian collectors. For subscriptions send $3.50 to Drumbeat, 1323 East 27th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A monthly publication.

Eddie No-Name
*Fall, Thomas, pseud.
Beautifully written story of an orphan boy and his new family. Illustrated in four colors by Roy Prohaska, ages 8-12.

Edge of Manhood
*Fall, Thomas, pseud.
New York, Dial, 1964, $3.00, illus.
A series of tests is given to a Shawnee brave to prove his manhood. His endurance tests equal or exceed those of the modern Army basic training in severity and self-survival. A dramatic look at Indian life and customs for early teenage readers.

My Bird Is Romeo
*Fall, Thomas, pseud.
New York, Dial Press, 1964, price not reported, illus.
Tomboy Emily had thoughts of a dream world in which all was roses until she found an injured bird. The problems of the bird brings reality to Emily and aids her in growing up. The illustrations are unusual and lifelike. Recommended for 11-13 year-old girls who live on dreams. The author is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

The Stupidity Problem, and Other Harassments
*Fischer, John.

Hey, Mr. Grasshopper!
*Gates, Floy Perkinson.
Privately printed, 1949, price not reported, illus. Purchase from: Thompson's Book Store, Durant, Oklahoma.
A book of light poems for children. A pen and ink illustration by Valenti Angelo heads each poem. The author lives in Durant, Oklahoma.

Humor From Harper's
*Harper's Magazine.
An interesting cumulation of humor from Harper's Magazine, some having been reprinted in other cumulations, some printed for the first time since it appeared in Harper's. Useful for public libraries and gifts. John Fischer, the editor, is an Oklahoman.

The Secret of The Cellars
*Hart, Carolyn —G.
New York, Dodd, 1964, $3.25.
Winner of the Dodd, Mead—Calling All Girls Prize Competition. Tish, Sally, and Mike share an adventure including spies, formulas, and microfilm in a book designed for mystery readers in the 6-10 grades. Highly recommended for public and school library collections. The author was born and reared in Oklahoma City. She attended the University of Oklahoma majoring in journalism and editing its Oklahoma Daily. Since then Carolyn Hart has been outstanding in her journalism career. She is now working on an adult mystery of her home at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Hopful Years
*Heck, Bessie Holland.
Cleveland, World, 1964, $3.50, illus.
A family story about the effects of World War I on a small Oklahoma town. For grades 6-8.

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