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- Chairman: Ruth Ellen Scarborough, Librarian, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, New Jersey.
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REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

- Region I, Far West: Helen E. Rodgers, Librarian, El Camino College, Los Angeles County, California.
- Region II, Trans-Mississippi: Nellie M. Homes, Librarian, Cottey Junior College, Nevada, Missouri.
- Region III, Midwest: Maysie M. Pierce, Librarian, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois.
- Region IV, New England: Emeline Loud, Librarian, Lasell Junior College, Auburndale, Massachusetts.
- Region V, Middle Atlantic: Catherine Cardew, Librarian, Briarcliff Junior College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.
- Region VI, Southeast: Eugenia Adamson, Librarian, Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia.
- Region VII, Southwest: Arda E. Frans, Librarian, Cameron State Agricultural College, Lawton, Oklahoma.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

At our meeting in New York in July, I urged the junior college librarians to become more active in their state library associations and to take a greater interest in making the work and importance of junior college libraries felt in the library activities of each state. I expressed the wish that the state chairmen take every opportunity to meet with the other junior college librarians in each state at the state library and other educational association meetings. Much can be accomplished by these small meetings, where discussions of common problems faced by junior college librarians can be met, discussed, and solved. The work of our section can be strengthened and broadened through strong and active state groups.

Harmony, cooperation, and interest between the public, high school, junior college, and four year college libraries is of the utmost importance in advancing the educational and recreational value of that great institution called

LIBRARY. It is up to each librarian to further the progress of libraries and librarianship toward democratic living in the United States and all over the world.

NEW YORK MEETING

Our Section met on Tuesday, July 1, 1952, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Over 100 librarians attended the meeting. The topic "Methods of Stimulating Student Use of the Library for their own Interest and Pleasure" proved to be a very interesting and spirited discussion. Esther Greene, Librarian of Barnard College, served as guest moderator. She suggested the following five ways of stimulating student readings: (1) Make the library attractive by using color, small reading areas, comfortable furniture, and adequate lighting. (2) Give feeling of freedom by using open stacks, having lenient borrowing privileges, and dispensing freely knowledge on the use of the library. (3) Use displays in simple but effective manner. (4) Have an adequate book collection of modern, as well as classic, books. (5) Employ staff members who are readers themselves and who can make an impact on individual students by being able to converse about books.

Other members of the panel were Nellie M. Homes, Cottey Junior College, Nevada, Missouri, who emphasized the fact that suite libraries in dormitories are used primarily for recreational reading, and that short stories, humor, and fiction headed the list in popularity; Francis L. Meals, Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire, noted that student library committees recruited from each dormitory developed a real sense of responsibility towards the library and helped to stimulate interest in the student body in general; Barbara M. Smith, Green Mountain Junior College Library, Poultney, Vermont, stressed the importance of cooperation between faculty and library which can be increased by having displays of the personal libraries of faculty and by having annotated lists of faculty favorites in the library. The meeting was a huge success, thanks to our panel members and the interested audience who asked many questions afterwards.

MEMBERSHIP

At the July meeting, the membership chairman noted that there was an increase of personal memberships, from 185 in 1951 to 215 in 1952. It is hoped that this year many more junior college librarians will wish to support our Section, ACRL and ALA. The 1952-53 membership chairman is Lottie M. Skidmore, our vice-chairman. As soon as you receive your membership blanks from ALA in January, be sure to check our Section on the ACRL blank and send it in, along with your ALA blank. You know that with \$6.00 membership in ALA, you may belong to our section and ACRL and receive COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES without any additional charge. So don't forget to renew your membership right after January 1, 1953, and urge other junior college librarians in your state to join also.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1952-53

The chairman appointed the following librarians to serve on the nominating committee: Chairman: Lola Rivers Thompson, Librarian, Tarleton State College, Stephenville, Texas; Committee members: Mary E. Kauffmann, Librarian, Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Massachusetts; Harriett Genung, Librarian, Mt. San Antonio College, Pomona, California.

MIDWINTER MEETING

Plans have been completed for the Midwinter Meeting of our Section during the ALA conference in Chicago, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, February 2-7, 1953. Our meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, at 10:00 A. M. The topic, "Reading Programs and their Applications to the Library" will be discussed by Miss Ruth Newman, Director of the Reading Program, Wright Junior College, Chicago, and Mr. Ira J. Peskind, Director of the Audio-Visual Program, also of Wright Junior College. We are looking forward to a lively discussion by the speakers and audience on this vital topic. The business meeting will be held afterwards. Mr. Frank J. Bertalan, editor of the "List of Library Materials for Junior College Libraries" will report on its progress. In a recent letter to your chairman, Mr. Bertalan said that he thought the book would be issued in March, 1953.

If you are in Chicago, kindly get in touch with your chairman upon arrival at the Hotel, so that plans can be made for informal gatherings of our Section members. Let us plan definitely to meet for luncheon at the Colonnade Room, at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, February 4, 1953.

REGIONAL AND STATE ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND REGION

State Chairmen:

Maine: Mary M. Pike, Librarian, Westbrook Junior College, Portland.

Vermont: Barbara M. Smith, Librarian, Green Mountain Junior College, Poultney.

Massachusetts: Emeline Loud, Regional Chairman, is serving as state Chairman.

Emeline Loud, Regional chairman, reports that the Massachusetts junior college librarians met during the Massachusetts State Library meeting on December 3, at the Hotel Sheraton at Worcester, with Elvajean Hall, librarian, Newton Junior College, as discussion leader on the topic "How the Library Association can Help the Junior College Library."

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

State Chairmen:

New Jersey: Janet E. Hamilton, Librarian, Monmouth Junior College, Long Branch.

New York: Mrs. Mary L. Gray, New York State Agricultural and Tech. Institute, Canton.

Janet Hamilton, New Jersey state chairman, reports that the New Jersey junior college librarians met informally during the New Jersey Library Association meeting on November 19 in Newark. Plans were mapped for a meeting in May, 1953, of the library section of the New Jersey Junior College Association. Remedial reading programs and the role of the library was the main topic of discussion, which will be further developed at the May meeting.

Mrs. Mary L. Gray, New York state chairman, reported that a Round Table Meeting on Junior College libraries was held during the New York Library Association Meeting on October 20. The topic of discussion was "Faculty-Library Relationships." Kenneth Raymond, Librarian, New York State Institute, Farmingdale; Kathryn Parke, Librarian, New York State Institute, Cobleskill, and Ruth Kimpland, Dean of Women, New York State Institute, Canton, were the speakers. The eleven members who attended felt that the discussion was most beneficial and selected the topic "Service" for their next meeting.

SOUTHWEST REGION

State Chairmen:

Arizona: Mrs. Wilma Heisser, Ass't Librarian, Phoenix College, Phoenix.

Arkansas: Mrs. Marjorie B. Caldwell, Librarian, Little Rock Junior College.

Louisiana: Yvonne Toups, Francis T. Nichols, Junior College of Louisiana State University, Thibodaux.

Oklahoma: Mrs. T. W. Pratt, Connors State Agricultural College, Warner.

Texas: Fredonia Sikes, Kilgore College, Kilgore.

Arda E. Frans, regional chairman, reports that Mrs. Lulu K. Pratt issued a ten-page report, "Some Problems and Practices in Libraries of Junior Colleges in Oklahoma," which she compiled from a questionnaire circulated to the colleges of the state.

In each newsletter other information will be published as it is received from state and regional chairmen, so that all junior college librarians can see what their colleagues are doing.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Thursday, February 5, 10:00 A.M.

JCLS meeting during Midwinter Conference, Chicago.

Wednesday, February 4, 12:00 Noon.

Luncheon, Colonnade Room, Edgewater Beach Hotel.

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