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NEW YEAR - NEW BUSINESS

Greetings!

Your chairman salutes you and wishes for each of you a happy and progressive 1956. Our Junior College Section is meeting as part of the American Library Association conference at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. In order that we may have more help on formulating our standards, we have asked Mr. Manning M. Pattillo, Associate Secretary of the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, to speak to us on the subject: STANDARDS WITH AN ACCENT. Miss Elizabeth Neal of Compton College, our 1955-56 chairman on Junior College Standards, will be there to receive any suggestions. This important session will be held at 8:30, Wednesday evening, February 1, in the Lincoln Room. We hope you can join us.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE

The Junior College Section met in the University Museum, July 5th at 2:30. After a short business meeting conducted by our president, Miss Nellie Homes, Miss Catherine Cardew reported on the work of the Standards Committee. A discussion followed which pointed up the many problems involved in such a statement. "There is a need by many librarians for quantitative measurements. However, a realistic minimum for some libraries represents a regression for others. Such minimum statements, boldly stated and publicized, could actually hamper progress in some colleges."

Miss Cardew then moved as follows:

1. If the Standards are publicized in a monograph, they should be prefaced by a clear-cut statement of their purpose and the many types of libraries whose needs must be met.

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2. The standards should be stated in qualitative terms, and references to a bibliography, to published statistics, or to regional standards be made whenever a quantitative example might be desirable.

After further discussion the entire problem was referred back to the Standards Committee. It was further moved that if fundamental changes are to be made in the proposed standards, the revisions should be submitted to the membership for a mail vote.

NEWS FROM FAR AWAY PLACES

This year, in order to include news from the various areas, regional correspondents are being appointed to gather information pertinent to our group. Their notes follow:

Region 1, Far West: Mrs. Iva Walton Perkins (a November bride), Acting Head Librarian, El Camino College, El Camino, California.

Long Beach City, Los Angeles Valley, East Los Angeles and Fullerton Junior Colleges have plans under way for new libraries to be constructed in the next twelve months--El Camino and San Mateo report their head librarians enjoying sabbatical leaves in the Orient. Helen Rodgers from El Camino will travel homeward through Europe and so enjoy a round-the-world tour. Mrs. Walter of San Mateo, is travelling extensively in Asia and the Indonesian islands--Los Angeles Harbor, San Mateo and Santa Monica report additional staff members--Orange Coast hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Orange County Library Association with Dr. Althea Warren, guest speaker--Fullerton's assistant librarian is president of this group.

Region 2, Trans-Mississippi: Gertrude Haury, Librarian, Hutchinson Junior College, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Nellie M. Homes, librarian, Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri, has been elected president of the Missouri Library Association, 1955-56--The new Casper College building, Casper, Wyoming, was dedicated October 22, 1955. Edith M. Hegwer, librarian, reports that the library occupies the east wing of the second floor level, commanding an inspiring view over the city of Casper to the hills beyond, with almost solid glass on the north and east sides--Sister M. Juliana Mick, librarian, Ursuline College, Paola, Kansas, has completed a survey of junior college libraries in Kansas. Information gathered in the survey was used by Sister Juliana in her degree thesis completed recently in the Department of Library Science, Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois--The fifth annual Kansas Public Junior College Conference was held in Hutchinson, Kansas, on November 19, 1955. A special feature of the conference was a display in Hutchinson Junior College library of materials on "Family Financial Security Education." Copies of a bibliography of materials in FFSE at the junior college level may be had by writing to Gertrude Haury, librarian, Hutchinson Junior College.

Region 3, Mid West: Mr. Orlin C. Spicer, Director of libraries, Morton High School and Junior College, Cicero, Illinois.

Mr. Orlin C. Spicer, secretary of our section will act as official host to the Junior College librarians at Mid-Winter.

Region 4, New England

Miss Frances Meals, on sabbatical from Colby, writes that she has had a delightful trip through Europe, first by tour and then as an independent wanderer. Miss Ruth Mellin is "Acting Librarian" at Colby.

Region 5, Middle Atlantic: Ruth Scarborough, Librarian, Centenary College, Hackettstown, New Jersey.

This past summer I took a six weeks European tour which I thoroughly enjoyed and found all too short. We saw everthing we could in a short time and stayed long enough to know there is a lot more to see! Of course, this means another trip sometime in the not too far future, I hope!

Our new library building opened on September 29, 1954, and was dedicated on October 23, 1954. We have been in it now a little over a year and still find it a real joy in which to work. Our architect was Jan H. Pokorny of New York City, who did a grand job on relating our plans into our library. I worked very closely with him on the plans, and although we had many polite disagreements, some of which he won and some of which I won, we have a very lovely and functional library. It won an architectural award of merit of which we are very proud.

Region 6, Southeastern

Mrs. Katherine Brubeck of Jacksonville Junior College has completed her master's paper on The Influence on the Standards for Junior College Libraries of the Junior College Section of the Association of College and Reference Libraries of the American Library Association.

Region 7, Southwestern: Ruth Gray, Librarian, San Angelo College, San Angelo, Texas

Phoenix College Library, Phoenix, Arizona, keeps step with progress in the school by extending the interests and reading of its students. A new exhibit case, special obervances, and work from the various departments all contribute to catching the student's eye, so writes Mrs. Bernice Trevillian, librarian--San Angelo College, San Angelo, Texas is developing its new curriculum center. Various teaching aids, textbooks, workbooks, and unit materials are proving to be of great value to our future teachers, according to Miss Ruth Gray, librarian--The newest in construction, functional arrangement, central sound system, lighting, air-conditioning, and possible expansion may all be found in the new library at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, Texas. The description given by Lola Rivers Thompson, librarian, suggests that she could help us all in our future building plans.

Please try to join us in Chicago. We need your ideas and your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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