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FAN MAIL From the 610 copies of the first News Letter sent out in November 1944 we received responses from six individuals--almost 1 percent! ! To those 6 librarians, congratulations, and may others join you. As was stated in the first issue the News Letter was to be a "median that will hold a unity of purpose among the members, an outlet through which each member can contact other junior college librarians! We had hoped that the whole responsibility would not fall to us officers of the Section. We are not interested in giving a series of unrequested and unappreciated lectures. Won't you please send us some news and brief contributions in which your fellow workers will be interested.

Included in the six responses were questions, news items and favorable comments. The news items and requested information are included in the body of this issue of the News Letter. The comments were greatly appreciated but to save space are not included

ARE YOU A MEMBER? There is no charge for the News Letter to members of the Junior College Libraries Section. We hope to issue the News Letter every two or three months, but unless we receive news items from more librarians we cannot promise any definite frequency. The first issue was sent out to all junior college libraries as listed in the Junior College Journal for January 1944, but this issue is being sent to only those whose names appear on the 1944 membership list of the Jr. Col. Lib. Sec. During January 1945 ten more names were received to add to the 1944 list. Ironical as it may appear the name of the Virginia Junior College Library was one of that ten. (Let me assure you my library's dues were paid in Jan. 1944. (Signed) W.L.N.) Just to remind you if you have already sent in your dues but forgot to check the Jr. Col. Lib. Sec. on the application blank it is not too late to write to the A. L. A. office and request them to add your name to our section.

POST WAR PLANNING In the April 1944 issue of the Junior College Journal there is a statement on "The Post war Role of the Junior College" prepared by the American Association of Junior Colleges, Committee on Post war Plans, of which Dr. J. L. Lounsbury, San Bernadino (Calif.) Valley Junior College is chairman. The officers of the Library Group of the A.A.J.C.\* felt that the library was not included in that statement to the extent that it should be. After some deliberation we compiled a letter and sent it to Dr. Lounsbury requesting that more definite recognition be given to the library and that a clarification be made of the general terms used in the statement as published. A copy of our letter was sent to Dr. Walter C. Eells, executive secretary of the A.A.J.C.

We offered the committee the cooperation of the members of the Jr. Col. Lib. Sec. in any further study it wishes to make and specifically in any post war plans for the junior college library. In making this offer we felt we would have the support of each and every member of the section.

\* Same as the officers of the Jr. Col. Lib. Sec. of the A. L. A.



To us this is an important matter and we would like to have your reactions and suggestions. You will be informed in the next issue of the News Letter of the committee's reactions, if there are any, and of further correspondence we may have with the committee.

ARTICLES WORTH READING Bells, W. C., Junior College Library Criteria. Junior College Journal V.15:160-165, Dec. 1944. (Based on "Biennial Survey of Education in the United States 1938/40. U.S. Office of Education. 1940)

Mackenzie, D.M. and Brumbaugh, A.J., An analysis of the library data of the higher institutions of the North Central Association for the year 1941/42. North Central Association Quarterly v.18:293-308, April, 1944. (Supplementing this article a letter dated June 15, 1944 together with a reprint were sent to the dean of each member institution giving the percentiles for the library of his institution.)

College and Research Libraries: last two issues have a number of excellent and interesting articles. The article by Winifred Ver Nooy, president of A.C.R.L., in the December issue is short and right to the point.

MARS HILL COLL. LIBRARY Daisy L. Anderson has taken over the work as librarian of the Montague Library, Mars Hill College at Mars Hill, N. C. She came directly from the U.S. Naval Receiving Station at Newport News, Virginia. Before that she was librarian of the State Teachers College Library, Radford, Va. She replaces Gladys Johnson who is now Field worker for the North Carolina State Library Commission. Miss Johnson at one time was chairman of the Jr. Col. Lib. Sec.

JOHN TARLETON AGRIC. COLL. LIBRARY The library of the John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville, Texas has received several memorial volumes in memory of World War II casualties. The librarian, Lola Rivers Thompson, also reports that the library is establishing a War Museum and that post war plans of the college include a new library building where the museum will be housed.

BILTMORE Wm. H. Morgan just recently became dean of Biltmore College, a county-municipal junior college in Ashville, N.C. He is planning a long-range program of development which includes the organizing of a good library. Tentative plans are to construct a library building to care for a college of 500 students.

A.L.A. CONVENTION! The fact that there will be no A.L.A. convention this year is not news to most of us. To facilitate a quicker termination of the war it is right that there be no convention. But--what about some of the social organizations that are continuing their practice of annual meetings? Can we as individuals have a little influence over some of their members.

A.C.R.L. The officers of the A.C.R.L. have received from A.F. Kuhlman, director of the Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn., a mimeographed statement entitled: "Whither the A. L. A.?" Here is the gist of it, but if you care to know more about it write to Mr. Kuhlman and ask for a copy.



The A. L. A. wants to enlarge its staff at headquarters (A.L.A. Bulletin, Jan. 1945, p. 31) and to sponsor a lobbyist in Washington, all of which is expensive and will benefit chiefly the public libraries. As early as 1931 the A. L. A. promised the College and University librarians it would put on its staff a specialist in the field of college and university libraries

There has been a specialist in public libraries at the A. L. A. headquarters for twenty years or more. Membership fees from college librarians and from the college and university libraries institutional memberships have helped support the work with the public libraries in the past. It seems that this money should have been used, at least in part, for the benefit of the A. C. R. L. and its seven sections. There is need for a full time secretary of the A. C. R. L., assisted by an adequate office force. Those who are elected to offices in the A. C. R. L. and its seven sections should not be expected to give voluntarily as much time as is required to effectively carry on the essential administrative activities.

Mr. Kuhlman discussed fully some essentials in the A. C. R. L. program. To enumerate them:

1. Develop A.C.R.L. as an effective professional organization. ". . . . continued affiliation of the A.C.R.L. with the A. L. A. is most desirable: . . ."
2. Develop College and Research Libraries.
3. Develop significant conventions.
4. Membership should be increased.
5. Improve professional education and training.
6. Develop strong leaders.
7. Integrate A. C. R. L. librarianship with instructional efforts.
8. [Increase] library resources for research.
9. Research should be encouraged.
10. [A. C. R. L. headquarters should be a] National clearing house.

In conclusion he emphasized that there should be close cooperation between A. C. R. L. and the A. L. A. headquarters, but, to get that cooperation it evidently is up to us.

Note by W.L.N.: It is hoped that each of you will get a copy of his statement and study it carefully. Do what you can to promote cooperation and equal opportunity among the A. L. A. divisions.