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## HEADQUARTERS REPORTER

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### EDITH McCORMICK REPORTS ON 1966 BREADLOAF WRITER'S CONFERENCE

Ed. note--

(Mrs. McCormick (Knapp Project) accompanied her husband to this conference and we thought the staff would be interested in a firsthand description of the experience.)

Most of the students who rode by bus or drove to the 1966 Breadloaf Writer's Conference--just 12 miles from its mother-school, Middlebury College--were as hidebound to their city life as we were, feeling alternating awe and irritation at the sounds of frogs at night, the ear-popping from high altitude, wild blueberries just a few exploratory steps off the gravel roadside, the forest floor, sunrises, and all the birds that didn't fall into the bluejay, crow, or pigeon family. By the eighth intense day of lectures, private conferences with faculty, and jostling egos, between times at the bull session center called "The Barn"--with no hope of a cup of coffee after 10 p.m.--some were calling this enforced community "Stalag 17."

Besides the six small cottages and three inn-like buildings where the members were housed, the main business of the conference took place in "The Little Theater." Nearly all attended the three morning and two afternoon lectures a day for the first week and became a lot more discriminating in picking out the same spread of "clinic sessions" the second week where students' writings were discussed. The open classes were more like performances, or extremely personal readings, where each faculty member one-by-one gained points or lost them, depending on the manner of the man as much as on his principles. For example: To illustrate the perfect beginning of a novel, critic John Aldridge read the first page of Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye." The next day William Lederer ("The Ugly American") treated the same subject by saying, "I don't go for this Faulkner impressionism stuff. For the real nuts and bolts of writing, you've got to get the problem in the lead!"

John Ciardi, lusty bear of a man, directs the conference with instigative showmanship and sonorous exhortations: "You're here to talk, to meet your contemporaries. If you want to jerk, go hike up Breadloaf Mountain and plug your guitar into a tree." He and his long-legged, blonde wife--now bawdy Missouri homeliness, now classic and gracefully theatrical--would make their daily entrance at the Barn followed by a few other faculty members and often their teen-aged children. After checking the supply of logs in the massive fireplace, they would buy a few cups of coffee at the grill, separate, and sit down at the tables already crowded with students. With the easy sociability of pros among a herd of well-wishers, they would thus inspire one more night of arguing out personal hang-ups, playful banter, exchanging of Jewish mother stories, poetry readings, and the good natured ardor of listening

Breadloaf Writer's Conference (cont'd)

to and telling about private trials that in these surroundings--utterly free of hostility and combativeness--take on an Everyman and even adventurous ring.

Aside from all of its nobler values and intentions, the Breadloaf Writer's Conference gives a great spiritual boost. Most there who have been writing for long feel that they have mole eyes and drudge habits, and possibly they do need the fresh air and Vermont landscape. But above all, they occasionally need the hilarity of being drunk on people, others like themselves, if only to remove the dross of desperation of over-seriousness. -- E.McC.

"...AND SOMETHING MORE!" HONORED AGAIN!

At the La Plata (Argentine) V Festival Internacional de Cinema Infantile, three educational subjects from the United States captured honors. One was ... AND SOMETHING MORE, by Guggenheim Productions of St. Louis, for the Knapp School Libraries Project of ALA, which received an "Honor Diploma."

STAFF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
INVESTIGATES BOWLING POSSIBILITIES

There were about 22 positive responses to our staff poll last month concerning the possibility of forming an ALA league at the Marina City alleys. The Staff Association Executive Committee delegated to Ray Granberg (President-elect) the responsibility of personally visiting the bowling management at Marina City and getting the facts. He reported back to the committee on his findings, and the Executive Committee came to the conclusion that bowling activity could not be considered for this year for several reasons--at least a dozen more people would be necessary to allow for substitutes; we would have to guarantee a 35-week stint (which could be quite a grind and quite a commitment to live up to, especially at Conference times and exam periods for those who are students); a secretary would have to be appointed well in advance to set up the mechanics of record-keeping, etc.; the only period available to us at the time was 7:30 p.m., which would present a problem to many who wouldn't want that much of a time-lapse between the end of the working day and the bowling start.

Though the idea must be shelved for this season, the Staff Association Executive Committee would be glad to consider it again next Spring, early enough in the year to consider all the implications.

VACATIONS/TRAVEL

George Bailey (ACRL) left for a month's vacation in Europe September 9 on an ILA charter flight. His office received a card from him - and from the sound of it he is having a marvelous time. The card is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Lounge. (Mr. Bailey has requested that this card be saved; so his secretary, Rosemary Chamberlin, would appreciate it being returned to her when the Board is cleared.)

David Clift (Exec. Dir.) returned from France, Holland and Switzerland on September 27. He attended to American-Library-in-Paris business, was an ALA delegate at the International Federation of Library Associations meeting at The Hague in the Netherlands, and enjoyed a bit of vacation along the way.

Vacations/Travel (cont'd)

Mrs. Adeline Edahl (Library) and her husband spent their vacation at Musky Point Lodge, Mercer, Wis. The Lodge is owned by Mrs. Lois Sanzenbacher, formerly on the LTP staff, and her husband.

Mrs. Genevieve Marks (OR&D) spent part of her vacation at the Wisconsin Dells.

Mrs. Gladys Piez (LTP) sails October 6 from New York on American Export Lines' S.S. INDEPENDENCE for a 23-day Mediterranean cruise. Stops include Lisbon, Palma (Majorca), Alghero (Sardinia), Naples, Genoa, Cannes, Barcelona, and Funchal (Madeira Islands).

Mrs. Lourdes Podolak and her husband spent their vacation in Mexico. They were in Mexico City, Veracruz and Acapulco. The weather was ideal, nice and cool in the morning, warm during the day and cool at night. While in Veracruz they tanned, peeled and had to start all over again in Acapulco. They had so much fun that they hated to come back to Chicago.

Peggy Sullivan (Knapp Project) and Polly Cianciolo (Publishing), on vacation in England, visited Helen McGregor (on leave from the Booklist and working in Leeds this past year) on the weekend of September 17.

Ruth Tarbox (CSD-YASD) was in Europe from September 8 to September 26 combining business with pleasure. She attended the IFLA Conference held at The Hague in the Netherlands, then vacationed.

Following PNLA in Portland, Oregon, at the end of August, Ruth Warncke (Exec. Ofc.) went to Reno, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce and enjoyed all the natural wonders.

PERSONNEL OFFICE LISTS NEW EMPLOYEES, POSITIONS AVAILABLE

New employees:

- (Mrs.) Barbara Dawson - reemployed, Clerk-typist, Executive Office
- (Mrs.) Manuela Duarte - Key Punch Operator, Data Processing
- (Mrs.) Sara Elshtain - Subscription Records Clerk, Membership Records
- (Mrs.) Jean Hoffman - Indexer-Abstracter, Library Research Clearinghouse, Office for Research & Development.
- Karen Ladien - Junior Secretary, RSD/ALTA
- Patricia Montmarquette - Senior Secretary, PLA/ASL
- (Mrs.) France Moye - Clerk-typist, Membership Records
- Irene Scesnewiez - Junior Secretary, CSD/YASD

Positions available:

- Biller-Typist - Publishing, Grade 4
- Order Filler - Publishing Warehouse, Grade 3
- Professional Assistant - Office for Recruitment
- Professional Assistant - Library Technology Reports
- Professional Assistant - Library Administration Division

### PROMOTIONS

Sharon Cibulka was promoted from the Clerical Pool to Clerk-typist, Membership Promotion.

Mrs. Mildred Geshwiler was promoted from Publications Assistant to Assistant Editor, ALA Bulletin, on September 1, and has full responsibility and authority for the Bulletin during the absence of the editor. Micki is a graduate of Indiana University, in journalism; her experience before coming to ALA in 1964 was in newspaper work and research.

On September 1 Robert Shaw joined the LTP staff as Head of the Technical Information Service. Mr. Shaw was formerly Assistant to the LAD Executive Secretary.

### PERSONNEL PERSONALS

Dianna Badaracco, Data Processing Dept., was married Sunday, September 18, to Saul Agostto at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. They honeymooned in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Jan Herr, LAD junior secretary, is a 1966 graduate of Moody Bible Institute, where she was also employed as a singer on their radio station WMBI AM-FM. She is just a new bride - as of August 27, and her husband is a radio announcer for WMBI, and a student at Loop Junior College.

Karen Ladien, RSD/ALTA junior secretary, says one of her hobbies is bikeriding - so she and Pat Rath should get along "smashing" well.

Dorothy McGinniss (formerly of AASL) reported to Peggy Sullivan (Knapp Project) that in addition to a shoulder bag (which she purchased before she left Chicago) she has bought an electric can opener with the gift check she received at the farewell luncheon given in her honor by the ALA Headquarters Staff Association. Miss McGinniss' new address is Apartment 408, 1108 Genesee St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Alfreda Mendelsohn has a new apartment! Occupancy as of October 7. It is a cheerfully bright 2-room pullman kitchenette-bedroom apartment on the 17th fl. of 3410 N. Lake Shore Drive. She states that she has an unobstructed view overlooking penthouse roof gardens of nonadjacent neighbors. Also included are sun deck, patio, storage space, laundry, parking facilities and valet service - BUT no swimming pool, unfortunately! Freddie says that she has only one problem - finding enough room for her voluminous amount of books and records.

Patricia Montmarquette (PLA/ASL) is a Chicago gal, having been born and reared right here. She comes to ALA from the insurance field and has stated that her prime interest (outside of work, that is) is music.

Patricia Norwood (formerly of RSD) is now working for ACRL on a part-time basis. We are happy that a vacancy was found for Pat as we did not want to see her leave ALA.

Irene Scesnewicz (CSD/YASD) worked at the Imperial Inn as a bookkeeper and cashier before coming to ALA. She graduated from Mundelein College in 1964, having majored in Drama and minored in English and Philosophy.

Alphonse Trezza (LAD) has recently been appointed to the Joliet Diocesan School Board, and, at its last meeting, he was elected President of the Board.

BOX OFFICE SERVICE

The box office service which was inaugurated last season on an experimental basis will not be continued this season. It was considered by the Executive Committee and Polly Cianciolo, who managed the service so ably, not to be feasible to do it again for the small percentage of members who took advantage of it.

For those staff members who wish to sell or give away individual tickets to concerts, plays, etc. that they cannot use, the Executive Committee is arranging to have a space on the Bulletin Board where such tickets may be advertised. This service will be effective when the new staff lounge is available in the lower level.

SELECTED LIST OF ADDITIONS TO HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

New Books

Baumgartner, Bernice B.	Guiding the retarded child	371.92 B348
Bundy, Mary Lee	Social and political aspects of librarianship, 1965.	020 B942
Carter, Alan M.	An assessment of quality in graduate education	378.155 C328
Conference on Technical Information Center Administration. 2d.	TICA 2...Proceedings	026.6 C748
Conference on the Organization, Admin- istration and Supervision of High School Dept. of English	High school departments of English: their organization, administration, and supervision	420.7 C748
Davinson, Donald	Academic and legal deposit libraries and examination guidebook	027.7 D259
	Encyclopedia of Educational Research	370.78 E56
Glasgow. Public Libraries	Glasgow public libraries, 1874- 1966.	027.441 G548
Hart, Harold	Hart's guide to New York City	917.472 H325
Hospitals, Journal of the American Hospital Association	Guide issue, 1966	R 362 H828
Jefferson, G.	Library co-operation	021.64 J45
Kircher, Clara J.	Behavior patterns in children's books; a bibliography	616.8916 K58

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Konvitz, Milton R.	Expanding liberties; freedom's gains in postwar America	323.4 K82
Lee, Robert Ellis	Continuing education for adults through the American public library 1833-1964.	027.473 L479c
Library Association. Reference and Special Libraries Section	Proceedings	020.622 L697p
	The Middle East, 1963;...10th edition	956 M627
Ovard, Glen F.	Administration of the changing secondary school	373.1 096
	Progress in library science, 1965-	020.5 P964
Roe, Ernest	Teachers, librarians and children; a study of libraries in education	027.8 R698
	Statistical abstract of Latin America	318 S797
	Textbooks in print, 1966	016.379 T355
U.S. Congress. House. Committee on Foreign Affairs. Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements	Overseas programs of private nonprofit American organizations	R 060 U58
U.S. Office of Education. Division of Educational Statistics	Projections of educational statistics to 1973-74	379.73 U58P
U.S. Library of Congress. National Refferal Center for Science and Technology	A director of Information Resources in the United States	R 010.78 U58di
U.S. National Institutes of Health. Division of Research Grants	Research grants index, 1965.	614 U58r
U.S. National Institutes of Health	Scientific directory, 1964 and annual bibliography 1963.	R 016.61 U58
Vickery, B. C.	Faceted classification schemes, 1966.	025.4 V637
Vishwanathan, C. G.	Cataloging theory and practice	025.3 V829
Walsh, S. Padraig	General world atlases in print, 1965.	016.912 W225

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	Washington, 1966-	R 917.3 W317
Wasserman, Paul	The librarian and the machine	025.078 W322
Watson, Aldren A.	Hand book binding, a manual of instruction	655.72 W337
Westhuis, J. L.	Cataloging manual for nonbook materials in learning centers and school libraries	025.34 W529
Young, Pauline V.	Scientific social surveys and research	301.018 Y75