

March 1952

Midwinter Meeting at Chicago

It was good to see those of you who were able to come to the meeting. Louisiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Massachusetts were represented as well as the Chicago area by its loyal group. For the benefit of those unable to attend, here are a few notes and comments.

In the unavoidable absence of Miss Angelin Tesdell, Secretary, our former secretary, Miss Lottie Skidmore, kindly acted as secretary pro tem.

Professor Brink's talk on Trends in Junior College Education was most interesting and helpful. Some of the trends of special interest to librarians which he mentioned were an increased emphasis on the needs of the individual student; growing concern with certain hitherto neglected areas of knowledge, such as, home and family living, consumer education, intergroup and international understanding; increased development of effective guidance programs; and the kind of survey courses needed for terminal education at the Junior College level.

Mr. Bertalan, editor of the "List of Library Materials for Junior Colleges", reported that since many schools sent in lists of their holdings instead of selecting only the best titles, it has been necessary to ask certain institutions to review the preliminary lists. This step of selection is now in process. Mr. Bertalan hoped to have the material ready to submit to the Publishing Committee in April.

In addition to the meeting, junior college librarians who were available gathered for a luncheon and a dinner together in the Colonnade Room of the Edgewater Beach. This gave an opportunity for informal discussion and shop-talk with old and new junior college acquaintances and led to the suggestion that the group have more such occasions.

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Regional News

Region III - Midwest. The new Regional chairman is Miss Maysie M. Pierce, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois.

Region V - Middle Atlantic. The chairman, Mrs. Rachel F. Wood reports a luncheon meeting of Junior College librarians held in Baltimore last fall in connection with the Maryland State Teachers Association meeting. Mrs. Ida G. Glass, State Chairman for Maryland presided and Mrs. Wood was the speaker.

Region VII - Southwest. Miss Arda E. Frans, Regional Chairman, writes that two of the state chairmen from the Southwest region planned to attend Midwinter meeting in Chicago. We were happy to see Mrs. Lula K. Pratt of Conners State Agricultural College, Warner, Oklahoma, and Miss Yvonne Toups, of Francis T. Nicholls Junior College of Louisiana State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana, at the meeting.

Miss Frans also reports that in connection with the Oklahoma Library Association meeting on April 18 at the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Mrs. Pratt has arranged for a sectional junior college session for which she has planned a very challenging agenda of topics.

ALA Annual Conference, June 29 - July 5, 1952

Are you planning on attending the summer meeting in New York? Great plans are afoot! In response to interest expressed at Midwinter, we are hoping to have a breakfast or luncheon in addition to the usual meeting for the group. Details will be sent later.

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