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Would you please let me have any comments you wish to make on the Midwinter Conference: corrections or changes we should make for next year with regard to program, meeting rooms, schedule, service, coordination with headquarters, staff work, or any other aspects you think could be bettered. Also offer any suggestions which might be helpful in arranging with the Edgewater Beach for 1949. In the light of this conference, do you have any suggestions for Atlantic City. - Riechmann

Helen Wessels has presented tentative plans for a seminar or institute for the orientation of librarians who are interested in library work abroad.

Paul Howard proposed that ALA have a representative on the American Council on Education Committee to implement the report of the President's Commission on Higher Education.

A very great interest was evidenced in the meeting of the Library Architecture and Building Planning Committee, and the audience overflowed into the hall. A real need was expressed for more adequate building advice. Several schemes were presented and there was much discussion but no real solution has as yet been worked out.

At the Library Extension Division meetings a great majority of the states reported on the plans of their states and it is expected that these will be summarized in the near future. Copies of the reports are on file in our Public Library Office. A large number of the same people attended the meeting with the newly organized Committee on Implementation of the National Plans. Ways and means were suggested for developing the working program which resulted. A topic of real interest was the methods by which duplication of effort could be avoided. At their meeting the Trustees discussed their respective plans which they too hope to summarize.

Over 100 attended the Preconference Workshop and it was the recommendation of the group that there be closer cooperation between the rural sociologists and library groups; that efforts be made to hold workshops before each of their respective conferences; and that there be a rural sociologist on the staff at ALA HQ.

Agricultural College Libraries Section voted that ACRL be acquired to formulate standards for acceptable academic library service to serve as a guide to those agencies which accredit colleges and professional schools.

Miss Dunlap, in charge of the ALA Publications display, reported a total sale of ALA publications amounting to \$527.25. The National Plan for Public Library Service was welcomed with enthusiasm and 60 copies were sold.

The Subcommittee on Budgets, Compensation and Schemes of Service held a working meeting and expect to issue score cards to a selected group of libraries for testing within the next few weeks.

A Subcommittee of the Library Extension Division, under the chairmanship of Jeanette Johnson, Cadillac, Michigan, is preparing a manual on bookmobiles which is to be published as a supplement to a fall issue of the ALA Bulletin.

Approximately 200 positions were filed with Miss Rourke in the Placement Office during the conference and there were 68 applications. The majority of the latter were experienced persons requesting jobs at \$3,000 and over, the younger group did not seem to be looking for a change. There were 43 requests for catalogers and only 6 registered. The salary range seems to have gone up, reports Miss Rourke, as 102 of the positions offered fell between \$2,400 and \$3,000 and 42 between \$3,000 and \$3,500. Miss Rourke felt one of the most interesting opportunities that came up was for librarians with the Atomic Energy Commission. There seems to be a definite increase in the number of requests for people with scientific background, which she felt the library schools might well bear in mind. Also there were many openings in county library work and bookmobiles.

Approximately 1091 persons registered for the conference.

Tentative plans are being made for a cataloger's quarterly with Mr. Berthold editor.

The ACRL Board of Directors voted to increase the price of College and Research Libraries from \$2 per year to \$3 for members of the Association, and from \$3 per year to \$4 for non-members. Single copies were raised from \$1 to \$1.25. The changes, due to increased production costs, become effective Sept. 1, 1948.

ACRL Board of Directors approved a resolution recommending to the Librarian of Congress the great usefulness of the U.S. Quarterly Book List passed by the Publications Committee. They also heartily endorsed the paper Goals of A.C.R.L. presented at their general session by Eugene H. Wilson, chairman of the Committee on Policy.

Representatives of the Divisions and other groups who met with the Executive Board endorsed the new registration fee, the single day fee and the recommendation to provide hosts and hostesses at all meetings to enforce the registration requirement. It was decided that all meal functions would be excluded from this requirement. The Divisions and other groups are to provide their own personnel over and above the guards that may be available through the convention bureau. Preconference and post-conference institutes and meetings will be taken care of by the group responsible, as has been done in the past.

The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career plans to cooperate with Mrs. Post who is devoting a portion of the June issue of the ALA Bulletin to the subject of recruiting.

The Institute on School and Public Library Relations tentatively planned for Atlantic City has been postponed. The committee will ask GLS to consider an institute plus a two week workshop on the subject in the summer of 1949.

Radio Broadcasting Committee (Div. of Child. and Y.P.) expects to have new album of three storytellers ready for Atlantic City.

About 20 representatives of State School Library Groups were present as members of the newly organized Advisory Council to the AASL.

Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, Associate Professor, School of Library Service, Columbia University was appointed Editor in Chief of the College and Research Libraries to replace Dr. Carl M. White who resigned.

Miss Dickerson reports rejoicing in the Files over the return of Miss Lorraine Dixon after a leave of absence on a visit to her mother in St. Louis. Miss Emily Wallace who has come recently from Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia joined the Files staff January 26th.