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President's Message

Dee Ann Ray

"... for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who live faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

—George Eliot—final chapter of Middlemarch

This quotation was in regard to a character in Middlemarch, but it applies to the members of the Oklahoma Library Association who year after year continue to work for the Association. I am not talking about the ones who come and go, I am not talk-

ing about the members who want to be given a position but don't want to function. I am talking about the old and new faithfuls who become involved, truly involved, and give of themselves for the betterment of the Association, the people served by libraries in Oklahoma and the general good cause of libraries.

I am personally deeply indebted to the many committee chairmen and members and division officers and Executive Board members who function and work and do so only for the cause of libraries.

I am deeply annoyed with the division officers who fail to function. (At this point, I will remind you that the preacher usually preaches his toughest sermons about people not coming to church to those who are in church. Those who don't come aren't there to hear anyway.) I am disappointed in Committee chairmen and members who simply accept assignments with no intention of ever doing anything.

Perhaps it is time for OLA to take a hard look at the activities of divisions and decide whether so many groups are necessary. We all know we go to the meetings at the convention which sound the best and not necessarily to the division to which we belong. Perhaps we need more programs aimed across interest groups. Maybe we need more roundtables and fewer divisions. I don't have the answers, but perhaps you have some thoughts.

If we haven't enough people willing to accept division offices who are willing to function and make the division really an active part of OLA, then perhaps we need some soul-searching. Divisions in name only aren't really doing anything for anyone.

Too often elections are held in divisions without sufficient planning ahead of time to insure that officers really want to serve and realize their responsibilities.

We have been trying to help division officers and committee chairmen through the Past President's Workshops. They are

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OKLAHOMA AUTHORS

Rosemary Newell

I feel unbelievably lucky to have sold my first book, a gothic novel called Star House. My hand shook with excitement as I signed the contract October ninth. I was as thrilled by the prospect of having readers for my work as by the generous advance. My agent said it was a miracle in publishing as it sold in three days to Popular Library, the first publisher who saw it.

Since early childhood I have been a bookworm haunting libraries. Being a lonely, only child who was frequently moved about into strange communities, I sought and found companionship and adventure in books. After school, I read at the library until my mother would get home from work. I considered the library my second home, the books, the librarians, an extension of my family.

A love for words and story telling was nurtured in me from the cradle as my mother, Madge Carter Hart, is a writer. One of my grandfathers, a rare story teller, kept me spellbound with his horror tales of saber tooth tigers and deep, dark caves.

As a little girl I wrote jingles and rhymes for my own entertainment. This held no significance to me, however, until the day my grandfather hired me, as a ten year old, to sit by a broken fence in his pasture to keep the cattle from jumping into an adjoining cornfield.

With pencil and tablet in hand, I settled myself upon the soft grass, admiring the beauty of the surrounding Ozark hills. After expressing this in a poem, I promptly fell asleep. The next thing I knew, my grandfather was standing over me like a red-haired giant, the entire herd occupying the cornfield.

I knew I was in for it as this grandfather could be a very stern, strict man. But to my surprise he picked up my tablet and read my poem, then smiled and handed me a dime. From that moment I knew, indeed, I was truly a writer.

Born in Parthenon, Arkansas, my parents moved to Tulsa when I was six months old. Back in Tulsa, many moves later, I eloped at seventeen, married at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve in the home of an author, William Garver, who wrote Brother of the Third Degree.

My writing efforts slowed in tempo during the years of rearing four children and participating in many church, school and civic responsibilities. You name it, I did it: Campfire Leader, Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School teacher, choir singer, and every civic drive had me on the list. But even so, there
was always time for reading, for writing courses; time to scribble poems, to write characterizations and short stories, sometimes into the wee hours.

We moved to Ardmore and lived there for almost fourteen years, living our first three years across the street from Ardmore's old Carnegie Library. Again the library was an extension of home.

Then, like the happy ending to a fairy tale, my husband's oil company transferred us to Norman where I found many writer friends. Saturating myself in more writing courses, (with Foster Harris, Dwight Swain, Vera Holding, Helen Reagan Smith and Jack Bickham) I dared to dream of writing a novel.

My two daughters and I visited my mother in Suriname, South America; in 1967. While there, I spent a night with Chinese friends in a large house built on stilts. My bedroom offered a moonlit view of the beautiful Suriname River and the jungle. All night long I stayed awake looking at the beauty and listening to the strange jungle sounds. Ideas for Star House took shape in my mind.

I wrote characterizations, descriptions of scenery and atmosphere as they came to my mind, filing them away. Then, almost three years later, with the aid of my mother's articulate letters, several books brought back from Suriname, and my friend, the library, I began my story. It was exciting adventure to write it the first time, writing hurriedly to set down the plot. By the time I had written it the second time, enlarging my characterizations, intensifying my scenes, I was weary and jaded with the story, deciding it was probably no good.

I let it rest a year. Then responding to encouraging writer friends, I took it to Professor Dwight Swain at O. U. for consultation. Here I found the kind of professional guidance I needed to shape it in salable form.

When New York Literary Agent and former Fiction Editor of Collier's Magazine, Knox Burger, came to the O. U. Short Course last June, I swallowed hard, then timidly presented him with six chapters. To my ecstatic amazement he praised it and told me to send it to him when finished.

Star House is set in Suriname, but it is written principally in the viewpoint of an Oklahoma girl with her Oklahoma background an integral part of her characterization. She travels in Suriname, a land of many colorful ethnic groups and strange native superstitions, to be a governess. Her charge is a girl of mixed races, predominately Chinese. Here she lives in an exotic jungle palace built on stilts. She falls hopelessly in love, finds mystery, dangerous adventure and intrigue and, last of all, happiness.

At present I am hard at work on a new gothic novel set in post civil war Indian Territory. This time I use two houses, a dugout and a mansion. To write this story, I am dependent on notes from my reading of Pioneer History at the Oklahoma Historical Society and at the O. U. Bizzell Library with its wonderful Phillips Collection, as well as personal interviews with pioneers.

Some of my characters are composites based upon real people in history, some are sheer figments of my imagination. Oklahoma is rich in material for writers and we are fortunate to have such a unique and colorful background to write about.

As I see it, my educational credentials would list: graduate of Tulsa Central High School, exposure to Arkansas Tech, Tulsa University, University of Oklahoma; many years of attending O. U. Short Courses in Professional Writing, Extension courses, workshops and correspondence courses.

Self taught in shorthand and typing (well enough to be an executive secretary in three different places), years of private training in piano, voice and dancing which transposed into an enhanced feeling for rhythm and sound in words.

And, just as important nutrition for a writer, has been my rich and varied experience in the mainstream of life, travel, being

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This Is The Dawning of The Age of Aquariums

Charles McClure

Last week I noticed an advertisement for free aquariums to be given away with every deposit over $500 at Local Federal Savings and Loan. Since I happened to have the money I decided to go ahead and deposit this amount to take advantage of such a good bargain. The only trouble was that I had no idea what to do with this complete aquarium set-up now that I had it! Thus I went to my friendly, neighborhood library—which happened to be the OU library—and asked the librarian at the information desk to show me how I could locate some information about aquariums. It was my misfortune to have asked some young pup of a librarian, fresh out of library school, who was dying to show someone his expertise.

It was Monday morning when I first asked this Mr. McClure how I could find some information about aquariums. The young devil stared me in the eyes and told me that the road to true and complete knowledge was off times long and arduous and was I willing to endure. I assured him that I had the stamina and before you could snap your finger he had said “follow me please.”

He told me that the first thing thing one needed to do was to have a good definition of his subject in mind. Therefore, he led me to Webster's New International Dictionary where we looked up the word aquarium. We found that it was a bowl, globe, or tank, having glass sides; or an artificial pond, in which living aquatic collections were kept. I thought I'd throw him a curve so I asked, “What about the etymology of the word? It’s not contained in this definition.” His eyes narrowed and he pulled out the third edition of Webster's where we found the word's origins. Next he showed me the Random House Dictionary, and Funk & Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary. These dictionaries had almost the same definition as Webster's, but their etymology was somewhat restricted. Most important, however, was the pronunciation key at the bottom of the page in Funk and Wagnall's which immediately helped me to pronounce the word aquarium correctly.

Then he told me that because I had an interest in the etymology I might use the OED. Sure enough, there was an entry for aquarium and almost half a column about its origins. He next mentioned that if the word had been of American origin I might have used either Craigie's or Mathews. But because of the obvious Latin origin he doubted that they would be listed. Just to prove him wrong I quickly looked the word up, but just as he had suggested the word aquarium was not listed.

While McClure snickered about this we came to the encyclopedias. He explained that here I could get good background material. In the Encyclopaedia Britannica

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under "Aquarium" over three pages of information was given including two pages of color plates and a bibliography. I then pulled out something called the Lincoln Library but was unable to find the term "aquarium." McClure quickly pointed out that this encyclopedia was organized under subjects and suggested I look under zoology. As I dreaded, there was "aquarium," but less than five lines of information appeared, giving only a basic definition—similar to that in Webster's. He seemed somewhat embarrassed about this and led me to Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. Again little information was found—two pages were oriented mainly toward goldfish. He even checked the subject index but found only another picture under "Hobbies." Finally he said, "Ah hah," and brought me to World Book Encyclopedia. Here we found exactly what I had been looking for—information about how to set up an aquarium and which fish to raise. I was not confused by all the Latin names of the fish as I was when I used the Britannica because common names were given in World Book. In addition there was a more recent bibliography and also some information about the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago—the largest public aquarium in the United States for tropical fish since the closing of the Castle Garden Aquarium in New York. I made a note of this information and also noted some of the books in the bibliography by a Dr. Herbert H. Axelrod and TFH.

We proceeded to some special dictionaries—as McClure termed them. The first one was Webster's Dictionary of Proper Nouns where we looked up the John G. Shedd Aquarium, but was unable to find it listed. Next he suggested that we look up the word "aquarium" in Webster's New Dictionary of Synonyms to help us with other possible forms of entries when using bibliographies and indexes. But again, it was not contained. Then we tried Dictionary of Contemporary American Usage, but all we found was that the plural of "aquarium" can be either "aquariums" or "aquaria"—something we had already discovered in using the dictionaries by Webster, Random House, and Funk and Wagnalls. Lastly, he suggested that we use the Acronyms and Initialisms Dictionary to find out what "TFH" stood for. Under this heading we found that it can stand for Thick Film Hazard or Transfer Function Hybrid—neither of which could possibly pertain to aquariums. This visibly shook the upstart librarian, and I could not help but needle him further by asking how long had he been out of library school.

At that point our eyes locked, and we both understood that it would be a duel to the death. Which would last longer, his sources or my endurance? The battle began.

With a little smirk on his face he told me that now we would check a few bibliographies. I should have known what was in store. He brought me to Mansell where under the A's we found over forty entries for books and periodicals about aquariums. When I pointed out that many of the imprint dates were rather old, he flipped down the NUC: Subjects 1970. My eyes bugged out! For here was indeed a wealth of information about aquariums with all sorts of details about the publisher and where the book might be located. While I was trying to copy down these sixty-eight entries, McClure was looking at Besterman's World Bibliography, which luckily for me, did not have any information about aquariums in it. Next, he used the Bibliographic Index for 1971. Why did I ever say I wanted more recent information? Here again he struck paydirt when he proudly showed me three entries under "Aquariums" and one more under "Tropical fish." I felt my endurance weakening as he explained that in order to be listed in this source, each entry had to contain at least forty citations; 160 more sources were now added to my notes.

At this point that smirking librarian showed me the card catalog and explained...
how I could use it to find the location of the books and periodicals we had found listed in Mansell, NUC, and Bibliographic Index. He even pointed out that if the OU library did not have the book I could use Mansell or NUC to give me the location of the nearest library that did have it. To top it all off, he showed me that by looking under the subject heading "Aquarium" or "Tropical fish" in the card catalog additional sources of information could be located.

By now I knew I'd have to get tough, so I asked him how could I buy some of these books. Again the smirk, and I knew I'd given him another chance to show-off. He explained that if books could be purchased they would be listed in Books in Print. He led me to Subject Guide to Books in Print, 1971, and we found thirty-nine citations pertaining to aquariums and tropical fish. We noticed that for many of these books TFH was listed as the publisher. This was the same initialism that we could not locate earlier, and I thought that again it would dead-end this source searching madman.

But he then pulled out Books in Print, 1971, and by using the index to publishers found that it stood for Tropical Fish Hobbyist Publications and was a division of Crown Publishers. Next he used PTLA, 1971, looking under Crown Publishers where we found a complete listing of all their books on aquariums and tropical fish. This gave the price and also the address of the publisher. He told me that if I had a specific book in mind that I wanted to buy I should use BIP since volume I listed books by author and volume II listed them by title.

McClure told me that if I wanted a listing of the books published in a certain year, but not necessarily still in print to check CBI. As an example he used the volume for 1970 and showed me eight more entries. Finally, he explained that if really up-to-date information was desired, perhaps about books yet to be published, to check Publisher's Weekly. He explained that in the back of each issue there was a listing of new books by Dewey numbers and showed me how to use the Subject Index to New Serials Titles to find out the Dewey numbers where tropical fish and aquariums would be listed. This number turned out to be 634 so we checked in Publisher's Weekly (some current issues) but were unable to find anything in that classification.

While I was recovering from this barrage of information, he told me that older information can also be found in American bibliographies such as Evans, Sabin, or Kelley. Because of the nature of my subject, he doubted if any information could be found since none had subject indexes and the years that they covered were mainly before 1900—about the time that aquariums became popular. Nonetheless, he showed me another source entitled Poole's Index to Periodical Literature and explained that information might be found here although it would have to have been published between 1802-1907. He looked at the last supplement—1902-1907—and there they were, four articles about aquariums under the subject headings.

The stumper question I had saved to last: "Give me some information about John G. Shedd and Dr. Herbert Axelrod." He didn't flinch and rather snickered. In short order we were using his biographical reference sources. At first I had him stymied. Chambers Biographical Dictionary, Who's Who in America, Current Biography, Biography Index, and the British sources, Who's Who, Who Was Who, and Dictionary of National Biography had nothing about either John Shedd, Dr. Herbert Axelrod, or the Castle Gardens Aquarium in New York. I commented that either his sources were not very good or these men were not very important.

With that he pulled down Dictionary of American Biography where we found about one half page of information about John Shedd and the two million he gave to start his public aquarium in Chicago back in
1924. Next he used the New Century Cyclopedia of Names which gave over a column of information about the Castle Gardens Aquarium in New York and giving the reasons why it was closed in 1941. Yet nothing could be located about Dr. Herbert Axelrod either in the DAB, Who Was Who in America or the National Cyclopedia of American Biography—even though the last two sources had more information about John Shedd. McClure explained that many of these sources were oriented toward historical-political figures and that Dr. Herbert Axelrod probably was not included because he was a little known scientist, and more precisely an ichthyologist. By the time I had returned from looking up ichthyologist in the nearest Funk and Wagnalls, he had found Dr. Herbert Axelrod listed in American Men of Science. This entry not only listed all the books Axelrod had written but also gave his home address in case I should ever want to write him.

By now I had more than enough information about aquariums, but this librarian had only begun to fight. He reminded me that I had yet to check on current information contained in recent periodicals. He then showed me the Reader's Guide cumulation for February-March 1971 where we found four articles about aquariums. He suggested that I go through other annual cumulations and monthly listings for more articles if I wanted them. Although he doubted if anything might be listed in Essay and General Literature Index or Social Sciences and Humanities Index, he looked and surprisingly found a short story about fish in their aquarium home in Essay and General Literature Index. Even my fiction reading time could be spent on aquariums! He also suggested that the New York Times Index might contain some current articles since it did include the Sunday supplements. Here we found two entries for 1969 about aquariums. One, however, was about public aquariums and not home aquariums.

Before I could rest and catch my breath from all this he had pushed me to something called Ulrich's. I found out that he was obtaining information about the magazines we had found earlier. Because of its subject arrangement we had to look under "Fish and Fisheries" but were able to find only The Aquarium listed out of 160+ titles about magazines pertaining to fish. I copied down the address of the publisher while McClure used the index in Ayer's Directory to locate the place of publication for Tropical Fish Hobbyist. Once this was done it was an easy step to find its listing under Jersey City, New Jersey. Here we found more information about the publisher and prices than in Ulrich's so we also checked the entry for The Aquarium to gain circulation figures.

By now my head was spinning with citations, but he hadn't finished with me yet! He next led me to the Union List of Serials which gave fifteen journals and bulletins having to do with aquariums. In addition it gave me the location of these journals in case I wanted to borrow them. Furthermore, it gave the place of publication which I could use in conjunction with Ayer's for finding out more information. He also showed me New Serials Titles where I could check for new serial publications, changes of serial names, and publications that have gone out of business since 1950—the end of inclusion for Union List of Serials. In this source we found two new serials about aquariums that hadn't been listed in the Union List of Serials. Just to make sure that we had not missed any possible listings he also checked Kujoth's Subject Guide to Periodical Indexes but found nothing about aquariums or tropical fish. At that point he brought me into the serials room and showed me how to look up the OU call number for their location in the library and also to find out exactly which volumes the library held.

I was ready to admit defeat, but he was still going strong. He told me that if I wanted to find a critique of Axelrod's...
The Reference Game
or
Twenty Questions

Shirley N. Pelley

"When is Bird Day celebrated in Idaho?" he asks. "Where can I find an article about Antigone?" she asks. "Where is a list of British Sociologists?" asks yet another patron. Reference librarians asked these questions would probably begin an elimination process in search of those research tools which might possibly have the information requested. The information actually needed is Bird Day and its beginnings, celebrations, significance, etc.; a summary of Antigone, NOT a critical analysis in an article; background information about a certain sociologist. Why didn't they ask what they actually wanted to know in the beginning? How does a librarian know what a patron actually wants without saying to him, "Are you sure that is what you need?" This as an aspect of librarianship vital to all reference librarians in their work with patrons. How DO you find out the patron's needs, while being tactful, thoughtful, and courteous at the same time?

DID LIBRARY SCHOOL PREPARE YOU FOR THIS?

Library education equips librarians with the necessary knowledge for the bibliographic search and information retrieval. But few reference librarians are trained in personal interaction with patrons—to be able skillfully, courteously, and tactfully to determine what it is they really want when they ask their initial question. Often interaction is left to chance; each librarian depending on personality and philosophy develops his/her own style or pattern. Through observation, experience, and reading, there has been a growing awareness of a deficiency in training and an under-development of skills dealing with the patron as a person. Librarians can be very competent once they know what patrons want. This article is focused on the crucial aspect of how to elicit the information actually needed from the patrons. The initial encounter and the interview to pinpoint actual needs of patrons have been slighted in library literature, research and library education.

WHAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE?

The most important factor in the librarian-patron encounter is the librarian's attitude. There once was a rather caustic student assistant who said, "Working in the library would be fine if it weren't for people and books!" Needless to say she was not encouraged to go into librarianship as a career. Librarians who are to be in contact with patrons must like and have a genuine interest in people.

An acceptance of each individual as a person, respect for his dignity and self-esteem without regard to race, religion, or cultural and educational levels, facilitates service. One librarian, after helping a young man with long bushy hair and a beard in the same manner as she helped all people, was approached by a woman who said, "I would have slapped that hippie in the face!" This type of prejudiced attitude toward people will turn patrons...

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against libraries and librarians forever. To be open and flexible to new ideas and concepts is indicative of a mature person who is self-accepting and thus accepting of others.

DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

The initial encounter between librarian and patron should meet the goal of establishing rapport. To make each patron feel he and his information needs are of utmost importance to the librarian is to demonstrate confidence in the patron and one's own ability to give assistance.

A warm, outgoing, approachable manner is usually encouraging to a patron who lacks confidence. Accompanying the warmth should be a reserve that keeps the encounter impersonal and business-like.

DO YOU NEED SENSITIVITY TRAINING?

Continuing interaction after initial contact requires a sensitivity combining tact, courtesy, and understanding to perceive the real need of the patron. Care should be exercised at this point because many patrons feel extremely confused by the sheer complexity of a library; and, too, they do not like to admit their lack of knowledge, either about their subject or the library.

While busy with this article, from the corner of my eye I was vaguely aware that a man was looking for something. First he passed my office; then later he was in the stacks for a long time. He did not appear confused—just looking. Later, he appeared at my office door apologetically asking for assistance. Within five minutes I was able to help locate his material. After being so involved in reading and writing about service and approachability, I was so busy I wasted perhaps an hour of a man's precious time!

WHY DO PATRONS HESITATE TO ASK?

There may be many reasons why patrons do not approach the librarian for help, according to Patrick Penland:

1. The patron lacks knowledge of the depth and quality of the collection.
2. The patron lacks knowledge of the reference tools available.
3. The patron lacks knowledge of the vocabulary used by a particular set of tools.
4. The patron does not willingly reveal his reason for needing the information.
5. The patron has not decided what he really wants.
6. The patron is not at ease in asking his questions.
7. The patron feels he cannot reveal the true question because it is of a sensitive nature.
8. The patron dislikes reference staff members (or vice versa) and consequently avoids giving a true picture of his needs.
9. The patron lacks confidence in the ability of the reference staff.

ARE YOU A PHONEY?

In all efforts to establish rapport and to sympathetically understand patron's needs, librarians must guard against a phoney enthusiasm. Plain, old-fashioned honesty and integrity should be exercised at all times. Patrons are quick to spot a phoney and will appreciate consistency in attitude and approach.

ARE YOU OPEN TO SELF-ANALYSIS?

In conclusion, we librarians could ask ourselves some questions:

1. Is my attitude such that I convey genuine interest in people?
2. Am I accepting and flexible to all types of people and ideas?
3. Am I willing to get involved with the patron's question and willing to give of myself?
4. Am I sensitive to another person's needs and feelings, perceiving those areas that are difficult for them to express?

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OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

66th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 5-7, 1973
Fairmont-Mayo Hotel
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Program Chairman
Elizabeth Geis

CONFERENCE THEME: "SYNERGISM: Total input for greater output"

BUSINESS MEETINGS: The first and fourth general sessions on Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning are scheduled for business meetings. All OLA committees will have an opportunity to report on their activities throughout the year. Decisions will be made by the membership on proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes. Dr. Edmond Low, Librarian, New College, Sarasota, Florida, serving as Conference Consultant will speak Saturday morning. The Library "Show and Tell" moderated by Miss Esther Mae Henke, Associate Director, Oklahoma Department of Libraries will also be featured during the fourth general session.

DIVISION AND ROUND TABLES: The conference program allows OLA Divisions and Round Tables to hold their business meetings and programs during the same time period. Scheduling permits the membership's attendance at three Division or Roundtable meetings. The following divisions are scheduled for Thursday afternoon: College and Universities, Technical Services and Children and Young People's. Following their respective business meetings, Dr. Edmond Low will speak to a joint meeting of the Colleges and Universities and Technical Service Divisions. Scheduled for Friday morning, 8:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m., are the Public Libraries Division, Oklahoma Association of School Librarians and the Social Responsibilities Round Table. The Library Education, Reference and Trustees Division will meet from 10:10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., as well as the Automation Round Table. Special Libraries business meeting will be held from 3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Friday.

Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines synergism as "cooperative action of discrete agencies such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the two or more effects taken independently."

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LUNCHEON AND DINNER MEETINGS:
Mrs. Alice Ihrig, Oak Lawn, Illinois, Past President, American Library Trustee Association, is the featured speaker on Thursday evening. She is President of the Board of Trustees for the Oak Lawn Public Library and also for the Suburban Library System, Hinsdale, Illinois; member of the boards of the Illinois Regional Library Council, the Friends of the Chicago Public Library and the Archives Advisory Council. Mrs. Ihrig is also immediate past president of the Illinois Library Trustee Association. Activities in ALA include Member of Council, Member of Legislation Committee and is Chairman of the Centennial 1976 Action Committee.

Entertainment for the Thursday evening dinner will be provided by J. C. Broughton. J. C. is an old-time fiddler. He is a machinist shop foreman and a fiddle player in the traditional style. He has won many contests and was a national runner-up this year. J. C. is one of the best fiddlers this state has ever had.

Dr. G. Robert Carlsen, author of Books and the teen-age reader: a guide for teachers, librarians and parents, will highlight the Friday luncheon. Dr. Carlsen is Professor of English and Education, Division of Secondary Education, College of Education, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

FORUMS: Forums to meet the special interests of the membership will be held Friday afternoon. Tentative plans include presentations on Educational Television and Libraries, Medical Regional Activities, Library Education, SLICE Network Game, Sequoyah Children's Book Award Sound/Slide Program, Library Legislation and Revenue Sharing.

FRIDAY EVENING BUFFET:
Come dressed in the spirit of the "Gay-Nineties" for the Friday evening buffet. Replacing a traditional speaker will be the Tulsa Spotlight Players' presentation of "The Drunkard." An informal atmosphere will prevail where all attending will have an opportunity to relax and participate in an enjoyable evening.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award Luncheon and autographing party will be the final event of the conference. The winning author and featured speaker will be determined by the boys and girls of Oklahoma during the month of January.

The Program Committee has tried to include something of interest for all attending. "Synergism" is a concern for all librarians and we feel the conference program will help implement synergism in each type of library.

Program Committee:
Elizabeth Geist, Chairman
Mary Beth Ozmun, Secretary
Dee Ann Ray
Leonard Eddy
Virginia LaGrave
Jan Keene
Shirley Pelley
Margaret Taylor
Ruth Harrington
Pat Woodrum
Doris Lowery
Dr. Howard Clayton
Lester Malmier
Sheila Hoke
This “Currents” column is being compiled on a howling-wind night in mid-November, the night of the day (Nov. 13) of the groundbreaking of the new State Library on the Capitol Grounds at 18th and Walnut in OKC.

The Governor was there. So was Ralph Funk, Dee Ann Ray and other notables who kept the ceremony mercifully short in the cold, red mud."

There shall be more about this event, either in this or a future issue of this journal, in your newspaper or state or local newsletter. I mention the occasion because it is the most current of the “Currents,” and, most probably, the most significant event in terms of the physical future for those who read this journal.

But this column is concerned with lesser activities—and we turn to them now with a reminder that, if your library or system has news to report about personnel changes, new facilities or programs, be sure to send these items to: Duane Meyers, Currents Editor, Oklahoma Librarian, 131 N.W. 3, Oklahoma City 73102. The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month six weeks before the date of the issue (example: the April issue’s deadline is Feb. 15).

RALPH ELLISON TO BE HONORED

Ralph Ellison, Oklahoma Cityan who now lives and teaches in New York City, and who wrote “Invisible Man,” a novel that won a National Book Award, is the person whose name will grace a new library to be built in the northeast quadrant of Oklahoma City.

Although the Oklahoma County Libraries’ governing body, the Metropolitan Library Commission, had recommended a geographical designation for the new library, the Oklahoma City Council, whose final responsibility is the naming of a city branch, decided to honor Ellison. Several groups and individuals from the northeast had advocated Ellison’s name for the branch, which is projected to open in early 1974 at 23rd and Eastern.

MORE NAMES FROM OKC

Benny Freeman, Chief of Extension and Services for the Oklahoma County Libraries, resigned in late August to move to Mississippi. Paul Little, head of the Main Library, was appointed by Lee B. Brawner, Executive Director, to take over Freeman’s duties under the title, Chief of Public Services. Connie Woodring, formerly Children’s Coordinator, was named Coordinator of Public Services, second in command to Paul.

Connie is now responsible for all programming activities of the system except those of the Community Workshop. Materials selection is now the responsibility of Elsie Bell, Chief of Selection and Processing, Carol Tanzer is Coordinator of Adult and
Young Adult Materials, and the Coordinator of Youth Materials is an unfilled position at this writing. The post of Young Adult Coordinator has been abolished. Pauline Bjors, who formerly held that position, is now Popular Collection Librarian at Main.

Oliver Delaney, MLS from OU and native of Ireland, is the new head of the OCLS’ Business and Science Information Center. Mrs. Wayne (Jo) Heiliger, also MLS-OU, formerly with an Illinois library system, heads the Bethany Branch, replacing Cindy Cochran. Mrs. Dave (Sandy) Briggs replaces Ann Hardin as First Assistant in the Community Workshop. Jo Rice, head of Belle Isle Branch, and Linda Rodgers, head of Capitol Hill-Bookmobile, are regional branch heads with expanded duties.

OSU NOTES

Oklahoma State University Library will receive two federal grants to purchase library materials.

One, $16,930, applying to the Oklahoma State Tech Library in Okmulgee, a division of OSU, is for the acquisition of higher education library materials.

The other grant was submitted by the OSU Library staff in the name of the Oklahoma Library Resources and Services Agreement, a joint venture entered into by the libraries of OSU and OU. The two institutions will use the funds to purchase unique materials which neither institution now holds, with the understanding that the agreement will continue to function as in the past with interlibrary lending freely in operation between the libraries.

Nancy B. Fowler, graduate of the University of Washington School of Librarianship and former humanities instructor in the College of the Virgin Islands, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Humanities Librarian, Instructor, at the OSU Library. Elizabeth McCorkle, assistant professor, Fine Arts and Media Librarian, has been named Coordinator of the Department of Library Science. Dr. Carolyn Croft, former part-time instructor in the department, has been appointed Assistant Professor.

OSU INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students at Oklahoma State University may now qualify for an independent study project in lieu of class attendance in the library orientation course, Library Science 1011, The Use of Books and Libraries, according to Dr. Roscoe Rouse, Chairman of the Department of Library Science.

OU LIBRARIES

Staff appointments: Mrs. Aaron Corwin, OU grad and former children’s librarian at Muskogee P.L., now University High School Librarian. Karen Burnett, graduate of Our Lady of the Lake College and former head of adult services at the Helena (Mont.) P.L., now half-time bibliographer, Special Instructor. Don S. Hurst, U. of Mo. grad, now Assistant Librarian for the History-Government-Geography area, Instructor. Pamela Nan Jackson, North Texas State grad, now Assistant Acquisitions Librarian, Instructor. Tomislav Landikusic, Indiana U. grad and former Head of Cataloging and Head of Bibliography at Utah U., now Assistant Director (Tech. Services)—Acquisition Librarian, Assistant Professor. David Grant, former cataloger and graduate of Wisconsin U., now Assistant Acquisitions Librarian. Mrs. Clare Kidd, Pittsburg U. grad and former high school teacher in Illinois, now Inter-Library Loan Librarian. Mrs. Beverly Joyce, OU grad and former Regional Coordinator for the Tulsa City-County Library System, now Information Services Librarian. Mrs. Patricia Horrell, former half-time Bibliographer, now Social Studies Cataloger. Professor Lenore Clark, former Associate Acquisitions Librarian, now Humanities Librarian.

Elected: Professor Ruth J. Donnell, Associate Head of the Cataloging Department, elected University Senate representative for the non-degree granting departments.

WHOM CAN YOU TRUST?

Alan Patteson, Jr., that’s whom. He’s American Library Trustee Association representative for Region VI and he can be

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The first biography to be instigated and officially authorized by the Oklahoma humorists' heirs, the work will be planned and written by Richard M. Ketchum.

Mrs. Paula M. Love, curator of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission in Claremore, is serving as special consultant for the book.

The Memorial Commission has collected essentially all of the Rogers newspaper columns and other writings, including his youthful correspondence with his future wife, Mary; most of his films; the pictorial record of his life on stage as a trick roper and a great Ziegfeld Follies star; and records of his worldwide travels and interviews with leading figures of the 1920's and '30's. Some of this material is being released for publication for the first time.

Tulsa writer R. A. Lafferty has written an unforgettable legendary and historical novel, Okla Hannali (Doubleday), concerning a larger-than-life Choctaw who led his people into the Territory and ruled over his family empire from a Big House near Eufaula for nearly a century.

The fourth novel of Marilyn Harris, Norman, has been accepted for publication by Random House.

The new book, Hatter Fox, is the story of a young Indian girl caught up in the conflict between her own culture and that of the white world in which she lives. Setting for the story is Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Her first published work was King's Ex, a collection of short stories. This was followed by a Gathis novel, In the Midst of Earth.

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WANTED . . . YOU

In the Oklahoma Library Association in 1973!

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal. Persons joining or renewing by February 15, 1973, will be assured of receiving ballots for the election of officers for the Association and its divisions.
Bookmobile Services Workshop

Esther Mae Henke
Associate Director, Library Services Branch
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

The Public Library Division of the Oklahoma Library Association and its Chairman, Mrs. Pat Woodrum, Tulsa City-County Library, are to be commended for sponsoring the first workshop for bookmobile librarians and bookmobile drivers ever held in Oklahoma. On October 9, 1972, bookmobile crews and administrators from all over the state gathered in Oklahoma City to discuss problems and share experiences. The personnel on the bookmobile make the difference in the quality of the service and the worth of the library program. It was exciting to see and hear the bookmobile drivers compare notes. Four drivers, L. A. McConnel (Pioneer Multi-County Library), Cody Carter (Tulsa City-County Library), Harry Owen (Western Plains Library System), and Pedro Rains (Choctaw Nation Multi-County Library System), with Mary Beth Ozmun (Eastern Oklahoma District Library) serving as moderator, discussed giving library service against what at first seems to be unsurmountable odds. Each driver was dedicated to the service which the bookmobiles were giving if not to the vehicles they were driving. It was quite obvious that a bookmobile driver has a lot more responsibility than just driving the truck.

A panel of bookmobile librarians, Cheryl Dobbins (Tulsa City-County Library System) and Elizabeth Van Meter (Eastern Oklahoma District Library System) with Paul Little (Oklahoma County Libraries) serving as moderator, citing examples of services given, gave library administrators a new concept of what was really going on from these mobile libraries. It might have been more enlightening if the librarians and drivers had been on the same panel.

Bookmobile library service has a rather striking history in Oklahoma, although short. The first bookmobile was purchased by the Tulsa Public Library in 1930. Then came the "eleven bookmobiles, two pack horses and a rowboat" which gave library service to the rural areas from 1938 to 1942 under a WPA Program.1 Pictures or locations of these depression-day mobile library units still have not been found.

The real impetus to bringing library service to the rural areas came in 1956 when the Library Services Act was passed by Congress. In the summer of 1957 Oklahoma received its first LSA Grant of $40,000, and these funds were used to purchase three exhibits and demonstration bookmobiles for multi-county library development. Governor Raymond Gary declared Sunday, March 16, 1958, as "Bookmobile Day," and by 1960 there was one bookmobile actually serving Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties. In all, twenty-seven counties are receiving library service from bookmobiles and institution library service with bookmobiles has been initiated in three multi-county library systems.

Bookmobile Dedication, March 16, 1958

The Planning Committee for the workshop felt that a panel discussion on the advantages of bookmobile service would be valuable for workshop participants. Did you ever listen to two librarians who believe that bookmobiles do play a vital role in providing good library service try to list reasons why bookmobiles are "no good?"
Outside of mechanical problems the panel could not come up with valid reasons why bookmobiles were not needed. Librarians serving on this panel were Lee Brawner (Oklahoma County Libraries), Mary Ann Williams (Tulsa City-County Library), William Lowry (Pioneer Multi-County Library), and James Wilkerson (Eastern Oklahoma District Library). Dee Ann Ray (Western Plains Library System) was the moderator.

The age old problem of public and school library service applies to bookmobiles too. Mrs. Elizabeth Geis, Library Resources Division, Oklahoma Department of Education, very effectively explained why both school and public libraries are needed to bring good library service to students, and the proper role of bookmobile service in school systems.

The staff of the Tulsa City-County Library System has just completed Phase I of a study of bookmobile service started because of a “feeling” that bookmobiles might not be needed any longer in this age of mobility. After user studies were made, the conclusion was reached that people do need this service. Now comes the next phase—what kind of bookmobiles are needed.

Choctaw Nation Library System reported that its staff spent several months experimenting with a night bookmobile stop. (There were no bookmobiles giving library service at night in Oklahoma.) They discovered that the same people who came during the daytime stop also returned at night, but in addition, families came to the bookmobile together to find the reading material they wanted.

The TCCL Modmobile crew prepared and presented a sound-slide show for the workshop which enable the participants to be a part of a very lively and often “unorthodox” library service which is provided in certain areas of Tulsa. Florence Reed aroused everyone to the many possibilities of new services a bookmobile can render.

The workshop ended with a “wrap-up” session under the direction of Mrs. Billie Day (Chickasaw Library System). Mrs. Day summarized and interpreted what had been going on all day as follows: Giving library service from a bookmobile is usually on a one-to-one basis, thus resulting in reader satisfaction. Bookmobiles are costly, and the service is costly, but they get a particular job done better than any other means now available.

Everyone at the workshop benefitted in some way from the program content and the association of other people who were doing similar work. It is not often that seven library systems can all shut down their bookmobiles in order for the bookmobile crews to go to an all-day workshop. Librarians from non-system libraries also attended to learn more about bookmobile service. The swapping of ideas and the exchange of experiences was exciting to everyone who attended. At least it was for this participant, because the most rewarding experiences in the library profession can be found on a bookmobile.

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Oklahoma Regional Medical Program

Carole Byrd
Coordinator, Public Information

Bernice Plum, Librarian, Bartlett Memorial Hospital, Sapulpa and Helen Morris, Librarian, LeFlore County Hospital, Poteau have recently participated in an unique training, consultation and lending library program offered by Regional Library Services of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library.

Through funds made available from the National Library of Medicine and the Oklahoma Regional Medical Program, the li-
ibrary service is able to lend a basic collection of 76 books and indexes for two to three months to qualifying Oklahoma hospitals. The library will include recent textbooks and three indexes to current journals of interest to all health professionals.

The only stipulation to qualify for use of the travelling library is that the hospital must first be willing to send their library manager, or potential library manager, to the Regional Library Services for this special training course on hospital libraries.

M. S. Bartlett, M.D., Administrator of Bartlett Memorial Hospital and Bobby D. Cox, Administrator of LeFlore County Hospital are the first in the state to take advantage of this program by sending their hospital librarians to OUHSC Library.

The training program is aimed at upgrading hospital libraries throughout Oklahoma, explained Mrs. Ruth Wender, Coordinator of Regional Library Services. In order to do this most effectively, the course is a practical, on-the-job library experience, both in the offices of Regional Library Services and at the Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City.

All aspects of hospital medical library management are covered in the course including setting up a library, meeting accreditation standards, financing, ordering, cataloging, and obtaining materials on loan from other institutions. The only charge for participating in the program is a $5.00 registration fee.

Part of the program is the availability of free consultation to any Oklahoma hospital requesting help.

The faculty conducting the training course for the Regional Library Services includes Mrs. Phyllis Bennett, Medical Librarian at Baptist Hospital and author of the 1971 report of Oklahoma Hospital Libraries and Mrs. Patricia Smith, audio-visual librarian at the Learning Resources Center of the OUHSC and the first coordinator of the Regional Library Services. Other faculty members include Mrs. Karen Lehr, Mrs. Marla Graber and Mrs. Margo Murphey. Other librarians of the OUHSC Library are available for assistance with the training program.

Bernice Plum, (right), Bartlett Memorial Hospital, Sapulpa and Helen Morris, LeFlore County Hospital, Poteau, observe Ruth Wender, Coordinator, Regional Library Services, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library, operate a new computer data bank as part of their training for hospital librarians offered by Regional Library Services.

Special Libraries
Association Conference

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will host members of the national executive board and advisory council at a conference in Tulsa on Jan. 24-27. Over 150 SLA leaders are expected for the meeting, which will be headquartered at the Fairmont-Mayo.

Comprised of 41 regional chapters and 21 divisions, across the United States and Canada, the Special Libraries Association is concerned with educational, scientific and technical interests in library and information science and technology—especially as these are applied in the selection, recording, retrieval and effective utilization of knowledge.

Presiding at the Tulsa conference will be the national SLA president, Edward G. Strable, Information Services, J. Walter Thompson Co., Chicago, Ill., and the national president-elect, Gilles Frappier, Library
of Parliament, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

In charge of arrangements are Lester Meltzer, Phillips Research and Development Library, Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla., who is president of the Oklahoma chapter, and James T. Murray, Sidney Born Technical Library, University of Tulsa, who is president-elect. Committee members for local arrangements include Linda Hill, head of the Business and Technology Dept., Tulsa City-County Library; Miriam Lashley, TCCL B & T staff member and member of the Oklahoma chapter Board of Directors, Jean Thompson, Public Service Co., Reference Division, Tulsa, and editor of the Oklahoma Special Libraries’ Bulletin, and Sandra Jacobson, Amerada Hess.

Hosts will include officers of the Oklahoma SLA Chapter—Jane Northcutt, Ponca City Library, secretary; Marilyn D. Miller, Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, treasurer, and members of the Oklahoma Chapter Board of Directors, Mary Ellen Hall, Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries, Oklahoma City, and Vera Hutchinson, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Bartlesville.

Nonny Hogrogian, twice recipient of the Caldecott Medal, demonstrates the art of printing a woodcut to an interested audience at the Oklahoma Art Center. Ms. Hogrogian was in Oklahoma City with an exhibit of her work which was brought to Oklahoma with Dorothea Dale Continuing Education Funds for Librarians and assistance from the Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council administered by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

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Report of Joint Conference of SELA-SWLA, New Orleans, 1972

Mary Evelyn Potts
OLA Representative to SWLA Executive Board

The full report of the Joint Conference of these two regional library associations will be printed in the "Papers and Proceedings" to be issued in February, 1973, and mailed to all members, and a review of the same, with the work program of SWLA for 1973-74, will appear in the next issue of the "Newsletter." Since many of you attended the Conference, I will try to cover business of the Executive Board and some highlights only of the meetings.

The Executive Board met Wednesday afternoon, and again Saturday at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Lee Brawner, president, presided at the Wednesday meeting, and at the SWLA membership and business meeting on Thursday morning. The final meeting of the Executive Boards (outgoing and incoming members) was on Saturday. Mrs. Della Thomas, executive secretary, reported a total of 331 paid institutional members, and 1,550 individual members for 1972, with 201 individual members in Oklahoma. A total of $285.96 has been received from members toward the '76 Club ($7.60 is requested from individuals)—a scholarship endowment fund planned to be awarded by 1976 if an amount of money sufficient
to use for a library science scholarship can be raised by that date. The proposed re-
structuring of SWLA in order to meet the Goals Award Recommendations of the or-
ganization, were approved by the membership, with appropriate changes in the Con-
stitution and By-laws. In effect, these changes did away with the office in SWLA of an elected secretary, and the Executive Secretary is to be a full-time employee; the representative from each state association will be the President of such association; and the nominating committee shall present a slate of two candidates for each elected office.

New officers elected for the 1973-74 biennium are Pierce Grove of New Mexico, president; Heartsill Young, of Texas, vice-president/president elect and James Cookson, of Louisiana, treasurer.

Future meeting sites selected were: Galveston in 1974 and Albuquerque in 1976.

The theme of the Conference was "New faces of cooperation." A pre-conference institute on "Crisis in Library Management: Planning and evaluation of library pro-
grams" created much enthusiasm and those who attended it were still discussing it when the conference proper convened. We were fortunate to have in attendance and on the program in some capacity, from the American Library Association: Miss Katherine Leich, president; Dr. Jean E. Lowrie, president-elect; Mr. Robert Wedgeworth, executive director; past president Mrs. Lillian Bradshaw; and from the Asociacion Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, Dr. Armando Sandval, president.

An outstanding "after program" session on Thursday evening was the appearance of the Olympia Brass Jazz Band at an all-conference mixer in the Rivergate Convention Center. A visit to the French quarter, some of the restaurants with typical New Orleans food, and the music of jazz bands was an enjoyable sidelight. Meeting old and new fellow librarians further enhanced the theme of "cooperation" not only with SWLA members, but also with those of SELA.

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Library Service to the Disadvantaged

Carole Ellis
Public Communications Librarian
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Seven Oklahomans were selected as participants in the Regional Institute on Library Service to the Disadvantaged held at the University of Oklahoma Continuing Education Center, October 4 through 7. The purpose of the institute was to discuss the development and strengthening of librarians' abilities to understand and communicate with disadvantaged groups.

The institute was composed of library leadership people and community resource leadership people from the six state region comprising the Southwestern Library Association: Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.
Participants listened to Dr. Ralph Conant, President of the Southwest Center for Urban Research, Houston, say, "Librarians must understand the thinking of poor people and examine their own beliefs about the poor if they are to succeed," and to community resource people discuss how they felt the library could better serve the disadvantaged.

At the conclusion of the institute, librarians decided their goals were to achieve a transition in librarians' attitudes, improve types of library service and communicate better what the library can be. It was agreed that the institute would serve as a pattern for the states of the region to create workshops at grassroots levels; that SLICE and the Southwestern Library Association would be vehicles for providing coordination and funding assistance; and that the participants would establish Task Forces within their states to work with state agencies and state associations to work toward more programs for the disadvantaged.

The Oklahoma group made recommendations for action in the following areas: 1. Education and awareness programs through the Oklahoma Library Association committees; 2. More packaged public information programs (like the summer reading program) with more emphasis on the program in the Governor's Conference; 3. Improved library service to disadvantaged in small cities; 4. Recruitment of librarians from minorities; 5. Public information services to the disadvantaged.

The institute was funded by a $10,000 grant from the U.S. Office of Education and was co-sponsored by the Southwestern Library Interstate Cooperative Endeavor and the American Library Association's Committee on Library Services to the Disadvantaged. It was directed by Virginia Matthews, Director of the National Book Committee. Associate directors were Lee B. Brawner, President of the Southwestern Library Association and Executive Director of the Oklahoma County Libraries and Dr. Frank Bertalan, Director of the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science.

Those attending from Oklahoma were: Elizabeth Geis, Oklahoma State Department of Education; William Lowry, Pioneer Multi-County Library; Jane Northcutt, Ponca City Library; Mary Beth Ozmun, Eastern Oklahoma District Library; Dana C. Rooks, University of Oklahoma Library; Mary Ann Williams, Tulsa City-County Library; Connie Woodring, Oklahoma County Libraries, and John Hinkle, Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Some others present were: Dr. Burton Lamkin, Associate Commissioner, Office of Education, Bureau of Libraries and Learning Resources; Janice Kee, regional library program officer; Ira Phillips, Coordinator, ALA Office of Library Service to the Dis
advantaged; Vincent Aceto, Chairman of
the ALA Advisory Committee on Library
Service to the Disadvantaged; Mary Ann
Duggan, SLICE Office Director; and Pearce
Grove, President-Elect of SWLA.

Left: Dana Rooks, OU; Mary Ann Duggan, SLICE Of-
Fice Director; Right: Lottie Smith, New Mexico; Pearce
Grove, President-Elect of SWLA.

SHEPHERD OKLAHOMA HERITAGE

Library Being Planned

Janice Donnell
University of Oklahoma Libraries

Interest has been running high in the
establishment of Oklahoma Heritage House,
located at 201 N.W. 14th Street, Oklahoma
City. Also noted is the fact that a library
is now in the planning stages.

Members of the Shepherd Oklahoma
Heritage Library Committee include: Wil-
liam T. Payne, Chairman, Oklahoma City;
Charles B. Duffy, Vice Chairman, Ponca
City; Mrs. W. V. Bowman, Woodward; Mrs.
L. S. Cannon, Ponca City; Mrs. Charles M.
Crawford, Frederick; Miss Frances Du Vall,
Alva; Mrs. C. D. Ellison, Oklahoma City;
Mrs. Charles Irwin Hannis, Tulsa; Ross E.
Harlan, Oklahoma City; Mrs. R. C. Jopling,
Oklahoma City; Mrs. Reuben Keller, Shaw-
nee; Mrs. G. S. Le Van, El Reno; Mr. Ed. K.
Livermore, Sapulpa; Mrs. Lawrence Mills,
Oklahoma City; Malcolm E. Phelps, El Reno;

Earl Boyd Pierce, Fort Gibson; Mrs. Lowe
Runkle, Oklahoma City; Leonard H. Savage,
Oklahoma City; Harrington Wimbrel, Dun-
can and H. Russell Williams, Oklahoma City.

Donations of books are being sought for
the library now in the process of construc-
tion at the Oklahoma Heritage Center in
Oklahoma City. The library will be limited
strictly to books about Oklahoma and Okla-
homans, or by Oklahomans; and will be
especially slanted towards biography. The
book collection will complement archival
material now being assembled and the
two together will support detailed and origi-
nal research of Oklahoma history; espe-
cially about the persons who have been
important in shaping that history. An uti-
mate aim is for this to be the richest source
of biographical material on Oklahomans to
be found anywhere. No other institution
in the state is concentrating in this area.

Books by Oklahomans are sought be-
cause of their general interest and because
they are indispensable for any study of
Oklahoma's literary or scholarly achieve-
ments. The Shepherd Oklahoma Heritage
Library will cover Oklahoma-related sub-
jects in depth but will not include books
in other fields. A book plate in each vol-
ume will indicate the donor's name and,
if desired, the name of the person in whose
memory the book is given. Locally, books
can be sent to the above-mentioned mem-
bers.

Be sure to receive your ballot
for OLA officers!

Renew your membership

— or join —

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James K. Zink
Editor

Accompanying the September, 1972, President's Newsletter, a questionnaire was sent to the members of the Oklahoma Library Association seeking an expression of opinions about the Oklahoma Librarian. Unfortunately, many of the questionnaires were delayed in the mail and did not reach the members before the deadline of September 21. A total of 65 replies were received, and the opinions expressed were tabulated.

Of those responding, 59 (91%) indicated that they regularly read the Oklahoma Librarian. Some mentioned the features which they liked most and/or least, but the number of responses in these areas were quite small in most cases. However, notable standouts among those features most liked were articles about Oklahoma libraries, mentioned by 24 respondents (37%), and the "Oklahoma Authors" column, mentioned by 15 respondents (23%). Other features most liked included: book reviews, 8 (12%); membership directory, 7 (11%); Executive Board minutes, 5 (8%); and President's message, 5 (8%). Features named as those liked least included: out of date news, 11 (17%); Executive Board minutes, 9 (14%); and book reviews, 8 (12%).

The opinions became more sharply focused in comments relating to improvements which could be made and types of articles which should be included. Generally, the call was for more materials relating directly to Oklahoma and school libraries.

The question about book reviews received a large number of responses. Thirty-six (55%) said there should be book reviews written by Oklahoma librarians. Commenting further, 37 (57%) said the reviews should be Oklahoma oriented and 22 (34%) said they should be oriented toward the southwest.

The tabulated results follow for the question: "Do you feel the following regular features should be continued?"

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Forty-one (63%) expressed a willingness to accept a substitute for the present format of the Oklahoma Librarian. Twenty (31%) replied negatively to this question.

President Ray tabulated the responses in the questionnaires, and a special session of the Executive Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 1972, in the University of Oklahoma Library Council Room. Members of the Executive Board present were: Dee Ann Ray, Mary Evelyn Potts, Irma Tomberlin, Mary Beth Ozmun, Leonard Eddy, Mrs. Roy Craig, Elizabeth Geis and James Wilkerson. Members of the Publications Committee were present as guests. The minutes of this special session follow:

Immediately upon adjournment of the Publications Committee the President called the OLA Executive Board into session. The purpose of the special session was to consider a proposal submitted by the Publications Committee.

Miss Ray acting as Chairman of the Publications Committee submitted the following proposals regarding the Oklahoma Librarian: The purpose of the Oklahoma Librarian shall be to serve the Oklahoma Library Association as the formal, official record. It shall record the activities of Oklahoma Librarians, present information about Oklahoma authors, and materials which would not ordinarily be published in other professional or literary journals. This does not preclude the inclusion of book reviews so long as they are confined to books either by Oklahoma authors or are about Oklahoma or the southwest.

The Publications Committee also presented the following items of Policy concerning the Oklahoma Librarian: (1) that the Oklahoma Librarian consist of no more than 160 pages per year; (2) that the pages be allocated to the four issues as the editor and committee choose; (3) that the publishing of the Oklahoma Librarian does not exceed the amount budgeted each year; (4) that the Oklahoma Librarian be published in its present format; (5) that these policies begin with the January 1973 issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Irma Tomberlin moved that the Publications Committee statement of purpose and proposals for Policy with regard to the Oklahoma Librarian be adopted as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

The President opened the meeting for discussion concerning the editorship of the Oklahoma Librarian. She reported that she had received one letter of application for the position. After a period of discussion it was decided that Miss Ray would discuss the position with the applicant especially in light of the changes that were made earlier in the meeting and report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

With no further business to conduct the Board adjourned the special meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Wilkerson
Secretary
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board Meetings
of
The Oklahoma Library Association
are
OPEN MEETINGS
All members are invited
and encouraged to attend
January 19, 1973
February 16, 1973
March 16, 1973
April 20, 1973
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE
STAFF ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA
CITY UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AT 10:00 a.m.

Date: September 15, 1972
Time: 9:35 a.m.
Place: OCU Library Conference Room
Members Present: Leonard Eddy, Irma Tamberlin, Mary Evelyn Potts, Roscoe Rouse, Mary Beth Ozmun, Mrs. Roy Craig, Elizabeth Geis, James Wilkerson and Dee Ann Ray.
Guests present: Paul Little, Frances Kennedy, Ralph Funk, Dr. Jim Zink, Shirley Pelley and Mrs. Joe Taylor.
Meeting: The President acknowledged a quorum was present and called the meeting to order by asking for disposition of the minutes of the previous meeting. Mary Beth Ozmun moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.
Leonard Eddy presented the treasurer's report. He reported a balance on hand, May 31, 1972, of $11,824.05, with an income of $539.61, making the total funds available $12,363.66. He reported expenses of $1,303.09 for the report period leaving a balance of $11,060.57.
The treasurer submitted a bid of $225.00 from Southwestern Stationery Company for 5,000 OLA membership forms. Elizabeth Geis moved that the bid from Southwestern Stationery Company be accepted. The motion was seconded and after discussion was approved by the Board.
The President asked permission of the Board to allow Mr. Paul Little, Chairman of the Social Responsibilities Committee, to make his report at this point in the meeting. The Board was agreeable and Mr. Little presented a position paper to the Executive Board for its approval. The position paper for the Social Responsibilities Committee was read to the Executive Board. Mary Beth Ozmun moved that the position paper be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Little also submitted a proposal for a project which the committee wants to undertake. The project would be to compile and print a bibliography of materials concerning minorities, such materials to be recognized as suitable for school children, grades one through twelve, and to assemble and man a booth at the Oklahoma Education Association Convention. The cost of this project was a maximum of $50.00. Irma Tamberlin made a motion that the Social Responsibilities Committee be budgeted the $50.00 they requested. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board.
The President asked for a report from the Program Committee. Mrs. Geis gave a brief report on the work of her committee.
Mary Evelyn Potts, SWLA Councillor, pointed out that pre-registration forms for the combined SELA-SWLA Conference were available and that those who plan to go should get their forms in early because the conference will be large and the hotels will fill up early.
President Dee Ann Ray presented several letters which reported on her past activities and reports from committee chairmen who could not attend the Executive Board meeting. These letters included a letter from Clarice Roads accepting the Chairmanship of the Elementary School Libraries Committee and various correspondence responding to the letters the President mailed concerning the copyright laws. A letter from an OLA member concerning a suggested change in the By-laws has been referred to the Constitution and By-laws Committee.
The President reported on the activities of the Library Development Committee.
The President reported Norman Spears had moved from the state leaving the College and University Division without a chairman. Sheila Hoke assumed the Chairmanship because of her position as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Heather Lloyd has consented to fill out the remainder of the Vice-Chairman's term.
Under old business a discussion of parliamentary procedure was held with particular regard to the minutes of the Executive Board.
A lengthy discussion was held on the business of bonding the Treasurer. President Ray submitted one bid from Schreiner Insurance Agency in Clinton, Oklahoma. The cost on a $5,000.00 bond amount of $50.00. Roscoe Rouse moved that $5,000.00 be the amount of the bond for the treasurer, and that the president get bids to submit on this amount. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.
The President reported that there would be a joint meeting of the Publications Committee and the Executive Board at the O.U. Library on September 26 to discuss and try to reach some decisions on the recent developments concerning the committee. Dr. Jim Zink, acting editor, reported on possible ways of cutting costs on the publication. Roscoe Rouse reported he would be unable to attend the meeting but he did want to report that he does want OLA to have a publication like the Oklahoma Librarian and that the publication should be continued. The President also reported that one of the most pressing problems of the Oklahoma Librarian is the need for a business manager. She reported that to date none of her inquiries for a business manager has had any results.
Under new business the President reported that she had been asked by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to prepare a statement about OLA to be recorded in the official records for a regional hearing to be held in the region sometime in the near future. The President said she would work on the statement and report back to the Executive Board before sending it in.
Ralph Funk reported on the "five year plan for
LSCA." He also reported on the progress of LSCA legislation in the Congress.

Shirley Pelley, Chairman of the Reference Division, submitted a budget request for $300.00 for a cooperative workshop of the Reference Division, the College and University Division and the Library Education Division. The purpose of the workshop will be to gain an in-depth review of the reference interview. Leonard Eddy moved the Reference Division proceed with their plans for the workshop using the $300.00 budget figure but they should make an effort to see if the figure could be lowered and that further consideration be made at the next board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Pat Woodrum, Chairman of the Public Libraries Division, submitted a budget proposal for $50.00 to conduct a division workshop on the advantages and disadvantages of bookmobile service. Elizabeth Geis moved that $50.00 be budgeted to the Public Libraries Division for its proposed workshop. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

A workshop was presented on behalf of the Children's Division. Leonard Eddy made a motion the proposal be deferred to another meeting at which time more complete information should be presented to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Chairman of the Trustees Division, presented plans for the division activities which would mainly cover costs of printing and postage. Roscoe Rouse moved that $175.00 be budgeted for the Trustees Division to cover cost of various letters to be mailed to the trustees and that further information on cost be submitted for the OLA records. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

The meeting was set for 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 20, 1972, at the OCU Library.

There being no further business to come before the OLA Executive Board the President declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

James R. Willkerson
Secretary

Date: October 20, 1972
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: OCU Library Conference Room

Members present: Mary Evelyn Potts, Irma Tomberlin, Roscoe Rouse, Mrs. Roy Craig, Mary Beth Ozmun, James Willkerson and Dee Ann Ray.

Meeting: The President began the meeting by asking for corrections or additions to the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting. There were no changes and Irma Tomberlin moved that minutes be approved as they had been mailed. The motion was approved by the Board. The President also asked for consideration on the minutes of the called session of the Executive Board on September 26, 1972, held in Norman at the OU Library. Irma Tomberlin moved that the minutes of the Special Session be approved as mailed to the Board members. The motion was seconded and approved by the Executive Board.

Mary Beth Ozmun gave a brief report on the plans and activities of the program committee.

The Treasurer's report indicated a balance beginning May 1, 1972, as $11,824.05 with income amounting to $1,184.84, making the total funds available $13,008.89. Disbursements amounting to $3,360.71 had been paid out leaving a balance on September 14, 1972, of $9,648.18.

The ALA Council had nothing to report.

The SWLA Council reported that she had been asked by the Executive Secretary of SWLA for a Biennnial Activity Report. This report would be used as a part of the SELA-SWLA conference in New Orleans. The President reported on communications sent and received during the time between the last meeting. It was reported that telegrams had been sent to the congressional delegation opposing the line item with clause of the President's budget proposal. Telegrams were sent by both the President and the Chairman of the Library Development Committee.

Minutes of the Publications Committee meeting were presented by the President. Dee Ann Ray also reported that Dr. Zink accepted the editorship of the Oklahoma Librarian; this is a three year appointment with the editor also serving as Chairman of the Publications Committee.

The Sequoyah Committee reported that the luncheon for the Advisory Council of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award was held on September 14 at the Lincoln Plaza Inn. The Sequoyah Committee has also prepared a brochure explaining the purpose and scope of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award. The new brochure will be for wide distribution both in and out of state.

The Social Responsibilities Committee reported that a booth with a display of materials for minority groups was set up at the OEA Convention being held at the State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City. Bibliographies on suitable materials were also distributed. The committee is continuing to work toward their acceptance as a Roundtable of OLA.

The Library Development Committee has been asked to review the Oklahoma Department of Libraries budget for fiscal 1973. The Committee did review the budget and did recommend that steps be taken to inform the Legislature that the budget did meet the approval of the committee. The committee did recommend to ODL if they wanted the committee to consider the budget in the future that copies be distributed to the members of the committee before the meeting at which the budget will be considered. The ODL budget was presented to the Executive Board. Roscoe Rouse moved that the Oklahoma Library Association urge the legislature support the ODL budget as submitted as representative of their needs. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board.

Under items of Old Business the following items were discussed. The OLA sponsored bus trip to the SWLA-SELA convention in New Orleans seems to be a very successful project. Forty-five members got reserved seats for the trip. $492.00 has been turned in to the Treasurer. The bond for the Treasurer was discussed at length. Irma Tomberlin moved that the bid of $50.00 for $10,000.00 coverage be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The position of the Executive Secretary was discussed but no action was taken.

The President moved on to the items of New Business. The College and University Division had asked for funds to enable them to mail out their ballots for election of officers. Discussion followed about the other divisions. No action was taken in anticipation that other divisions would want to do the same thing. The President said she would inquire of the other division chairmen to see how many would be interested in a mail ballot. A discussion of institutional memberships was conducted by the President. It was the consensus of the Executive Board that some clarification was needed with regard to the rights and privileges of the institutional memberships. Action on this matter was tabled until Leonard Eddy would be present to discuss the problem. The President reported that Pat Woodrum has consented to serve as Chairman of the Right to Read Committee. The President reported that the Governor's Conference enlarged committee felt...
that a Steering Committee composed of persons in the immediate area of Oklahoma City should be formed. Lee Brauner, Oklahoma County Libraries and E. B. Turley, Superintendent of Schools in Chickasha will serve as co-chairmen for this committee. The committee will develop plans for the Governor's Conference and seek means of financing it. Miss Ray reported that she and Ralph Funk had asked representative librarians to serve on a committee to come up with a possible Interlibrary Loan Code.

Francis Kennedy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has asked the Executive Board for funds to mail the OLA Ballots by First Class mail. She estimated the cost to be about $75.00. Mrs. Craig moved that the funds to mail the Official OLA Ballots be allowed. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board.

The next meeting will be November 17, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the OCU Library.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Wilkerson
Secretary

Date: November 17, 1972
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: OCU Library Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Beth Ozmun, Mary Evelyn Potts, Leonard Eddy, Elizabeth Geis, Irma Tomberlin, Mrs. Ray Craig, Dee Ann Ray and James Wilkerson.

Meeting: The President called the meeting to order by asking for disposition of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were reviewed with a correction being made in the minutes. The correction was in listing Dr. James Zink as the editor rather than Dr. Zink. The minutes corrected, Irma Tomberlin moved that they be accepted. The motion was approved by the members present.

The Treasurer presented a brief report indicating the balance of funds on hand of $9,441.82. He reported that this was up to date with the exception of the bill for the October issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. The bill will run about $1,200.00. The Treasurer also reported that he is in the process of preparing the fiscal year report for the Internal Revenue Service which allows OLA to retain its tax exempt status. The Treasurer also reported that bonding for the Treasurer is being handled through McKowan and McWilliams Insurance Company of Oklahoma City. A discussion followed on the term of office for the Treasurer which should correspond with the fiscal year rather than the annual year of OLA. Mary Beth Ozmun made a motion that the Executive Board send a recommendation to the Constitution and By-laws Committee that the annual report period for the Treasurer be made on the fiscal year rather than in June as is the present practice. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Elizabeth Geis, Chairman of the Program Committee, reported that plans were proceeding very well toward the OLA Annual Convention. She reported a problem that had arisen in as far as the exhibitors was concerned. The problem being that the Texas Library Association Convention will be meeting at the same time as OLA. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of changing the dates for the OLA Convention. The Executive Board concurred that plans had proceeded too far to change the dates at this time. The President told the exhibitors to keep in touch with each other and work out any problems that may arise from this situation and encourage them to make every effort to attend the OLA Convention.

Irma Tomberlin, ALA Councilor, reported that she would be attending two sessions of the ALA Budget assembly before and during the Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mary Evelyn Potts, SWLA Councilor, reported on the SWLA Convention held in New Orleans. She reported that there were three major changes in the SWLA by-laws; first, the President of each association will serve as the chapter representative in SWLA. Secondly, that two candidates for each office will be presented as a slate by the Nominating Committee, and lastly, that the executive officers shall be the President, Vice-President and Treasurer with the Executive Secretary to be full time and meet with the executive board but will have no vote. It was also reported that the Divisions will be retained with necessary task force groups formed from within the Divisions.

The President reported on several items of business conducted by correspondence.

The National Library Week Committee is still looking for someone to serve as lay Chairman of the National Library Week program. The Sequoyah Committee had met and submitted a written report. The Technical Services Division is working on a proposed workshop with a theme of cataloging media. The President reported that letters had been sent to all the Division Chairmen concerning the proposed Division ballot along with the OLA officer's ballot. Some of the Chairmen responded favorably. Frances Kennedy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said she would assume the responsibilities for seeing that the right ballots are sent to those who should receive them. In other correspondence it was reported that "Bound-to-Stay Bound" would help bear the expense for printing the OLA Convention program.

Under Old Business it was reported that a $20.00 profit had been derived from the bus trip to SWLA. Forty-three persons made the trip.

Shirley Pelley, Chairman of the Reference Division, reported on the plans for the workshop being sponsored by the Reference, College and University and the Library Education Divisions. The workshop will be entitled "The Reference Home" and will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 2, 1973, at the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City. There will be a $5.00 pre-registration fee to cover the cost of the lunch, coffee breaks, etc. Mrs. Pelly presented a proposed budget of $300.00 to cover the expenses of the workshop. Leonard Eddy moved that the $300.00 budget be allowed. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

The first item of New Business considered concerned a request from the Elementary School Library Committee for $50.00 to pay for mail-outs to members and potential members. Irma Tomberlin moved that the $50.00 request be allowed. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

A letter was received from the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee reporting on a prototype workshop to be held in Chicago on April 16-18, 1973. The workshop is being funded by the 1972 J. Morris Jones World Book Encyclopedia ALA Goals Award. It was suggested in the letter that the Chairman of the local Intellectual Freedom Committee and one other person be sent to this meeting. No action was taken pending more information about the workshop.

The Governor's Mansion Library Committee requested clarification concerning if and how much they would be allowed to spend on books for the Governor's Mansion Library. A lengthy discussion was held concerning what should be done. Mary Beth Ozmun

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DEATHS

GERALDINE MAHAR SMITH

Those who criticize librarians for being non-readers never had the privilege of knowing Geraldine Mahar Smith, a librarian who died in November after a long illness. Geraldine not only was an avid reader—she was a buyer of books and a giver of books. The OCU Library is much richer because of her discriminating taste and her generosity through the years. This library will always remember this book loving family—Geraldine, her husband Francis, and her aunt, Jeanette Mahar.

Geraldine was an OCU graduate, and a protege of Mary Hays Marable. She received her degree in library science at OU, and served as librarian at OCU from 1938 until she joined the WAVES in 1943. After the war she returned briefly to OCU as cataloger, leaving again early in 1947.

Geraldine’s lasting and valuable contributions to librarianship at the state level were made during the years 1947 to 1959, when she served as cataloger and later as Legislative Reference Librarian at the Oklahoma State Library, now the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. During these years she cataloged the law collection, initiated reference service to the legislature, and was responsible for beginning the subject index to legislation. Members of the legislature respected Geraldine’s ability to work effectively with them, and heartily approved of her devotion to tasks in their behalf. The State Library was stronger because of her efforts. She will long be remembered for her generosity in the giving of books, and in the giving of her talents to librarianship in Oklahoma.

Frances Kennedy
Oklahoma City University

ARTHUR M. McANALLY

Dr. Arthur M. McAnally, Director of University Libraries at the University of Oklahoma, died suddenly of heart attack on November 30, 1972. Funeral services were conducted at First Presbyterian Church, Norman, on December 3.

Dr. McAnally had been at the University of Oklahoma since 1951. During that time, the library collections grew from about 450,000 volumes to approximately 1.3 million volumes. He came to Oklahoma after holding positions as university librarian at the University of New Mexico, assistant director of libraries at the University of Illinois and chief librarian at Bradley University.

He was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, having received a B.A. in English in 1933, a B.A. in library science in 1935, and an M.A. in English in 1936. He received the doctorate from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago in 1951.

Among the honors conferred on him were Fulbright and Ford Foundation grants for a visiting professorship at Ankara University, Turkey, in 1963-64. He was currently serving as a member of the board of the Association of Research Libraries and had been selected for membership in the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. McAnally’s personal and professional interests were varied. He was a member of the Centennial Rod and Gun Club and the Oklahoma Westerners. Professionally, he was a leader in the movement for faculty status for academic librarians. He also served on the Academic Status and Planning Committees of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Most recently, he was engaged, with Dr. Robert Downs
of the University of Illinois, in a study of "The Changing Role of Directors of University Libraries." The resultant article has been submitted for publication by a major professional journal.

A full analysis of Arthur McAnally's contributions to librarianship will constitute a major chapter in the history of academic libraries in Oklahoma. Hopefully, this study will be made.

James K. Zink
University of Oklahoma

MILDRED KNIGHT

Word has been received of the death of Mildred Knight, a former staff member of the old Carnegie Library of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Knight, who was 88 at the time of her death, was circulation librarian and later a cataloger at the city library from 1926 to 1957. After her retirement she assisted OCU as temporary cataloger for several months, and for a number of years following that was librarian at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Knight was a graduate of Western Reserve University, and a resident of Oklahoma City from 1911 until she moved to Houston in 1971.

Frances Kennedy
Oklahoma City University

President's Message

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designed to aid new officers in knowing more about OLA. Committee chairmen have been invited to these meetings also so that joint planning and thinking can be done.

I, personally, got a lot of criticism about my committee appointments at the Stillwater convention and have had comments made since. Some people felt that I had used the "same old members" too often. I had been working on those appointments since January 1, 1972. I used the people who were willing to serve and who I thought would work. I also used names suggested to me as younger members who should be involved.

I think at this point, I can say, "Don't criticize until you have walked in your sister's shoes.

I also think it is time for OLA members to stop asking only what OLA can do for them, and start asking what You Can Do for OLA, and, thereby, the libraries and library patrons of Oklahoma and the profession of librarianship.

Base of Aquariums

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books I should consult some book reviews. Encyclopedia of Tropical Fish (1960) was looked up in the 1960 issue of Book Review Digest, but nothing was listed. This did not faze McClure, for he told me that book reviews often appear in the journals the year after publication, and sure enough, there it was in the 1961 cumulation. He next pointed out that if I had books from 1965-1968 I might rather use Book Review Index because of its expanded scope. In the 1965 edition Axelrod's Tropical Fish Book was listed with one review. He noted that this book would not be listed in Book Review Digest because of a minimum of two reviews for non-fiction would have to have been written for it to be included there.

At this point, the librarian told me that the library had other sources of reference such as Historical Atlas, Facts on File, and Vertical File index, but that these would not give me any information about aquariums and tropical fish. "Thank God! He's finally finished," I thought. As I was leaving I said that maybe someday I'd fly to Chicago to see the Shedd Aquarium and stop off at Miami to pick up some tropical fish. It was a mistake. McClure's eyes gleamed and he grabbed me by the arm.

Once back at the information desk he pulled out the World Almanac, looked up Chicago, and read me about a column of
material concerning the John G. Shedd Aquarium including its hours of operation. Then he used the Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide to show me direct flight routes to Chicago and Miami from Oklahoma City. Next, he flipped to the front of this atlas and gave me the prices for sending tropical fish air express from Miami to Oklahoma City—some $40.00 per pound. However, he said that there might be delays because there were no non-stop flights between Oklahoma City and Miami, and the fish would have to come via Dallas.

This was too much. I threw my hands up in the air and ran screaming out of the library while McClure was muttering something about my being careful since the Statistical Abstract of the United States gave approximately eight air deaths for every 100,000 flying miles. But more information about this could be gained by calling the FAA in Washington, D.C. whose phone number could be found in the library’s collection of phone books for all major cities in the United States, and that...

when I’d much rather be reading that best seller everybody is talking about.

But, oh, how exciting and rewarding to sell one’s first novel and to know, at last, the writing bug has fully hatched from the little book worm who grew up in libraries, eager to fly on into another dream.

Reference Game

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5. Am I flexible enough to admit my lack of knowledge and confident enough to find out from other sources or specialists the answers?
6. Am I an attentive listener . . . or do I try to impress patrons with my knowledge and skills?
7. Do I have patience, courtesy, tact and insight?

HOW ABOUT A WORKSHOP COVERING INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES?

An OLA workshop will be held March 2, 1973, at Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City on the techniques of interviewing. The

Oklahoma Authors

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fortunate in knowing well a wide range of people, from millionaires to hillbillies. Recognizing my need for stimulus and encouragement as well as fellowship with other writers, I am active in several writer’s organizations.

Most writers seem to be filled with an unusual love for life and for people. For a long time I straddled the fence like a stretch worm and tried to live both in the normal world and the world of the writer. Then I discovered, the writer who accomplishes must be self disciplined to lead a very lonely life while in the process of research or writing.

This is the hardest lesson I have learned. Parties, bridge, all the many inviting pleasures, lure me; and there are times I must impose upon myself a certain diet in books.
Inn has adequate parking, dining, and conference facilities. The workshop is sponsored jointly by the Reference, College and University, and Library Education divisions. All librarians and library science students are invited to attend. For further information and pre-registration see the President's Newsletter or watch for your personal notifications in February.


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reached through P.O. Box 400, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401. He sent us a glossy ad that deserves attention, even if we don't have space to print the ad. It reads: "... every trustee on your library board should be a member of the ALTA, a division of the American Library Association. To get an instant ALTA membership application and a special invitation to the 400 Club, Contact Membership Promotion-ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611."

ODL NOTES
Director Ralph Funk made it into the latest edition of "Who is Who in America."
Mrs. Rama Widup, OU History MA ('70) is new in Reference. Jan Blakey, former Assistant Librarian at Panhandle State College, is a new cataloger.

TRUSTEE CHANGES
Mrs. Charles W. Flint, jr., was elected Chairman of the TC-CL Commission. She's the Commission's first female chairman and succeeds G. Douglas Fox. Jim Murray, Chairman of the Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County, was re-appointed to a three-year term, as was Mrs. Cecil Fisher. and Mrs. Ed Eskridge was named to a three-year term, replacing Clyde N. Kemery, who had asked to retire after his latest term expired. Mr. Kemery had served city, county and state libraries as a trustee and friend of the library for more than a decade.

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made the motion that the Governor's Mansion Library project be funded in the amount of $200.00 to be spent for books. The motion was seconded and approved.

Esther Mae Henke, Federal Relations Coordinator, reported on recent and upcoming events on the Federal level.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
James R. Wilkerson
Secretary
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