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PREFACE

This publication of two years of ALA conference proceedings represents an economy measure. It is an economy necessitated by substantial deficits in the conference budgets, to which the publication of proceedings must be charged. The proceedings are a perquisite of membership. Copies are being mailed to all institutional members, but the undersigned committee felt that distribution to individual members should be determined in this instance by request. By so doing, it seemed more than likely that substantial savings could be effected and at the same time the needs of the membership be met. Consequently it was announced in the ALA Bulletin that all members so requesting would receive copies upon publication.

Because of some uncertainty regarding the publication of these proceedings, reports of some conference meetings were not submitted. All material received, however, has been used, with a minimum of editing.

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GENERAL SESSIONS

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The first general session of the 75th Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association convened at 8:45 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, Illinois with Clarence R. Graham, president of ALA, presiding.

President Graham called to order the first general session of the 70th Annual Conference of the ALA and expressed his happiness and welcome to the large number of trustees, friends of the libraries and friends from other countries who were in attendance.

He introduced Gertrude Gscheidle, librarian of the Chicago Public Library, and chairman of the Local Committee who expressed her thanks and appreciation to the 97 librarians in Chicago and the suburban areas who served on the committees.

Miss Gscheidle introduced Joseph B. Fleming, president of the board of directors of the Chicago Public Library, who delivered the official welcome for the City of Chicago for Mayor Martin Kennelly.

President Graham then called upon the ALA Executive Secretary, John Cory, to read a communication from the President of the United States. (Copy of President Truman's letter appeared in the July-August 1951 issue of the ALA Bulletin, page 239.)

Trustees Citation

Jesse Cunningham, chairman of the Jury on Citation of Trustees presented the citation to Milton G. Farris, president of the Atlanta Public Library Board, "In recognition of his awareness of the social usefulness of the library; of its unique role as a center of informal, non-academic educational activities and of his vision of ever-widening horizons for library services and his tireless efforts to achieve their goals; of his devotion to the library cause at all levels; of his constant endeavor to improve the economic status and working conditions of the staff; and of his wisdom and sound judgment in applying to library procedures business equipment, machines and ideas which have brought greater success and efficiency; and of his outstanding contribution to the library cause at local and national levels." Charles P. Farnsley, mayor of Louisville, Ky., trustee of the Louisville Free Public Library, received his citation "In recognition of his far-reaching work in the humanizing of knowledge, both in vision and in actual budgetary allocations that vastly augmented the public library's potential for community leadership and enrichment in many fields and at all age levels; of his pioneering ideas in the use of library-owned radio, audio-visual processes, group study and other educative devices and methods, and of his deep devotion

to the professional advancement of the libraries of his city, state and region."

In Mayor Farnsley's absence Alan Lee Schneider, trustee of the Louisville Free Public Library, accepted the award in his stead.

Newly Appointed ALA Executive Secretary

President Graham introduced to the audience the newly appointed ALA Executive Secretary, David H. Clift.

Addresses

Ralph H. Ellsworth, chairman of the ALA 75th Anniversary Committee in commenting on the anniversary theme: the Heritage of the USA in Times of Crisis, stated that the five lectures to be given at the general sessions "are to be five wise interpretations of the directions of events. The first by Dr. John Wilson will attempt to tell us of the length of history; the second by Maritain, of its height; the third by Malik of its temperature; the fourth and fifth by Mead and Flanders of its dimension and toughness."

He then introduced Dr. John Wilson, professor of history, University of Chicago, who spoke on "Ancestral Voices Propheying." The text of the speech appeared in the October 1951 ALA Bulletin pages 316-23.

After announcements by John Cory, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The second general session of the ALA convened at 10:10 a.m. with Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, first vice-president, presiding. She called the meeting to order and introduced Stanley Pargellis, librarian, Newberry Library in Chicago who introduced the first speaker, Jacques Maritain who spoke on "Humanistic Sources of Religion."

Mrs. Fyan introduced Milton Lord, past ALA president and librarian of the Boston Public Library who presented Walter H. C. Laves, past deputy director general of Unesco who spoke on "Men and Nations." Charles Malik who was scheduled to speak was recalled to Lebanon for consultation with his government and was unable to deliver his message.

After a few announcements, the meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

The third general session of the ALA convened at 3:10 p.m., with Harriet Dorothea MacPherson, second vice-president, presiding.

Chairman MacPherson called the meeting to order and paid tribute to the following ALA past presidents who were present: James Wyer, Charles H. Compton, Louis Round Wilson, Milton James Ferguson, Ralph Munn, Essae Martha Culver, Charles H. Brown, Keyes D. Metcalf, Carl Vitz, Paul North Rice, Errett Weir McDairmid, Milton E. Lord and Ralph Ulveling.

John B. Kaiser made an announcement from the executive board of the New York State Library School Association and stated that 16 of the 66 presidents and 5 of the 13 secretaries of the ALA in the past 75 years have been associated in the school during the 40 years of its existence.

Nell Avery Unger, member of the ALA Executive Board, introduced Dr. Margaret Mead, the guest speaker, who spoke on "Teen-age Youth in Time of Crisis."

Essay Contest

Ralph E. Ellsworth reported on the essay contest undertaken by the 75th Anniversary Committee. A subcommittee under the chairmanship of Tommie Dora Barker with members Stephen A. McCarthy and Mary U. Rothrock, selected the final winners.

Miss Barker presented the contest winners for the best statements in 2000 words or less that illustrate the power of books to influence the lives of men and women -- young or old. In this first category, \$200 each was awarded for the two best statements from librarians who are 1951 ALA members. The first winner in this group was Elizabeth Hart, Enoch Pratt Library, Branch 19. The second prize in this group was divided between Marie C. Corrigan of the Cleveland Public Library and Margery Doud, Readers' Advisory Service, St. Louis Public Library. In addition to the cash prizes that were given, the Yale University Press gave two sets, the "Pageant of America" and "Chronicles of America." Miss Hart will have the choice of these two sets and the two other winners were to draw for the other.

The next group awarded \$100 each for the two best statements from librarians who are not ALA members now, but who join the ALA when submitting their contest statements. The two winners in this group were Edna Pearl Moody, first assistant, Hospital and Judd Fund Division, Cleveland Public Library and Mrs. Gretchen Conduite of Hernando, Miss.

The third group awarded \$100 each for the two best statements from nonlibrarians who join ALA when submitting their statements.

The two winners were E. R. Bowen, Glenview, Ill., and Mrs. Thomas A. McAvoy, Worcester, Mass.

For the best statements in 2000 words or less on the topic "What are the problems that worry the citizen enough to make him come to the library for help," the winners were Mrs. Rezia Gaunt of the Gary Public Library, Ind., and Mrs. Arlene Stocker, assistant, State Library Commission, Bismarck, N.D., who were awarded \$100 each.

Mr. Ellsworth introduced Mrs. Mildred Mathews of the New York Public Library who presented her paper entitled "The New York Public Library Explores the American Idea." Mildred Bruder presented a report of a similar nature from the city of Chicago.

Ford Foundation Grant

Announcement was made by the executive secretary, John M. Cory, of the \$150,000 grant from the Fund for Adult Education by the Ford Foundation to the ALA for a project which "will include the promotion and demonstration of adult community discussion programs on the American heritage and its contemporary application to be undertaken by means of a continuing program through the agency of public libraries."

As there was no further business, Chairman MacPherson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

The fourth general session of the ALA convened at 8:40 p.m., with Clarence Graham, ALA President, presiding. Mr. Graham called the last general session of the conference to order and introduced Mrs. Alice Brooks McGuire, member of the Awards Committee who introduced Joseph W. Lippincott.

Lippincott Award

Mr. Lippincott presented the Lippincott Award to Helen E. Haines "for distinguished service in the profession of librarianship, including outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations, notable published professional writing and other significant activities on behalf of the profession and its time."

Address

President Graham presented the treasurer R. Russell Munn who introduced the speaker for the evening, the Honorable Ralph E. Flanders, Senator from Vermont who spoke on "Business and the Happiness of People."

Letter Awards

The 1951 Letter Librarian Award was presented to Alice M. Dugas, chief librarian of the Mexico City Library in Mexico City.

The Delta Sigma Theta Bookmobile, operating in three counties in northwest Georgia as a service of the West Georgia Regional Library was selected to receive the 1951 Letter Library Award of \$100. The award was accepted by Maude L. Watkins, chairman of the Library Committee of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, New York.

Resolutions Committee

Jack Dalton, member of the committee, presented the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That the American Library Association at its 75th Anniversary Conference, express its appreciation to all who have helped to make this convention a success. In particular we wish to thank the following groups for their contribution: The chairman and members of the local committee; the city officials, citizen organizations and librarians; exhibitors, and other individuals, institutions and agencies who have contributed to the meeting.

"Our special thanks are extended to the Headquarters Staff of the American Library Association who have cheerfully assumed the numerous additional duties necessarily involved in holding the conference in their home city." The resolution was accepted by a rising vote.

Mr. Dalton introduced the new honorary members of ALA: Dr. William W. Bishop (not present), Helen Haines, Dr. Robert M. Lester and Dr. Louis Round Wilson.

Election Committee

Marion Oliver, chairman of the Election Committee presented the report of the committee stating that this year's ballots received have been the largest ever received at ALA Headquarters. There were 9296.

The results were as follows: First vice-president and president-elect, Robert B. Downs, director, University of Illinois Library and Library School of Urbana; second vice-president, Marian McFadden, librarian, Indianapolis Public Library, Ind.; treasurer, R. Russell Munn, librarian, Akron Public Library, Ohio. Members of the Executive Board for the term 1951-1955, Donald Coney, librarian, University of California Library, Berkeley; Mildred W. Sandoe, State Library Organizer, Ohio State Library, Columbus. Members of the Council for the term 1951-1955, Hoyt R. Galvin, director of libraries, Charlotte Public Library, N.C.; Anne Ethelyn Markley, assistant professor, School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley; Verner Warren Clapp, assistant librarian, Library of Congress, Wash., D.C.; Dorothy Charles, editor of the International Index of the H. W. Wilson Co. of New York; Pauline A. Seely, head of the Catalog Dept., Denver Public Library, Colo.; Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, children's librarian of Hall Branch Public Library of the Chicago Public Library. Members of the Election Committee were: Ralph Esterquest, David Maxfield and Marion Oliver, chairman.

President Graham introduced the newly elected officers and turned the office over to the new president, Mrs. Fyan, who presented her inaugural address. The general sessions of the Association adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Three meetings of the Council were held during the 1951 ALA Conference on July 9, 13 and 14. One general membership meeting was held immediately following the Council session on July 13.

FIRST SESSION

The first session of Council of the American Library Association convened at 2:45 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with President Clarence R. Graham, presiding.

President Graham called the first Council session to order and gave a word of welcome to the members and to guests from foreign countries and the U.S.

Committee on Honorary Memberships

Wayne Shirley, chairman of the committee, proposed for honorary membership in the ALA, Helen E. Haines and read the citation composed for the members of the committee by Mrs. Althea Warren.

President Graham reported that the Executive Board recommended to Council the election of Helen Haines as an honorary member of the ALA in accordance with the recommendations of the committee. The motion was made and unanimously carried.

President Graham after introducing the newly appointed executive secretary, David H. Clift, presented his report to Council which appeared in the September 1951 ALA Bulletin pages 276-77.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

William R. Roalfe, chairman of the committee presented his report to Council.

The following amendments were approved by Council.

Article VI, Section 1 (e), specifying that members of the Executive Board will also serve as voting members of the Council.

Article VI, Section 1 (f), removing members of the Executive Board from the list of people who may participate in Council discussion without the right to vote.

Article VII, Section 1 (d), which states that a majority "of voting members" shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Article VI, Section 2. "Officers. The president, president-elect, second vice-president, and executive secretary of the Association shall serve as officers of the Council. The executive secretary

shall not have the right to vote and the presiding officer may vote only in case of a tie."

Article III, Section 1. "Members. Any person, library or other institution interested in library work may become a member upon payment of the dues provided for in the Bylaws. The Executive Board may suspend a member for cause after hearing by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Board and may reinstate a member by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Executive Board."

Article VII, Section 4. "Votes by Mail. Votes by mail shall have the force of a vote, if conducted under the conditions specified in the Bylaws."

Article VI, Section 4 (a) of the Bylaws was amended to read: "Only members of this Association may be members of a division, section, round table, or discussion group."

Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2 were referred back to a conference between members of the Executive Board and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with direction to report in agreement on the suggested changes by the next meeting of Council.

Amendments Disapproved

Two amendments, first approved at the Cleveland ALA Conference in 1950, failed to receive a second and final vote of approval by the Council. These amendments were published in the May 1951 ALA Bulletin, page 170.

Article VII, Sec. 1 (a). Executive Board. The proposed amendment to this section was first presented mainly to make provision for budget preparation and adoption. The amendment was not approved since the Council looked with favor upon an alternative plan proposed by the Budget Committee. According to this plan the Budget Committee would be expanded to include the Finance Committee. Serving as a committee of the Council, this expanded committee would have over-all control of the budget. A constitutional amendment to this effect will probably be offered at the 1952 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Article VII, Sec. 1 (b). This amendment was disapproved in order to retain wording "second vice-president."

Membership Dues and Perquisites.

John H. Moriarty, chairman of the ALA Committee on Membership Dues and Perquisites, submitted his committee's report and recommendations calling for an increase in membership dues. After lengthy discussion Council voted that the report be referred to the ALA Membership Meeting on July 13 for approval.

Statement of Policy on Tenure

Ralph T. Esterquest presented the following resolution regarding the Executive Board's "Statement of Policy:"

"Resolved, That the Executive Board's May 1951 revised 'Statement of Policy' governing the tenure of professional librarians employed by the American Library Association be referred to the Board on Personnel Administration for study and for an opinion in terms of sound personnel practices; that the Board on Personnel Administration report the results of its study and its opinion and recommendations to the Council; that the Council conduct its own and separate study of possible effects on headquarters operations of the tenure statement; and that any implementation of the headquarters staff tenure policy be postponed until the Council has had an opportunity to consider both the recommendations of the Board on Personnel Administration and the results of its own study."

This resolution was officially approved by the Council.

Chairman Graham adjourned the first session of Council at 4:50 p.m.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the Council of the ALA convened at 10:10 a.m., with President Graham presiding. Chairman Graham called the meeting to order and called upon Milton E. Lord for his statement.

Invitation to National Library Groups

Milton E. Lord, a member of the Executive Board, reported on the Board's recent meeting with officers of divisions and national library associations. The Council passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this meeting that the properly constituted authorities of the American Library Association take the necessary steps to extend a welcome to all national groups to participate in the American Library Association whether as divisions or affiliated national societies, but preferably as divisions."

The motion was made and carried that the vote on the constitutional amendments which Council passed on Monday afternoon be taken by the Membership Meeting immediately following this session of Council.

Alex Ladenson gave the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. He submitted the following amendments:

Article VIII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows: "Sec. 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a

president, a president-elect, who shall serve as first vice-president, a second vice-president, an executive secretary and a treasurer. The president-elect, the second vice-president, and the treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference of the Association, the president-elect and second vice-president for a term of one year and the treasurer for a term of four years beginning with the year 1952. The executive secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and shall hold office at its pleasure."

The motion was carried to adopt this amendment.

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows: "Sec. 2. Duties of Officers. The president, president-elect, second vice-president, executive secretary, and treasurer shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board. The president-elect shall serve the first year after election as first vice-president, the second year as president, and the third year as ex-president. The president, for the Executive Board, and the executive secretary, for the headquarters staff, shall report annually to the Council. The executive secretary shall be in charge of headquarters and its personnel; he shall carry out the activities provided for in the budget and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to his office. He shall submit a monthly report to the Executive Board."

The motion was carried to adopt this amendment.

The chairman then called upon the executive secretary, John Cory, for his report to Council. Mr. Cory's report entitled "ALA is Strong" appeared in the July-August 1951 ALA Bulletin on page 248.

Library School Accreditation

President Graham then called upon Richard H. Logsdon, chairman of the Board of Education for Librarianship, who presented revised standards for the accreditation of library schools and told the Council that a manual is in preparation for the interpreting of the standards. The Council voted adoption of the standards. The tentative standards were published on pages 216-17 of the June 1951 ALA Bulletin. The revised standards, as adopted, appeared in the February 1952 ALA Bulletin on pages 48-49.

Division Discontinuance

The chair called upon Helen Harris, chairman of the Library Extension Division who presented the following for adoption by Council:

"RESOLVED: That in line with official action of each of the divisions concerned and in accordance with the Bylaws of the American Library Association, Article VI, Section 1 (d), the Library Extension Division, Trustees Division, and the old Division of Public Libraries be discontinued."

The motion was made and carried.

Committee on Intellectual Freedom

Rutherford D. Rogers, chairman of the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom presented the recommendations of the committee opposing the labeling of library materials, which was adopted unanimously by the Council. The report and the recommendations appear on pages 241-44 of the July-August 1951 ALA Bulletin.

Subscription Books Committee

Foster Palmer, chairman of the Subscription Books Committee, presented the following statement which was officially approved by the Council.

"The American Library Association recognizes the constructive intent of ordinances passed in some communities which prohibit selling directly to homes without specific invitation or request from the householder.

"The Association is deeply concerned, however, over the effects of such ordinances which deprive communities of educational benefits in the form of books, magazines, encyclopedias, and other materials for reference and study. In a democracy it is important that public opinion be informed and that a high educational level among all the people be maintained. It is unfortunate, therefore, that in attempting to correct certain evils blanket restrictions are imposed which work contrary to some of the best interests of the local community and of the country as a whole.

"The American Library Association, believing in the widest possible spread of information and education through books, calls upon librarians in communities where ordinances prohibiting direct selling to homes exist, or are contemplated, to assume responsibility and leadership in bringing to the attention of the public and of legislative bodies the serious handicaps such ordinances place on the communities they intend to help. It urges that ways be found for correcting abuses in direct selling without imposing drastic restrictions which exclude desirable educational materials from homes."

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, as chairman of the Committee on Boards and Committees presented her report. The Council voted to

establish a five-member ALA Board on the Acquisition of Library Materials, with membership to include not less than one member chosen to represent ACRL, the Division of Public Libraries and the Association of Research Libraries. The new board will have the following functions: (A) The coordination of acquisitional activities within the ALA; (B) To serve as a liaison group between the ALA and its various acquisitional activities and other groups outside the profession interested in library acquisitions (such as publishers' and booksellers' organizations); (C) To serve as a clearing house for acquisitional information (particularly cooperative enterprises) of all types of interest to libraries (but exclusive of participation in actual acquisition activities); (D) To undertake other appropriate responsibilities in the field of library acquisitions unless such responsibilities have been delegated by the Council or the Executive Board to some other group within the ALA.

Council also voted to discontinue the Special Committee on Acquisitions.

As chairman of the Committee on Committee Appointments, Mrs. Fyan reported "that at the previous Council meeting the Council voted that there should be a Council Committee on Tenure and so we are suggesting to Council as chairman of the Committee on Committee Appointments that the following three members of the Council be nominated for such a committee. Margaret W. Ayrault, the Technical Library, United States Naval Ordnance, Calif.; Robert W. Christ, Duke University, Durham, N.C.; and Dorothy Randolph of the Vermont Free Library Commission."

The report was accepted by the Council.

Quincy Mumford presented the following resolution from the Television Committee of the Audio-Visual Board:

"RESOLVED: That the American Library Association through its Council commend the U.S. Federal Communications Commission on its action in reserving 209 tentative channels for educational television stations and urge it to confirm the allocation of those and additional channels on a permanent basis."

The resolution was adopted.

The chairman then declared the Council session adjourned at 10:20 a.m., and called to order a general meeting of the membership of the Association.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

President Graham called the general membership meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. He called on Alex Ladenson for a report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Mr. Ladenson reported that ALA had passed for the second time certain amendments to the constitution implementing some of the

recommendations of the Fourth Activities Committee. The following amendments were submitted and ratified by the membership:

Article VI, Section 1 (e) of the Constitution is amended to read as follows: "(e) Members of the Executive Board."

Article VI, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution is amended to read as follows: "(f) Ex presidents of the Association and chairmen of all boards and standing committees, who may participate in discussion but shall not have the right to vote unless they have also been chosen as councilors as specified in the Bylaws."

Article VII, Section 1 (d) of the Constitution is amended to read as follows: "(d) Quorum. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board."

Article VI, Section 4 (a) of the Bylaws is amended to read as follows: "Section 4. (a) Only members of this Association may be members of a division, section, round table or discussion group."

Membership Dues and Perquisites

John H. Moriarty, chairman of the ALA Committee on Membership Dues and Perquisites moved that the committee's report and recommendations calling for an increase in membership dues be submitted to the membership by mail for a vote. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was carried. The motion was also passed to have the ballot appear in the October ALA Bulletin; with a return deadline of November 15. The proposals, if adopted, will apply to 1952 dues.

President Graham expressed thanks from the members to Mr. Moriarty and his committee for their efforts in presenting the report.

Ralph A. Ulveling presented a paper regarding book selection policies in times of crisis. The membership voted that the matter be referred to the Committee on Intellectual Freedom for report no later than the 1952 Midwinter Meeting.

Although no formal vote was taken, members expressed agreement with Marian Manley's suggestion that information be covered in the ALA Bulletin prior to the Midwinter Meeting. President Graham referred this matter to the executive secretary. The chairman then adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the Council of the ALA convened at 10:00 a.m., with President Fyan, presiding.

Foster Mohrhardt, chairman of the Committee on Geographic Organization, presented his committee's report to the Council. The report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for constitutional revision. In preparing its report the committee considered ALA relations with state and regional library associations with particular reference to Recommendations 18 to 31 and Recommendation 50 of the ALA Fourth Activities Committee. (See Final Report of the Fourth Activities Committee in the January 1949 ALA Bulletin pages 17-43). As directed by the Council, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will work on necessary changes and additions to the Constitution and Bylaws for later approval by Council and ratification by the ALA membership.

Board on International Relations

The Council adopted a resolution presented by Flora B. Ludington, chairman of the International Relations Board, urging continued support of the government's exchange of persons program, book programs and information libraries. According to the resolution the ALA "calls upon the Senate and the House of Representatives to make adequate appropriations for programs in these fields, including particularly those of the Department of State which we believe should be extended and certainly not reduced below the level of the past fiscal year."

President Fyan made the announcement that the editor of the ALA Bulletin has suggested and worked out means whereas each issue of the Bulletin carry at least a couple of pages giving news from the states and regions. It will be possible to start this in the September 1951 issue.

Mrs. Fyan then declared the 70th annual conference of the American Library Association and the 75th Anniversary Conference adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

DIVISIONS

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES

Junior College Libraries Section

The Junior College Libraries Section met for a program and business session on Tuesday evening, July 10 and for a breakfast Wednesday morning, July 11. At the evening program Donald E. Thompson, Mississippi State College Libraries, State College, Mississippi, presented a paper: "Self-Survey Methods for the Junior College Library." Mr. Thompson gave many practical suggestions for procedures for self-surveying various areas of library service with specific application to the junior college library.

At the business meeting a report was made by Maysie Pierce from the Statistics Committee of a survey of the membership regarding the collecting of junior college library statistics. The report and the discussion both indicated a lack of interest in the project and the matter of the statistical survey proposed at the Midwinter Meeting was dropped. Mary E. Kauffmann, acting chairman, presided.

Officers elected: Vice-chairman and chairman-elect, Ruth E. Scarborough, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, N.J.; secretary, Angelina Tesdell, Everett Junior College, Everett, Wash.; director, Frances L. Meals, Colby Junior College, New London, N.H.

Reference Librarians Section

The Reference Librarians Section met in the Stevens Hotel on Tuesday, July 10 with an attendance of 250.

A panel discussion, "Are Reference Courses Adequate," was led by Dr. Louis Shores, Florida State University. Members of the panel were: Winifred Ver Nooy, University of Chicago; Jack Dalton, University of Virginia; Thomas Cleveland, Orange, N.J.

The discussion brought out that more drill in scope and arrangement of specific books is required; that more attention should be given to government documents; that students need training and experience in understanding and interpreting the needs of patrons; that some knowledge of foreign languages is necessary for most reference librarians; and that the greatest unfulfilled need today is the knowledge of Russian.

In the business meeting which followed new officers were introduced. Florence Gifford reported that the Committee on New

Reference Tools hopes to have several projects completed soon.

Mr. Keller reported on a questionnaire of the Committee on the Reproduction of Bibliographical and Reference Works, urging that the reference librarians coordinate their efforts in this work and indicate their support of it to the various publishers.

Mr. Bergquist, reporting on a survey made of publishers' interest in republishing out-of-print books recommended the establishment of a New York office of ALA to encourage and coordinate reprinting of out-of-print books.

Mrs. Coor presented a tentative code for the Referral of Reference Inquiries. A motion for the appointment of a committee to expedite the plan was passed unanimously.

Mr. Kozumplik, of the Committee on Interlibrary Loans distributed the draft of a revised code for loans, requesting members to study and comment on it, in preparation for its presentation for adoption by ACRL Executive Board at the next Midwinter Meeting.

DIVISION OF CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

During the 75th Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association the Division of Cataloging and Classification held several meetings.

Program Meetings

On Tuesday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m., a program meeting, under the chairmanship of Benjamin A. Custer, considered the problem of cataloging rearranges and its solution. Rudolph K. W. Englebarts, of the University of California at Los Angeles, discussed and compared the solutions employed at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at Yale University. Elizabeth C. Borden reported on methods employed at the University of Pennsylvania. The public library field was represented in a paper covering procedures at the Brooklyn Public Library, presented by Mrs. Lela Surrey. Lucile M. Morsch discussed rearranges at the Library of Congress. A summary of solutions presented in these papers and other possible solutions were presented by Maurice F. Tauber, School of Library Service, Columbia University. These papers will appear in an early issue of the Journal of Cataloging and Classification. They were well received, and only lack of time prevented a discussion period.

Two meetings for the informal discussion of the new standard edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification were held under the chairmanship of Henrietta Howell, chairman of the division's Committee on Classification. At the first of these, on Tuesday, July 10,

8:30 a.m., Milton Ferguson, the editor of the 15th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification explained the background and development of the standard edition. He outlined the principles which were used as the basis in the preparation of the new edition, the methods employed and the aims which were constantly kept in mind in the work of revision.

Mrs. Frances Brewer, of the Detroit Public Library, discussed and evaluated the standard edition from the point of view of the public library. She pointed out that the two categories of libraries which will make the greatest use of the standard edition would be the general library, which is being organized, and the general library using the Dewey Classification at the present in any phase of the 14 preceding editions. In order to avoid the minimizing of the importance of the new edition for libraries which are being newly organized, or will be in the future, Mrs. Brewer attempted to evaluate the standard edition objectively as a book classification and to compare its value as such with both the 14th and the abridged editions. She pointed out that the reduction and contraction employed in preparing the standard edition have the great advantage of making corrections less difficult in the future. In most cases she found the annotations provided are clearly understandable and concise, although she could not fully agree with the method used in cases when a drastic change in a location of a classification had to be made for the purpose of correction. It was her belief that the index was reduced too drastically and will need expansion. She praised the modernization of terminology, the introduction to the standard edition and its physical appearance. While it is her belief that some changes and revisions will be necessary, she feels that the editors should be congratulated and thanked.

In response to a question from the floor, Mr. Ferguson explained that the Editorial Board is planning the preparation of an index which will be more satisfactory. Other questions dealt with specific parts of the classification. Pauline Seely, Denver Public Library, criticized the over-dramatic reduction in some places.

At the second session held on Wednesday morning, July 11, at 8:30 a.m., Julia Pressey, Decimal Classification Section, Library of Congress, reported on a comparison of the 14th edition with the standard edition. This comparison is being published in the Cataloging Service Bulletin by the Library of Congress. Miss Pressey also addressed herself to the problem of which numbers to use on LC printed cards. During the question period which followed Miss Pressey's talk, the audience was asked to express its wishes on this matter. A majority of those expressing a preference indicated they would like to have both numbers appear on the cards. This problem is being considered further by the Library of Congress, and a decision will be reached after returns have been received from a questionnaire being prepared by LC.

Mr. Rider of the Advisory Committee of the Dewey Classification expressed the belief that the time is here when we should face the necessity of preparing a brand new Dewey Classification. Godfrey Dewey, the son of Melvil Dewey, spoke briefly in defense of the changes made in the standard edition of the Dewey Classification.

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the division was held on Wednesday morning, July 11, at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Alice Pattee, president, presented her annual report covering the activities of the division during the year 1950-51. Included in the achievements which she mentioned was the establishing of the Board on Cataloging Policy and Research, which was authorized by the membership, during the Cleveland Conference. She also stressed the achievement in cooperation between the division and the Library of Congress, especially concerning limited cataloging, the Proposed Rules for Cataloging Motion Pictures and Film Strips and the Rules for the Descriptive Cataloging of Phonorecords. Mrs. Pattee summarized those committee reports which did not make specific recommendations involving action by the membership. These included the Committee on Subject Headings, the Committee on Administration, the Special Committee on Education for Librarianship, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Program Committee, the Committee on Public Relations, with its Subcommittee on Recruiting and Membership, and the Committee on Publications. She also stressed the cooperative activity carried on between the division and the Council of National Library Associations, the Joint Committee on Library Education, The American Standards Association and the Music Library Association.

The work of the Council of Regional Groups, under the chairmanship of Janet S. Dickson, was referred to with special attention to the variety of topics dealt with in the meetings of various groups.

The executive secretary of the division, Edwin B. Colburn, reported on the membership and the financial status of the division. At the end of the Cleveland Conference the division had a balance of \$3,064.59. At the time of the business meeting the balance on hand in the division treasury in 1951 was \$4,072.52.

Henrietta Howell, chairman of the Committee on Classification, presented the report of the committee. Chief among the activities of the committee during the year was the planning and arranging of the two meetings for the discussion of the standard edition of the Dewey Classification, as indicated above.

Evelyn Hansel presented the report of the Committee on Descriptive Cataloging. In this report the part played by the committee in

considering the proposed code for cataloging music, prepared by the Joint Committee of the Music Library Association and the D.C.C., the Library of Congress Rules for Cataloging Motion Picture and Film Strips and the Rules for the Descriptive Cataloging of Phonorecords was indicated. In addition the committee had begun work on a number of ALA rules which need revision or clarification and some new rules which are needed. The committee is also active in examining all the rules calling for subject entry or a joint or added entry to determine principles to be used in such choice. A beginning has been made on a study of the actions of the 1949-50 report of the Committee on Descriptive Cataloging which were referred by the executive board of the division to the 1950-51 committee for study and recommendation.

Maurice F. Tauber, chairman of the Board on Cataloging Policy and Research presented the first report of this board. In it he outlined the organization which has thus far taken place and reported on the meetings which had been held. Stress was laid on the effort to cooperation not only with other boards and committees of the division but also with other professional groups with similar or overlapping interests such as the Association of College and Reference Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Special Libraries Association and the American Documentation Institute. The cooperation of these groups and others has already been solicited. A beginning has been made on the study of the history and philosophy of the ALA Rules for Corporate Entries with the cooperation of the Library of Congress, which has assigned Seymour Lubetsky to prepare the preliminary study. A group of consultants had been invited to serve with the board on this problem. From the organizations invited to cooperate and also from various individuals the board has received suggestions for possible projects for study. Mr. Tauber listed these with some discussion of their relevancy to the purposes and aims of the board. Mr. Tauber also outlined the relationship which he hoped would prevail between the Board on Cataloging Policy and Research and the various committees of the division.

Pauline Seely reported on the work of the Special Committee on Personnel. The committee is making the study of the size of catalog departments in terms of actual size and in relation to the Public Service Departments and the staff of the library as a whole in proportion of professional and non-professional assistants in the catalog department and the distribution of duties by the professional and non-professional members. A return of 77-3/10 % on the questionnaire sent out by the committee have been returned, and the work of tabulating the replies has begun. Since the project was not completed, Miss Seely moved that the committee be continued in existence until it has completed its present assignment, but for a period not to exceed two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haykin and carried.

Evelyn Hensel moved that the executive board request the Library of Congress to publish the comparison of the 14th and 15th editions of the Dewey Classification prepared by Miss Pressey. This motion was seconded by Miss Ayrault and carried. As noted above, this comparison is being published in the Cataloging Service Bulletin of the Library of Congress.

Marjorie Ann Stuff, chairman of the Special Committee on the Margaret Mann Citation, presented the report of the committee, and read and presented the following citation:

"The Margaret Mann Citation in Cataloging and Classification is awarded in 1951 to Lucile M. Morsch for her work on Rules for Descriptive Cataloging in the Library of Congress which have made a significant contribution to the clarification, simplification and improvement of particular cataloging techniques in all libraries."

In the absence of all the members of the Election Committee, the executive secretary presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows: President, Hazel Dean; vice-president, David J. Haykin; chairman of the Council of Regional Groups, Alice Charlton; director-at-large, Margaret W. Ayrault; ALA Councilors, Richard S. Angell, Maria Teresa Chavez, Pauline A. Seely and Dorothy F. Siebecker.

Mrs. Pattee then turned the chair over to the new president, Hazel Dean, who adjourned the meeting.

Edwin B. Colburn, Executive Secretary

Workshop

In addition to meetings scheduled on the tentative program, the Division of Cataloging and Classification held a workshop on the New Standard Edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification, under the direction of Henrietta Howell, chairman of the Committee on Classification. Milton J. Ferguson, editor of the new edition, Mrs. Frances Brewer, Detroit Public Library, Julia Pressey, Dewey Decimal Classification Section, Library of Congress, Fremont Rider, Wesleyan University and Godfrey Dewey discussed various phases of the problem. A motion carried asking the Dewey Decimal Classification Section to include both old and new numbers, when differing, on LC cards temporarily.

Arrearages furnished the topic for discussion at the main meeting of the division, with Lucile Morsch of the Library of Congress, Rudolph K. W. Englebarts, Yale and UCLA, Elizabeth Borden, University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lela Surrey, Brooklyn Public Library and Maurice F. Tauber, Columbia University, participating.

DIVISION OF LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A program meeting and a business meeting of the division were held during the ALA 75th Anniversary Conference. In addition, the division shared responsibility for two booths in the Palmer House exhibit area. The division joined with the CLA and the AYPL in sponsoring a booth arranged and staffed by Norma Rathbun of the Milwaukee Public Library. Books featured in the early morning CLA and AYPL book discussion periods were exhibited, lists were available for sale and the books included in the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibit, "Children's Books 1945-50" were on display.

The International Relations Committee, a joint committee of the division and the AASL, had an exhibit called "Children's Books and International Relations." An extensive collection of illustrated children's books from many countries was assembled for the committee by the Stechert-Hafner Co. A catalog of the books was printed for distribution. The Children's Book Council assembled a second part of the exhibit, a collection of recent American children's books which are translations of books from other countries.

At the program meeting on July 11 in the Normandie Lounge of the Stevens Hotel, Howard Y. McClusky of the Bureau of Studies and Training in Community Adult Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, spoke on "Young People - What They Are and How They Got That Way." Mrs. Genevieve Foster, the author of children's books who is writing a special book in honor of the ALA's 75th anniversary celebration, described her plans for that book, "Birthdays of Freedom."

Business Meeting

The division business meeting was held on July 11, 1951. Mae Graham, president, presided. Julia Carter, president of the division at its first meeting in Milwaukee in 1942, was introduced.

The revisions to the division constitution, proposed by the Constitution Committee in the May issue of Top of the News, were voted on and all were adopted.

The treasurer reported a cash balance May 31, 1951 of \$2799.09.

The division president, Mae Graham, reported that the ALA Executive Board, after consultation with division presidents, has provided allotments to divisions on a one year experimental basis. By this plan, divisions will receive 60% of present dues over \$3.00. Under this plan divisions would pay expenses of their headquarters executive offices, including salaries. Divisions would receive from ALA office space and many general services. The president emphasized that although these latter services are appreciated, the

division realizes that the most important values it receives from ALA are the many benefits the division and its members receive as a result of ALA's activities on the national scene and of the long history of the constructive work done by many ALA boards and committees. Added to these values of being one of the ALA family is the opportunity for direct relationships between divisions.

The membership of the division June 30, 1951, was 2028 (division only-140; CLA-1425; AYPL-634). The new formula will return to the division an estimated \$3.07 per member or \$6750 for a membership of 2200. In order to maintain a half-time executive office \$9750 would be needed. President Graham reported that the division board voted to put a \$2000 balance from royalties into next year's operation of the office and also requested the ALA Executive Board to grant \$1000 to the division to make possible a half-time office. This request was granted. In return, the division is committed to endeavor to increase membership and in order to support a half-time executive office on a continuing basis will need to add at least 1000 members.

Membership work is carried on by the committee of the two sections, CLA and AYPL. There was some discussion of intensifying and coordinating these membership activities.

President Graham reported that the International Relations Committee Chairman, Margaret Scoggin, would visit the International Youth Library in Munich on her current European trip. A cable of greetings from the International Youth Library was read and was much appreciated. The major accomplishment of the committee this year was the initiation of the meetings which resulted in the establishment of the UNESCO CARE Children's Book Fund program.

The executive secretary reported that the division board has discharged the following committees, with appreciation: ALA Conference Publicity, Binding, Booklist, Education for Librarianship, Evaluation of Book Selection Aids, Magazine Evaluation, and Recruiting.

The Recordings Committee has been discontinued as a division committee with the suggestion that CLA consider setting up a committee in this field.

Mrs. Katherine Jeffery will continue to represent the division on the ALA Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

The future of the division was briefly discussed and CLA Chairman, Ruth Hewitt, reported that a joint committee of CLA and AYPL, under the chairmanship of Elinor Walker, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., was studying the matter and would be submitting the questions involved to a mail vote of the membership.

President Graham reported authorization of a special committee to study the internal structure of the division and to report to the division board at midwinter.

The one-half time division executive secretary for 1951-52 will be Mildred L. Batchelder.

The results of the election were as follows:

President, Virginia Chase, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.; vice-president and president-elect, Eleanor Kidder, Seattle Public Library, Wash.; ALA Councilors, Margaret Hauenstein, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio; Beatrice Schein, Newark Public Library, N.J.; Mary Peters, Cincinnati Public Library, Ohio and Sara Wheeler, Oak Park Public Library, Ill.

American Association of School Librarians

The AASL had a program meeting, a dinner meeting, a dinner for AASL state councilors and two business meetings.

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the AASL was called to order by the president, Mrs. Margaret Walraven, on Tuesday, July 10, at 3:00 p.m., in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

The officers of the association were introduced. Laura Martin, president-elect; Jean Lowrie, secretary; Mrs. June Labb Miller, treasurer; Mildred Batchelder, executive secretary; Fannie Schmitt, AASL Board; (in absentia, Beatrice Paddock, Esther Millett, Mrs. Ruth Evans Babcock).

It was stated that Robert's Rules of Order, rev. ed., would be the basis for parliamentary procedure.

The roll call by states followed, and 31 states (three with dual representation) and Canada responded. Reports emphasized progress in student library assistants clubs, elementary school libraries, and state school library supervision, and testified to the growing influence of AASL in state school library development. At the time of the report from Minnesota, special tribute was paid to Martha Wilson, author of "School Library Management" and the first president of the school librarians' association in 1915, who was present at the meeting.

Minutes were approved as distributed to the board.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance on hand - \$1888.14. It was announced that the ALA Executive Board had agreed to the request for a subsidy for AASL for the next two years (\$7000 and \$5000 respectively), and a budget would be set up on that basis.

The report of the Constitution Committee, Rheta Clark, chairman, was presented. Since copies of the proposed constitution had been distributed to all members present, it was decided that each

article should be read and the adoption moved, followed by the second, discussion, question and vote.

Reports of the vote on each article are incorporated in the official minutes of the association, but are not reproduced here, since copies of both the proposed and the adopted constitution, are available to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., to reconvene at a special adjourned session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 11. Discussion of Bylaws, Article III, continued from the previous afternoon. Action was completed on the adoption of the new AASL constitution. A request to discuss further Constitution Article VII resulted in raising a point of order, and the chair ruled that any further question concerning the constitution be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration, and for recommendation at the next meeting.

There was not time to hear the reading of the reports of the special and standing committees, but copies of them are available to any member requesting such reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Dinner Meetings

An AASL dinner was held Sunday evening, July 8, 1951, in the Red Lacquer Room of the Palmer House. The program was a buzz session on future problems and plans for AASL, including the proposed constitution and possible publications. Louise Galloway, school library supervisor from Kentucky, presided. Some interesting suggestions were offered as material for a publication. Division activities, trends and curriculum development, practical technical articles, lists of materials and periodicals, brief news items, etc.

A dinner for state councilors was held on Monday evening, July 9, at which organizational matters were discussed in some detail. Closer affiliation with educational groups, reports of the professional relations and elementary school library groups, and the Citizenship Education Project sponsored by Columbia University Teachers College, were subjects of discussion. Laura Martin, incoming president, presided.

Program Meeting

A program meeting was held on Monday, July 9, in the Stevens Hotel. Dr. Paul Witty, School of Education, Northwestern University, was the speaker, and gave a most stimulating talk on "The Roles of the Teacher and the Librarian in a Balanced Reading Program."

Jean E. Lowrie, Secretary

Association of Young People's Librarians

The open meetings of the AYPL at the Chicago Conference were planned for all librarians interested in young people and their reading interests. At the program meeting on July 10th a panel of young people with Alice C. Baum as moderator frankly discussed their reading which ranged from science fiction to Plutarch. Marguerite Daily Bazlen spoke on the "Profile of Youth" series and its significance for adults. The luncheon meeting on July 11th had Nina Brown Baker as speaker on the topic "Heroes of Freedom." Two book meetings were held with panels taking up books on the American heritage and current adult titles respectively.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held on July 12th. Mildred Ludecke, reporting for the Booklist Committee, announced that the list of 1950 books for young people, selected and annotated by this committee, had been published in the June 15th issue of The Booklist. The committee raised the question of the usefulness of such a list since The Booklist has a Young People's editor. After discussion it was decided not to abolish the committee, since the annual selective list was felt to be helpful to libraries with small budgets.

The report of the Committee on Projects was made by Alice Louise Le Fevre who stated that while the plan of in-service training for young people's librarians had not been included in the program to be undertaken with foundation support, it was hoped that these librarians might share in the American Heritage project.

Katherine Jeffrey described the formation of a state group by the Massachusetts young people's librarians and enumerated their current projects. It was recommended that this report be published for the benefit of those interested in starting similar organizations.

The meeting closed after the election of officers for the coming year.

Blanche Brauneck, Chairman

Children's Library Association

Since the development of library service to children in public libraries is now under study the association was indeed fortunate to be able to feature for its program meeting addresses by two notable librarians on "The Administration of Children's Work in

Public Libraries." There were two book discussion meetings, a tea reception given by the publishers of the Newbery-Caldecott winning books to the authors, the Newbery-Caldecott Dinner and the business meeting.

Program Meeting

The Public Library Division and the Children's Library Association jointly sponsored this meeting held on July 9, at 10:00 a.m. The topic discussed was "Effective Administration of Service to Children in Public Libraries." The speakers were Emerson Greenaway, director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore and George B. Moreland, director of public libraries, Montgomery County, Md.

Mr. Greenaway believes in a strong vigorous program of reading for children in the public library. He outlined the place of this service in the new administrative set-up at Pratt under the guidance of a co-ordinator of Work with Children. Mr. Greenaway has made it possible for children's librarians to have the same opportunity for promotion as every other member of the staff.

Mr. Montgomery noted "an unmistakable trend for children's librarians to desert the field because the opportunity for advancement and the complementary increase in salary is narrowing and shrinking from former possibilities in this field." His solution of the problem, which has now almost the proportions of a crisis is to have an administration that gives an equal opportunity for all to advance professionally into a broader field and to furnish a share of book funds and personnel proportionate to the service. He believes that such a policy on the part of administrators generally would help solve the growing and alarming crisis in work with children. The speeches were delivered before a capacity audience.

Book Meetings

There were early morning book discussions on Monday and Tuesday. These discussions were based on a recent list First Purchase Suggestions compiled by the new Advisory Committee, Elizabeth Burr, chairman. The list is a re-evaluation of books published between 1947 - 1950. Monday's panel discussed the books for younger children and was led by Mary de Silva, Tuesday's panel led by Norma Rathbun discussed those for older boys and girls.

Publishers' Luncheon

Scribner's and Aladdin, publishers of the Newbery-Caldecott award books gave a tea reception honoring the two winners on Wednesday evening at Carson-Pirie's Book department.

Newbery-Caldecott Banquet

The Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House was the setting for this occasion on the evening of Tuesday, July 10. 1200 people were in attendance. After the dinner the official presentation of the Caldecott award was made to Katherine Milhous for her book The Egg Tree (Scribner) and to Elizabeth Yates for Amos Fortune, Free Man (Aladdin). Katherine Milhous in her acceptance speech delighted the audience with the story of her writing of The Egg Tree and her subsequent efforts to discover whether or not the Easter Egg Tree was a truly traditional Pennsylvania Dutch custom. Elizabeth Yates in an inspiring speech, magnificently delivered, told her audience that writing had been her goal ever since she could remember and recounted the steps that led to the writing of Amos Fortune. Both of these addresses are published in the July-August Hornbook. A fine Chicago chorus added much to the program by presenting a group of spirituals sung from the balcony. In closing the program Miss Hewitt, chairman, presented Frederic Melcher who paid tribute to children's books and reading in relation to the whole issue of American heritage. By popular demand, Mr. Melcher closed the program by reading A. A. Milne's "King's Breakfast" to the delight of the guests.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held on Friday, July 13, with Ruth E. Hewitt, chairman, presiding. The report of the treasurer, Ruth L. Adams, was read and accepted. The reports of the standing committees were accepted as read and are summarized below.

Newbery-Caldecott Committee, Mrs. Marian Herr, chairman. Three new features were added to the traditional functioning of this committee. An opportunity was given at Midwinter Meeting for members to meet and discuss the awards. Members were urged to consult a local art authority for the Caldecott award. Through the Publicity Committee award announcements were sent out to representative people.

Book Evaluation Committee, Elizabeth Jones, chairman. The annual list of "Distinguished Children's Books of 1950" was published in Top of the News, ALA Bulletin and The Booklist. Worth

Their Keep, the list of 1940 - 1945 books re-evaluated by this committee and the above lists are now available from Sturgis. The committee recommends that a number of children's departments throughout the country be asked to submit to the committee their choices for the Distinguished Books list.

International Committee, Nora Beust, chairman. Members of this committee are now engaged in selecting five "best loved" books from each country. When these are assembled they will be exhibited at the 1952 conference and dealers will be asked to stock.

Publicity Committee, Mary Peters, chairman. Continued promotion of the recruiting pamphlet A Future in Their Faces received special emphasis from the committee. The membership was urged to contact guidance and placement councils of universities and colleges as well as Directory of Approved Agencies for further distribution of this pamphlet.

Membership Committee, Virginia Haviland, chairman. It was recommended that the campaign for new members begin in the fall since such a campaign is a time consuming operation. Also that efforts be made in regional and state meetings to contact general workers in libraries who have some children's work responsibility.

Book Liaison Committee (formerly Book Production), Edith Patterson Meyers, chairman. In addition to mimeographing and mailing to publishers the report of the 1949 committee this committee undertook an ambitious binding investigation. Librarians were invited to name specific titles that had failed to stand up under the stress of circulation. From the replies a study was made and the results mailed to each publisher concerned.

Status Committee (new), Miriam Wessels, chairman. This committee is making a study of "Children's Work in Public Libraries" which will be used in making recommendations that will supplement the Public Library Inquiry. A questionnaire covering all phases of the work will be mailed to children's librarians and administrators. The findings will be used as a basis for the study. It suggests that this study plan be presented to Lowell Martin with the request that a complete and final study be included in the projects that ALA is preparing for consideration of the Ford Foundation.

Children's Work Advisory Committee (new), Elizabeth Burr, chairman. Immediate project was to produce a First Purchase Suggestion buying list of books published between 1947-50. This list was the basis of two book discussion meetings at this conference. Other problems relating to library service to children will be studied by this committee with the idea of publishing the findings in the form of a handbook for workers with children.

Following the committee reports, Miss Hewitt led further discussion on the future status of CLA. It was the consensus of opinion that before any decision was made that there be a thorough study

and discussion of this matter at an annual meeting followed by a mail vote of the membership. It was further recommended that the chairmen of the YP and CLA membership committees make a special effort to contact potential members at state and regional meetings. Miss Hewitt reported that the present division organization is operating very effectively and the Top of the News will continue under the division. She expressed confidence that the present arrangement could continue as long as membership wished.

A congratulatory wire was sent to Anne Carroll Moore on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

In recognition of the work of Laura Ingalls Wilder a special committee reported on a letter written Mrs. Wilder giving her honorary membership in CLA. A letter of appreciation from Mrs. Wilder was read.

The secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee for 1951-52 officers, which was accepted. A unanimous ballot was cast.

Ruth E. Hewitt, Chairman

LIBRARY EXTENSION DIVISION

Formal action to request section status in the Public Libraries Division was taken at the last business meeting held on July 11 of the old Library Extension Division. The members of the old Executive Board were empowered to act until final merger with the Public Libraries Division is completed and until the next election of officers of the Section. Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, Washington State Library, was elected director to represent the section on the Public Libraries Division Executive Board.

Executive Board Recommendations on Committee reports:

The following recommendations of the Library Extension Division's Executive Board were presented and approved by the membership for presentation to the Executive Board of the Public Libraries Division.

1. That the committees on State and National Planning, Training and Standards be continued as committees of the new Public Libraries Division with these further suggestions regarding each:
 - a. State and National Planning: That the committee be continued as a division committee with representation from the various sections and that the reports and information compiled by the Library Extension Division Committee be incorporated in that committee's planning and activity.

That the Public Libraries Division give serious consideration to the publication of the report entitled Planning Pointers for Public Libraries.

- b. That the Committee on Training, originally setup to study the problem of training on the in-service, pre-service and library school levels attendant upon the anticipated need for workers in the federal demonstration program, be continued, and that consideration be given to a study of ways and means of providing training for workers in state extension programs through institutes, workshops and in library schools in the event of passage of the federal bill and the subsequent demand for workers in the extension field.
- c. Standards Committee: Since the Standards Committee which was originally set up to suggest standards for federal and state demonstrations, has found need for a revision and restatement of the Post-War Standards for Public Libraries, that the committee membership as a Public Libraries Division committee be increased and include representation from the various sections and that the reports and experience of the committee to date be transferred to the division committee.

It is further suggested that the membership of the new committee would find it helpful if the old committee were represented in the enlarged committee membership.

2. The following recommendations of the Executive Board to the new section were presented and discussed but not brought to a vote:
 - a. That the Bookmobile Committee which has already prepared and had published the report on Standards for Bookmobiles, be continued as a section committee and be asked to revise the report. The necessity for the revision was a recommendation of the committee itself.
 - b. That a new Bookmobile Service Standards Committee be set up as a section committee to be concerned with standards of Bookmobile Service and consist of representatives from large metropolitan libraries as well as from county and regional libraries serving rural areas.
 - c. That the section membership records be maintained at the ALA Headquarters with the understanding that the section shall pay its pro rata share of the costs. This recommendation was made to enable the membership chairman to concentrate on membership promotion rather than record keeping.

It was further recommended that the section recommend to the Division Membership Committee that it urge drives for membership in all ALA divisions and sections be cleared through the state membership chairmen and that material regarding the function of the various divisions and

sections be made available through state chairmen for the information of prospective members.

Miss Ridgway discussed in detail the mechanics and possible costs involved in keeping membership lists by section and by state at ALA Headquarters. Miss Ridgway also recommended that the September issue of Public Libraries be taken care of on a stop-gap basis until membership lists for 1951 are coded.

Miss Parks, treasurer and membership chairman reported the need for a section membership list and moved that the section officers be empowered to work with the division officers to work out the most efficient method of membership record keeping. The motion was seconded and approved.

Anne Farrington, Acting Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION (OLD)

Adult Education Section

The meeting in the Normandie Lounge, Stevens Hotel on July 11 at 9:30 a.m., with 250 present was opened by the chairman, Mariam Putnam. It was agreed that the Adult Education Section should continue for a year with the present officers and that the relationship with the division will be determined later.

A symposium was held, with Marie Hurley presiding. Mrs. Leona Durkees described a staff workshop at New York Public Library in which participants read, discussed, tested, annotated and used over 300 readable books not noted on existing lists.

Evelyn Levy discussed a workshop on book materials initiated and conducted by the staff association of the Boston Public Library. The emphasis was on the use of materials with readers and work was done on book evaluation, book lists, book talks, books for young people, and the use of pamphlets and periodicals.

Ruth Rutzen described the use of reader interest classification systems in Detroit Public Library branches. The plan arranges books in terms of use and interest by potential readers rather than by organization based on subject matter as under the Dewey system.

Janet Stevens described a staff institute on human relations held for the total staff of Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, and concerned with staff for reader relations and with personal adjustment for staff members.

The group was split into buzz sessions by Mrs. Florence Craig and each small group asked a question. The questions drew out

details of the organization of the programs described and possible applications to smaller library situations.

A luncheon was held in the Wedgwood Room of Marshall Field and Company on Friday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m., with 200 present.

Beatrice Lorraine who presided introduced Dr. John A. Lapp, chairman of the Citizens Schools Committee of Chicago, who spoke on the topic "Citizen Apathy, Curable or Incurable?" and emphasized the fact that since the spread of knowledge is the cure for apathy, libraries by persistent effort in their adult education work may achieve positive social improvement.

A meeting was held in the Upper Tower Room of the Stevens Hotel at 2:30 p.m., with 250 present.

Miriam Putnam who presided introduced Miss Butcher who reported on the first meeting of the Adult Education Association of the United States, and urged librarians to become members.

Mrs. Mildred V. D. Matthews spoke on the organization and administration of book discussion groups in the New York Public Library with emphasis on the selection of topics and techniques to suit the groups participating, and on the training and supervision of leaders.

Mrs. Florence Craig of Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, described the use of the book review as a technique for discussion, with emphasis on the training of lay book reviewers, and of adaptation of techniques to the background and interest of the groups participating.

Ruth Warncke, Acting Secretary

Armed Forces Libraries Section

Business Meeting

The meeting of the Armed Forces Libraries Section of the Public Libraries Division, was held July 10, 1951 with approximately 75 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dorothy Deininger.

Under the existing Constitution, lots were drawn previous to the meeting to determine the length of terms for directors elected last year, with the following results reported: Mary Carter, Army - 3 years; Elizabeth Fuller, Air Force - 2 years; Iona Nelson, Navy - 1 year.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution calling for one additional director to be selected, Alice Hoskinson, Navy, was selected by unanimous vote for a 3-year term.

The letter of petition to the Public Libraries Division for section status within that division under the new organization was read by the secretary and approved as submitted.

The slate of officers for the ensuing year was presented and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Dorothy Fayne, vice-president and president-elect, Agnes Crawford, secretary, Mrs. Ruth Sheahan Howard; treasurer, Helen Burgess.

There being no further business until the second meeting of the section on July 2, the meeting was adjourned by the president at 1700 hours.

Ruth Sheahan Howard, Secretary

Business and Technology Section

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held on Friday, July 13, at the Stevens Hotel, Jessie Cross, chairman, presided at this meeting. Present were: Marion M. King, Adelaide Wikle, H. W. Wilson, Maud Payne, Frances J. Carter, Helen Snyder, Harold J. Sander, Harold F. Brigham, Edward H. Fenner, E. C. Skarshang, Morris Schrero, J. Elias Jones, Alice Leviton, Bernard Schwab, Marion Oliver, Eugenia Hamay, Marian Manley and Helen A. Ridgway.

Mr. Cross stated that the main purpose of this meeting was to decide whether the section would continue or not. He gave a brief history of the section and the organization of the new Public Libraries Division. He stated that many people need the help offered by this section and that there is a general feeling that the section should go on. He mentioned that the section was not active during the past year and did not indicate preference of affiliation with the new division. Section membership has grown to 245 members -- last year's figures. Mr. Brigham stated that the board knew so little about what constitutes a section or committee that it would be a great help to the board to consider suggestions in this regard. The chairman asked for suggestions.

Miss Manley, Newark Business Library, pointed out that there are three groups touching upon this problem - the SLA business group, this section and the Committee on Business Relations. The SLA provides an opportunity for people exchanging opinions, while this group seems practically non-essential. Since it is important to so many people, she wondered if it would not be better for the group to become a committee carrying on program activities, etc.

Mr. Jones, Cleveland Public Library, mentioned that in Cleveland they had an active group of SLA which does serve the needs

admirably of the members. Some of the public librarians do not think that their interests receive enough attention in this group. Perhaps it would be defeating the purpose of the merger of the divisions and since the division is searching for a proper definition of a section and perhaps the membership in the section does not merit or justify the expense of establishing it as a section. If group interests were expanded to include reference and other members it might justify section status. It seemed to him that there is something lost when a section reverts to a committee. Mr. Jones also would like very much to see the group continue actively either independently or as a part of the larger group.

The chairman gave further points for the need of this group and the fact that a section would be a more definable group.

Mr. Brigham commented on the possibility of bringing in children and young people's and reference librarians into the division as sections; discussed the board's problems in relation to committees and sections. It has been suggested that the sections of the old divisions stay in the group retaining their officers and continue as committees under their old constitutions and function as they cared to until the Executive Board could clear up its problems.

Hazel Kiner, Springfield, Ohio, stated that there is a real need within the Public Libraries Division for the development of specialized fields as well as reference fields. Mr. Cross mentioned during the following discussion that the section should lean closer to helping the smaller libraries. Mr. Brigham said that within the ALA we do not have a strong group representing public library reference interests. Miss Manley stated that smaller libraries are being called on more and more for reference contacts. Mr. Cross brought up Paul Howard's letter stating that he thought there was a need for such a group.

Mildred Peterson stated that reference work will be the main public library function since recreational reading is falling off and there will be a need for a group of this sort. She suggested that the group stay in this form until they can decide in what form the group should continue. While SLA is a fine group, she thought there should be some group in ALA.

There was general agreement that there was a need for a group representing business and technology and reference interests within the ALA so that public library individuals needing these services and help may obtain them.

Harold Sander suggests the group continue as a committee or group until Midwinter. Mr. Cross mentioned that if we provide this medium for help we keep people from joining the ACRL or SLA. Mr. Jones stressed the difference between SLA and the ALA approach on the same subjects. The SLA is primarily centered in large cities - the smaller the library the less effective is SLA.

Bernard Schwab, Washington, D.C. Public Library, wondered if there were any reason why this group could not reform; why it could not join a reference section. H. W. Wilson mentioned the fact that there were so few representatives of the section present due to lack of advertising and offered a page in Industrial Arts for advertising next year's meeting so that there will be more present. Mr. Cross stated that the group should become more active this next year or else their field would have to be broadened so that the group could be accepted. Miss Manley stated she would like to see more general public library program meetings and less meetings at conferences. More discussion followed as to broadening this group to include reference group and whether if we have a reference section the identity of the business and technology group would be lost.

Miss Manley moved that the chairman appoint a committee to work out the plan in accordance with the consensus of the group here and with the new board so that at Midwinter plans can be made. Mr. Brigham suggested that officers could act in this capacity and work with the board on the business of section status. Mr. Jones asked Miss Manley to modify her motion to ask officers to serve in this capacity. Miss Manley agreed. Mr. Brigham mentioned that each section officer and a representative are asked to be present at the PLD Board meeting July 14. Motion was revised by Miss Manley: That the present officers of this section continue as members of a committee to formulate a policy for the future based on this discussion emphasizing the broader aspects of reference work and cooperate with the executive board. The motion was then made simply to continue the group. Motion was carried and discussion followed.

Edward H. Fenner moved that officers of the group be empowered to study the question of broadening the scope of interest of this group and a report be made by the Midwinter Meeting. Miss Manley seconded the motion. Some discussion followed; the motion was carried.

Mr. Cross reported that there was \$122 in the treasury to date.

Maud Payne gave the Nominating Committee report. The committee has asked the officers of the past year to serve for 1951-52 and they consented to serve again. Mr. Fenner moved that the report be accepted. It was seconded.

Mr. Cross asked for suggestions for committee chairmen and members. Mr. Brigham asked for another representative from this group to be present at the July 14 board meeting. Marion M. King was voted as this representative.

H. W. Wilson stated that if this group would like a page in the Industrial Arts Index to publicize their activities, he would make it available.

Mr. Cross then gave a report on the progress of indexing; the interest of the business group of SLA in indexing. He read the

the report of their St. Paul meeting regarding the index and the cooperation of the business and technology section in their project. Miss Manley stated that between Industrial Arts and PAIS she believed that the field was adequately supplied. Much discussion followed on this subject. Mr. Wilson discussed the thought that Industrial Arts might be split into two indexes and stated that it was voted upon by subscribers and a great majority wanted to continue it as is. Method of adding a magazine to the index was discussed. There might be a slight increase in the cost of splitting the index into two volumes. Smaller libraries might then be interested in buying the business volume because of the lower cost. Mr. Cross asked how many would favor splitting of Industrial Arts with a view to expanding each part. Five - Chicago, D.C., Wichita, Carnegie of Pittsburgh and Cleveland - voted in favor of this. Mr. Cross then asked how many would favor a simple split without expansion. No one voted in this favor. Mr. Cross asked how many would favor more periodicals being included in the volume as is. Seven voted in favor of this. Miss Payne moved that a special committee be appointed to work with SLA for a study of some means of broadening the Industrial Arts index. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and passed. It was decided not to attempt to meet the July 27 deadline.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. (E.C.S.)

Library Architecture Committee

The Library Architecture Committee held its meeting on July 10 at 3:00 p.m. There were about 200 present.

There was a presentation of plans, with comments by librarians and illustrated with colored slides, of the following libraries: Rossford (Ohio) Public Library, Mrs. Marcia Caswall; Lancaster Branch, Los Angeles County Public Library, John Henderson; Atlanta (Ga.) Public Library, John Settlemayer.

There were questions from the floor.

The second meeting of the committee was held on July 13 at 2:00 p.m., at which there were about 100 present. A talk was given by Joseph L. Wheeler on "Library buildings of 1951."

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION (NEW)

The new Public Libraries Division held four meetings at the 75th Anniversary Conference of the ALA: A program meeting, a business meeting and two meetings of the new board of directors.

At the program meeting a talk on the stimulation of good reading entitled, "To the Lighthouse Keeper" was given by Raymond H.

Wittcoff, vice-president, Caradine Hat Co. and president of the Adult Education Council of Greater St. Louis.

The business meeting was devoted to the final details of the merger and the organization of the new division.

The first meeting of the new board of directors was a joint meeting with the temporary board, consisting of the officers of the three merging divisions, which has now completed its task of guiding both the old and the new divisions through the period of reorganization between the 1950 and 1951 conferences.

Highlights at the meetings of the board of directors of the new Public Libraries Division were the announcement of the officers and councilors elected, the authorization of sections and committees and provision for working out a satisfactory budget for the coming fiscal year under the new experimental relationship between the divisions and ALA.

The new officers are: Harold F. Brigham, president; Ruth Rutzen, vice-president and president-elect; Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, treasurer. Helen A. Ridgway was appointed acting executive secretary until her resignation from ALA on September 15. ALA councilors elected to replace the five councilors of the merging divisions, whose terms expired in 1951 are: Maryan E. Reynolds, Frances M. O'Halloran, Mildred Stewart, Mrs. Helen T. Steinbarger and Roberta Bowler. By previous agreement all other councilors of the merging divisions will serve out their terms as councilors of the new division.

By second vote of the ALA Council on July 13 the old Division of Public Libraries, and the Library Extension and Trustees Divisions were discontinued. On July 14, by action of the board of directors, a Library Extension Section, a Trustees Section and an Armed Forces Librarians Section were authorized within the new Public Libraries Division. Special committees were authorized, consisting of the present officers of the old Adult Education, Branch Libraries, Business and Technology and Order and Book Selection Sections to work with the board of directors in determining the future status of these groups within the new division. The board also authorized the appointment of a special committee to explore the availability of a division executive secretary.

Standing committees authorized by the board are: Archives, Auditing, Editorial, Elections, Library Architecture, Nominating, Membership, Planning, Standards and Statistics. Authorization of other committees was deferred until the Midwinter Meeting.

The board of directors authorized the officers to serve as an executive committee between board meetings and approved funds for an officers' meeting at ALA Headquarters in August.

TRUSTEES DIVISION

The ALA Trustees Division held two meetings on July 8, 1951, at 4:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

The afternoon session with an attendance of approximately 20, was concerned with the discussion of three special activities of interest to trustees: (1) Evaluation of issues raised at the Trustees Workshop on July 7. Although this was the first time the trustees had participated in a workshop type of meeting, and some minor changes were suggested, it was voted a very successful workshop, and its continuance in connection with the ALA New York Conference was recommended; (2) The status of the ALA Trustees Section in the new Public Libraries Division; (3) The proposed Home Study Course, entitled "The Effective Library Board-Member," which is being planned by the University of Chicago sponsored jointly with the American Library Association. This will provide a correspondence course designed to help library board members carry out their responsibilities more effectively, and will be suitable for use by an individual trustee, or as a basis for group discussion activity of an entire board. It will be available early in 1952.

The evening session, with an attendance of 31, was the formal business meeting of the Trustees Division, and was largely concerned with routine business. E.J.A. Fahey, outgoing chairman, reported and spoke of the past 19 months in which he had held office as a memorable period, and one of significant transition. The old Trustees Division will become a section of the new Public Libraries Division at the end of this conference, after the final vote of council, when the new section will be created by action of the new Public Libraries Division board on July 14. There will be no interruption of the program and the activities of the trustees will continue as heretofore.

Mr. Fahey emphasized the importance of this 75th anniversary year, and urged that all trustees efforts be pointed toward planning for the future in this time of crisis in our history, and spoke especially of the contribution which trustees can make in their own communities.

Thomas H. McKaig, new chairman of the Trustees Division, took office at this time. Plans for the New York trustee meetings were outlined, and the new officers were requested to invite all trustees within a 100 mile radius of New York City to attend all trustee meetings next year well in advance of the conference.

The idea of a comprehensive handbook for trustees was discussed. The group felt that there was a great need for a manual or handbook, patterned after the handbooks of such states as Indiana, Michigan and New Jersey, but written at the national level, which would include comprehensive information and procedures for trustees in simple, concrete form, a sort of textbook for trustees.

Mr. McKaig appointed the following committee: B. F. Coen, Fort Collins, Colo.; Judge Ora L. Wildermuth, Gary, Ind.; Mrs. G. H. Winser, Summit, N.J., and John M. Bennett, Toronto, Can., who will work with him in preparing an outline of this proposed handbook for presentation at the New York trustees meeting.

The election of the following officers was announced: Chairman, Thomas H. McKaig (2-year term, 1951-53); first vice-chairman, Mrs. Robert S. John (1-year term, 1951-52); second vice-chairman, Frank N. Walker (1-year term, 1951-52); representative on new Public Libraries Division board, Edward J. A. Fahey (term to be chosen by lot); directors (2-year term), Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, Herman W. Liebert, Mrs. Paul Reed, Mrs. George A. Rozier. The following officers hold over: Executive secretary, Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman; treasurer, Mary J. Creech; directors, James C. Howe, Dan Levy, George Martin, Mrs. J. U. Reaves.

Dorothy T. Hagerman, Executive Secretary

Trustees Workshop

One of the most important meetings for trustees was the Library Trustees Workshop planned by the University College of the University of Chicago and co-sponsored by the Trustees Division of the American Library Association. This was an all day session, which combined both talks and discussion on the relation of the library board members to three library problems: Censorship, Finance, Personnel. E.J.A. Fahey, president of the Trustees Section, ALA, presided at the morning meeting, with J.J. Donovan, associate director, Civil Service Assembly as the principal speaker, his subject "Problems of Personnel." Attendance was approximately 68.

He stressed two major premises: First, the library should be an important part of all community life and activity, and should be shared by the entire community, and allied with this the library has an obligation to carry on as a competent, efficient and well-managed institution; second, personnel means people, thus in developing personnel procedures each person must be thought of and treated as an individual. Emphasis was placed on the importance of the selection of a good administrator, which is the direct responsibility of the trustees, who should make this choice most carefully. After this appointment is made the administrator must choose a good and well-organized staff.

Other important considerations are the compensation and pay of employees, their conditions and hours of work, and well defined policies and procedures, which the staff can clearly understand and interpret. A good personnel program can be worked out either with or without civil service. The trustees must share with the adminis-

trator, or director, of a library a responsibility for promoting good community relationships.

At the afternoon meeting Thomas H. McHaig, president-elect of the ALA Trustees Section, presided and "Problems of Finance" were discussed by Lynn Stiles, economist, Illinois Department of Finance. Many phases of library finance were considered, such as direct yearly appropriations vs. millage appropriations; how can government keep abreast of cost inflation; what is the fairest way to improve salaries with present dollar devaluation; municipal financial problems due to archaic assessment procedures; state grants-in-aid; and the proposed federal grants in the current Library Service Bill.

Dr. Leon Carnovsky, professor, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, spoke on "Problems of Censorship." He defended our constitutional rights to see, hear, read and think as we wish to do individually, and emphasized the point that whenever there is censorship our personal freedom is restricted. Attention was called to the Library Bill of Rights, which was adopted by the Council of ALA in 1948, and it was urged that every library adopt this as a basic manifest and stand firmly on a policy of a balanced collection of books, and recognize the right of every individual to freedom which is the tradition and heritage of Americans.

Dorothy T. Hagerman, Executive Secretary

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND ROUND TABLES

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD

The Adult Education Board met at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12. Dr. Walter Stone, chairman of the sub-committee on research in library adult education reported on his committee's work. They have collected from library schools 35 annotations (with several more to be added) on graduate papers concerned with adult education, written since 1945. The board agreed that the material should be published, and requested the committee to put it in publishable form.

Margaret Mary Kinney submitted a report on book appraisal in the fields of psychology and mental health which indicated that reviews by competent specialists in the field are not easily available to librarians. The board requested the committee to prepare the report for publication, and planned to discuss with the editors of reviewing journals the possibility of using reviewers trained to the subject.

The board drew up a budget for the coming year. Meetings were planned for Chicago in September and at the Midwinter Meeting. Mrs. Florence Craig was elected chairman of the board to replace Sigrid Edge whose term has expired, and was selected as the board's delegate to the meeting of the Adult Education Association of the U.S. in Los Angeles in October.

On Thursday, July 12, the board met with Mr. Cory, who outlined the details of the American Heritage project. He reported that the director of the project, to be selected by ALA will serve as executive secretary for the Adult Education Board, but will be able to give a minimum of time to concerns of the board outside the project. The board will be represented on the project committee along with the Audio-visual board, the 75th Anniversary Committee, and others.

At a closing session on Thursday, July 12, Mrs. Craig reported on the questionnaire she had sent to over 800 members of the Adult Education Section in May, asking for descriptions of significant library adult education programs. Sixty replies have been received, reporting a variety of significant activities. Mrs. Craig was asked to continue with the project, with the ultimate goal of securing publication for these reports in library journals.

Before adjournment, the board agreed to focus all its attention on the American Heritage project, and to consider no new projects at this time.

Ruth Warncke, Acting Secretary

EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP, BOARD OF

Three scheduled sessions and two special sessions of the Board of Education for Librarianship were devoted to the final revision of Standards for Accreditation and to further work on standards for the training of school library personnel in cooperation with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. The Standards for Accreditation were presented to the ALA Council, July 13, by Richard H. Logsdon, chairman of the board, and were unanimously adopted by the Council.

Anita M. Hostetter, Secretary

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

This year the Friends of Libraries Luncheon was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chicago Public Library which held its annual authors' luncheon during conference week as a demonstration of one kind of local Friends activity. The luncheon honored the memory of John T. McCutcheon, famous Chicago cartoonist. Tributes to Mr. McCutcheon were given by Frederic Babcock, Van Allen Bradley, Fanny Butcher, Emmett Dedmon, Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Herb Graffis and Franklin J. Meine.

Among the 500 attending the luncheon were authors, book reviewers, librarians, trustees, leading citizens and friends -- also guests from nine foreign countries: Australia, Austria, Bavaria, Finland, France, Germany, India, Norway and Sweden. Leo R. Etzkorn, chairman of the ALA Friends of Libraries Committee, presided at the luncheon and Ralph G. Newman, president of the Friends of the Chicago Public Library, was master of ceremonies. The program chairman was Mrs. Arnold Alexander.

At the luncheon Mr. Etzkorn announced the recent publication of the fourth edition of Friends of the Library Groups, a handbook for citizens wishing to organize or to improve Friends groups serving public libraries. This 121-page planographed handbook is published by the American Library Association and costs \$1.50.

INTERCULTURAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The meeting was held in the Palmer House on Thursday, July 12, with an attendance of 300, Jasmine Britton, presiding.

A panel discussion on "Cooperation in the Preparation of Annotated Lists of Books in Foreign Languages" was led by Margaret Hickman of Los Angeles. Other participants were: Emily Netter, San Antonio, Tex.; Edna Phillips, Norward, Mass.; Ruth Rutzen, Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Minnie Monti, Cleveland, Ohio.

The discussion brought out the need for such cooperative lists, since careful reading of foreign language books is necessary to screen undesirable propaganda and since the available language specialists in any one library could not possibly cover all the needed languages. Sample lists compiled and sent to various co-operating libraries have proved useful, though lack of funds makes it impossible to provide widespread distribution.

It was announced that a list of reputable dealers in foreign countries was available in limited numbers for members of the audience who were interested. Some librarians advised use of available dealers in the U.S.

A motion was passed recommending that the committee request the ALA to reproduce and distribute such cooperative lists as the committee might prepare.

Mrs. Betty Day described a folder for new Americans used by the Newark Public Library in its work with the foreign born.

Jade Snow Wong, author of Fifth Chinese Daughter, featured speaker of the meeting, gave an interesting and entertaining talk. She described the way in which she came to write her book, told something of the problems facing the second generation of a foreign group in the U.S. which must attempt to find its own degree of acceptance of both the old and the new cultures, and paid tribute to the librarians and the school teachers who aided her in discovering the values inherent in both cultures and realizing the potentials in maintaining her position within the two groups.

LIBRARY SERVICE ABROAD ROUND TABLE

The Library Service Abroad Round Table held two discussion meetings on Sunday, July 8 at 2:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m., in the Palmer House, Private Dining Room 18. Mrs. Helen E. Wessells, editor of Library Journal and chairman of the Round Table, presided and introduced Flora B. Ludington, librarian, Mount Holyoke College, and member of the ALA International Relations Board whose talk "Assets and Liabilities of Library Service Abroad" led off a discussion of opportunities for library service abroad, qualifications essential for librarians going abroad, and ways of recruiting the right personnel.

At the evening meeting Mrs. Wessells again presided. The first half of the meeting was devoted to a business meeting at which next year's officers were elected. They are: Chairman, Irving Lieberman, executive assistant, Brooklyn Public Library; vice-chairman, Violet Meyer, branch librarian, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.; treasurer, Thomas Cleveland, Free Public Library, Orange, N.J., secretary, Marino Ruffier, assistant superintendent Central Service, Brooklyn Public Library. The business meeting was followed by a talk by Wayne Hartwell, recently

returned from India where he was librarian and information officer with the U.S. Information Service. He talked on the frustrations and satisfactions experienced by the American librarian working abroad, the qualifications necessary for successful work abroad, and the impact of America on a country like India. This talk was followed by a general discussion on the responsibilities of American libraries, library schools, librarians and governmental agencies in supplying the best possible personnel for this important phase of library service.

Marie V. Hurley, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was held on July 15 in the Palmer House. Members present were: Muriel Perry, chairman, Edwin Castagna, Nancy Day, Mrs. Mary Douglas, and Harriet Forbes. Mrs. Loleta Fyan, president of ALA, Harold Roth, columnist of the New York Times, Len Arnold, public relations adviser to ALA and Beth Goodwillie of the Headquarters office were also present.

Mrs. Fyan said that she was interested in learning about the committee's projects. A brief description of what the present committee had tried to accomplish the past year was outlined for her. She suggested that possibly the committee could sponsor a public relations institute at the New York Conference next year.

The fact that terms of many committee members expire this year was mentioned, and Mrs. Fyan reminded the committee that members remain active until replacements are officially made.

Mr. Roth told the committee that he was interested in doing for libraries what Dr. Fine is doing for education. He had with him a few clippings of articles on libraries that he had done for his paper. So far, he said, everything that is being done has been done before. He needs fresh, timely material that will stress the position of libraries as a whole in our educational system. Newspapers generally have not gone out for libraries, but his editor has.

It was suggested that he ask the state librarians to send him material. He replied that he had and in those instances when he received material, it was too old to use.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Roth is to send a letter to the chairman stating specifically the kind of material he needs and the time element involved, also enclosing sample clippings which can be photostated. The chairman is to have this letter mimeographed and write a letter of transmittal to state librarians, public relations committees of state library associations, presidents of state associations, and editors of ALA division journals, as well as to individuals whose positions may give them access to newsworthy material.

Mr. Castagna spoke of the profession's indebtedness to Mr. Roth and the New York Times and suggested that a statement of the committee's appreciation be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Miss Forbes read the report of the New York Area Sub-Committee of which Ruth Ferguson is chairman. Miss Forbes explained that at the meeting with representatives from Scribners and Holt, it was suggested that an experimental circuit of libraries from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey be set up for receiving graphic displays from publishers; also that five comparable libraries in some other three states be added as a control group. As far as possible libraries would be chosen which are not doing too much in public relations.

The publishers are willing to formulate plans and pay costs of exhibits. Possible subjects were discussed - hobbies, biography, history, American heritage, etc. The committee would cooperate in compiling booklists, and the exhibits would contain posters with places in which books could be set.

John Cotton Dana Awards

The John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards were presented at the American Library Association Conference on Tuesday, July 10, at a meeting of the Public Relations Committee. Muriel Perry, chairman of the committee, presided. H. W. Wilson presented the awards. Twenty-five libraries submitted scrapbooks during the past year. These indicated the purpose, cost, use, and result of the publicity activities of the libraries. Eight awards were announced. These included:

1. Saratoga Springs, New York, Public Library "for original and inclusive techniques for promoting the library and carrying out a fund-raising campaign with unusual resourcefulness."
2. Everett, Washington, Public Library "for the coordination of the library with a city festival, thereby to gain for the library wider recognition from groups and individuals in the community."
3. Chattanooga, Tennessee, Public Library "for a good all-around public relations program for the varied groups in the community."
4. Vancouver, British Columbia, Public Library "for a case history utilizing the usually difficult technique of negative publicity leading to positive achievements, as well as for the use of varied media."
5. Winn Parish, Louisiana, Libraries "for skill in cultivating community cooperation."

6. Yakima, Washington, County Library "for an effective and consistent general library publicity program."

7. Pittsburgh, Kansas, Senior High and Roosevelt Junior High School Library "for the vitality of the library program and its pertinent relationship to books, integrating resources of both students and faculty."

8. Worcester, Massachusetts, Free Public Library a special award "for its excellent example of long-range planning for a special program and the step-by-step procedure of carrying out these plans."

After the awards were made, the recipients briefly outlined the work which each library had done and Mildred Bruder, chief of public relations, Chicago Public Library, commented briefly on each program. Phil R. Blodgett represented the Everett Public Library; Elizabeth Edwards, the Chattanooga Public Library; Mrs. Elinor Evans, the Vancouver Public Library; Rubie M. Hanks, the Winn Parish County Libraries; Jane MacDonald, the Yakima County Library; Margaret W. Oliver, the Pittsburgh Senior High and Roosevelt Junior High School Library; and Thurston Taylor, the Worcester Free Public Library.

Nancy Jane Day

RELIGIOUS BOOKS ROUND TABLE

A group of 50 people gathered on July 10 at the Palmer House in Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the Religious Books Round Table of the American Library Association. Elsa M. Ihm, St. Paul Public Library, St. Paul, Minn., chairman of the group, presided.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. Paul Gratke, head, Religion and Philosophy Department, Milwaukee Public Library, Wis. presented the 1950-51 list of 50 outstanding religious books compiled by the Religious Book Selection Committee headed by Frances T. Thayer, University of California Library, in Berkeley. The Reverend Alton M. Motter, executive director of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, was the speaker of the evening, speaking on "Revitalizing our Religious Heritage in Times of Crisis."

It was moved and seconded at this meeting that in the future outstanding religious juvenile books be included on the annual list. People from young people's departments will be invited to work with the committee compiling the annual religious book list.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Inez C. Ader, Secretary, Pro Tem

STAFF ORGANIZATIONS ROUND TABLE

Business Meeting

The Staff Organizations Round Table of ALA held its annual business meeting, July 11, at the Stevens Hotel. Laura E. Cathon of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, chairman of SORT, presided. Mrs. Anne N. Danegger, Chicago Public Library, spoke on "The Local Staff Organization and SORT." She suggested that local staff organizations try to make their members aware of the national organization and participate in its activities. She interpreted "national organization" both as the ALA and SORT as a part of the ALA. She urged delegates to share with their staff organizations the benefit of new ideas and intellectual stimulation they receive at the annual ALA conferences. She made many useful suggestions as to how members of local staff organizations might become better SORT members and better ALA members.

The following new members were elected to the Steering Committee: Eunice Coston, Atlanta Public Library; Mrs. Frances A. Griffin, Buffalo Public Library; and Bradford M. Hill, Boston Public Library. These members will serve for a period of two years. Members of the committee, elected last year, who will serve until July 1952 are: Dorothy Heiderstadt, Kansas City Public Library, Mo.; Margaret G. Hickman, Los Angeles Public Library; Mrs. Olive St. Clair Raymond, Vancouver Public Library; and Charlotte M. Ryan, San Antonio Public Library. Revisions to the constitution, recommended by the Constitution Committee, were adopted.

At the Steering Committee meeting immediately following, these officers were elected for 1951-52: Chairman, Dorothy Heiderstadt; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frances A. Griffin; membership chairman, Eunice Coston.

Program Meeting

The annual program meeting of SORT was held on Thursday morning, July 12, in the Crystal Room at the Palmer House. About 200 people were present. Laura E. Cathon presided.

Alma Krans, Northwestern University Library, spoke on "How Staff Organizations Can Aid National Defense." Miss Krans mentioned the danger of accepting platitudes and cliches, and urged staff organization members to stimulate clear thinking among members of their own groups, and also among the people with whom they come in contact outside their organization. She mentioned programs with which staff organizations can cooperate internationally: those of the U.S. Commission for UNESCO and the CARE

book program. A bibliography compiled by Miss Krans, of books and articles on issues of the day, will be mimeographed and distributed to the membership.

Clarence B. Caldwell, director of personnel, Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago, spoke on "Developing Staff Morale." He outlined the policies of personnel management in his firm, and emphasized the need for training in psychological understanding, in personnel officers and others who work with and supervise people. Mr. Caldwell recommended Gardner and Moore's Human Relations in Industry, as a good book of elementary facts covering technique and attitudes. A question-and-answer period followed Mr. Caldwell's talk.

At the end of the meeting, copies of the 1951 Survey on Retirement and Insurance Plans, sponsored by SORT and conducted by the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library Staff Association were distributed.

Dorothy Heiderstadt

New York, New York

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GENERAL SESSIONS

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The first general session of the seventy-first annual conference of the American Library Association convened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, New York at 8:30 p.m. on June 30, 1952, President Loleta D. Fyan presiding. Mrs. Fyan called the meeting to order and introduced Ralph Beals, director of the New York Public Library, who gave a word of welcome.

Addresses

Mrs. Fyan introduced the speaker, Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian of the University of California at Los Angeles, who spoke on "The Alchemy of Books" which appeared in the September 1952 ALA Bulletin, pages 266 - 72.

President Fyan then introduced Francis R. St. John, chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, who paid tribute to the various individuals and committees who aided in the planning of the conference. Following the announcements made by David Clift, ALA Executive Secretary, President Fyan declared the first general session adjourned.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The second general session of the American Library Association convened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 2:00 p.m. on July 1, with Robert B. Downs presiding.

Addresses

Mr. Downs called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker, Dr. John Bakeless, author, editor and lecturer on journalism at New York University, who spoke on "Libraries and the Making of Books." He then called upon Fremont Rider, librarian of Wesleyan University in Connecticut, who spoke on "Melvil Dewey, A Centenary Tribute." After reading the announcements, Chairman Downs declared the second general session adjourned.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

The third general session of the American Library Association convened at 2:00 p.m. on July 3, with President Loleta D. Fyan presiding.

President Fyan called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who spoke on "How Books Become Basic Tools in International Relationships."

Guests

President Fyan then introduced Flora B. Ludington, chairman of the International Relations Board, who introduced the following guests and library friends from abroad: Mrs. Lydia Sambaquy of the Cooperative Cataloging Service at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Carleton Comma, Trinidad Public Library, British West Indies; Captain Thein Swe, Bogyoke Library, Rangoon, Burma; Josefina Mayol, Sociedad Economica, Havana, Cuba; Robert Collison of the Westminster Public Library, London, England; Erika Kochs, Staatliche Buchereistelle in Essen, Germany; Mrs. Ole Krag, library, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ole Krag, librarian, University of Oslo Library, Norway; Violeta Angulo, National Library, Peru; Victoria Conroy, Pan American Union, Peru; Norah Albanell, Uruguay; and Jose Ferrer, Public Library of Dugupan, Philippines. Mrs. Fyan also expressed the best wishes sent by our Canadian friends who had held their Annual Conference and were celebrating the passage of the National Library Act which creates a Canadian National Library. David Clift, executive secretary, made an announcement of the Medina Centennial Celebration which was to take place in Washington from Sept. 6 to the 8th. President Fyan then adjourned the meeting.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

The meeting convened at 8:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, with President Fyan presiding. President Fyan opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to Robert B. Downs, vice president, who introduced the speaker, Robert Blakely, who spoke on "Threats to Books," which appeared in the October 1952 issue of the ALA Bulletin on page 291.

President Fyan then introduced M. Ruth MacDonald, chairman of the ALA Resolutions Committee, who presented the reports of the Resolutions Committee of the New York Conference.

Report of the Resolutions Committee
For the New York Conference

RESOLVED, That librarians, trustees, and friends of libraries, who have attended the 71st (and largest) annual conference of the American Library Association, extend their gratitude to the public-spirited citizens, officials, radio stations, newspapers, clubs, hotels, institutions and organizations, publishers, railroads and travel agencies of the New York area who have contributed magnificently to the success of this conference and to the pleasure and enjoyment of those privileged to attend.

RESOLVED, That the Association extends its thanks to the conference exhibitors, the local libraries and librarians, the participating speakers and authors, the affiliated library associations, and especially the chairman and members of the New York Conference Local Committee, and all those who assisted in making this an outstanding and memorable conference. The membership is particularly grateful to those individuals who helped to arrange the many interesting and stimulating programs expressive of the wide and varied interests of the library profession.

RESOLVED, That the membership requests the Local Committee to extend, in a personal way, the membership's thanks to the individuals and organizations who participated in planning for, and carrying out, the activities of this busy and profitable week, especially the Garden Club of Mt. Vernon, Elinor Weldon, Friends of the Floral Park Public Library, the Staten Island Garden Club, the Flushing Garden Club, and the Kings County Association of Garden Clubs, the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library, and the Queensborough Public Library; the Business Equipment Company, the H. C. Anderson Mimeograph Company, and the Library Bureau of Remington Rand, Inc.; the New York Library Club, the New York Society Library, and the New York (State) Library Association.

President Fyan introduced Ralph T. Esterquest, chairman of the Elections Committee, who presented the election results as follows. He stated that 7,456 members voted, or three-eighths of the total ALA Membership.

First vice president and president-elect: Flora B. Ludington.

Second vice president: Lucile M. Morsch.

Treasurer: Raymond C. Lindquist.

Members of the Executive Board for the term 1952-56: Eugene H. Wilson and Mae Graham.

Members of the Council for the term 1952-56: Frederick Cromwell, Anne H. Farrington, Alice Louise LeFevre, Howard M. Rowe, Sidney Butler Smith, and Marjorie Bruce Sing.

Mrs. Fyan introduced the newly elected officers who were present. She also named those officers whose terms carry over and who will

continue to act on the next Executive Board: Donald Coney, Sarah Lewis Jones, Francis R. St. John, Mildred Sandoe, Maurice Tauber, Thomas Porro and herself.

Mrs. Fyan turned the office of president over to Robert B. Downs, who delivered the inaugural address (see July-August 1952 issue of ALA Bulletin, page 215). President Downs then declared the fourth general session adjourned.

COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

During the seventy-first annual conference of the American Library Association in New York City, Council held three sessions: Monday afternoon, June 30, Wednesday morning, July 2, and Friday morning, July 4. Two membership meetings were held. One was on June 30, immediately following the first Council session and the second on July 2, following the second Council session.

FIRST SESSION

The first Council and Membership meeting of the American Library Association convened in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York on June 30 at 2:10 p.m., President Loleta D. Fyan, presiding.

President Fyan called to order the seventy-first conference of the ALA and presented her report from the Executive Board. Mrs. Fyan reported the appointment of David H. Clift as executive secretary, succeeding John Mackenzie Cory and Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson to the newly created position as associate executive secretary. Mrs. Fyan's report to the Council appeared in the July-August 1952 issue of the ALA Bulletin on pages 235-38.

Finance Committee

She then introduced Robert B. Downs, as chairman of the Committee on Committee Appointments who presented the nominations for appointments, to the council Finance Committee. The following were approved: Stephen A. McCarthy (1953) chairman; Lucile Nix (1954); Pauline A. Seeley (1954).

Awards

The Council approved the recommendations of the Committee on Awards presented by Harriet I. Carter, chairman, for the establishment of the Melvil Dewey Medal and the reestablishment of the Dutton Fellowship to be known as the E. P. Dutton-John B. Macrae Annual Library Award of \$1000 for advanced study in the field of library work with children and young people. The Melvil Dewey Medal, established by the Forest Press, Incorporated, will be awarded annually (or less often) to an individual or group for recent creative professional achievement of a high order, particularly in those fields in which Melvil Dewey was so actively interested, notably library management, library training, cataloging and classi-

fication and the tools and techniques of librarianship. Administration of the Award will be in the hands of the Awards Committee. The Dutton Award, reestablished by Elliot B. Macrae of E. P. Dutton Company, will be administered by a special committee.

After announcements by Mr. Clift, President Fyan adjourned the Council meeting and immediately called to order the Membership meeting. She introduced Harriet Carter who presented the recipients of the Letter Awards.

Letter Awards

Letter Awards of \$100 each and special certificates from Mrs. Ada P. McCormick, donor, were made to the Youth Library of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. This library will be recalled as working on the principle of "come in and bring your dog." The statement in a letter of nomination read: "For the most distinguished contribution to date, architecturally and sociologically, to publish appreciation of libraries designed especially for youth, in youth's tempo."

The Letter Award to a librarian was presented to Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, children's librarian of the George Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library. Mrs. Rollins was cited "for service to countless Negro children in giving them a sense of pride in their heritage, encouraging them and helping them go forward; for guidance to teachers, librarians and authors through your published writings about books that depict Negro life honestly and accurately; for active contributions to the work of local, state and national library associations."

Lippincott Award

Miss Carter introduced Joseph Lippincott, Jr. who presented the Lippincott Award consisting of \$500 and a special certificate to Carl Vitz, chief librarian, Cincinnati Public Library.

In making the presentation, Mr. Lippincott stated in part "He has pioneered into new developments with vigor and foresight and has throughout these many years, true to his duty, helped raise the standard of librarianship to its present lofty position in American Life."

John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards

Mrs. Fyan introduced Marie Loizeaux who announced the recipients of the awards. The contest is sponsored annually by the ALA Public Relations Committee and the Wilson Library Bulletin.

Mr. Wilson presented the awards to the following:

Public libraries serving up to 25,000 - Richland, Wash.

25,000 - 100,000 - Decatur, Ill.

100,000 - 200,000 - Yakima, Wash.

Over 200,000 - Milwaukee, Wis.

County Library - Dunklin County Library,
Kennett, Mo.

Armed Services - Biggs, Tex., Air Force
Base Library

Special Awards - Hartford, Conn.
Louisiana State Library,
Baton Rouge

Schenley High School

Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Honorable Mention - Brooklyn College Library

Citation of Merit for Trustees

Mrs. Lena B. Nofcier, chairman of the Jury on Citation of Trustees introduced, Mrs. A. J. Quigley, Seattle, Wash., and Harold J. Baily, Brooklyn Public Library, who received the citations from President Fyan. An article on those cited appeared in the September, 1952 issue of the ALA Bulletin on pages 264-65.

Margaret Mann Citation

Hazel Dean, president of the Division of Cataloging and Classification, made the presentation to Marie Louise Prevost "for her work in the promotion and establishment of the Journal of Cataloging and Classification and her continuing faithful service as Advisory Editor, a significant contribution to its attainment during the past year to full stature as a professional publication."

Carl White, chairman of the Special Committee to Plan the Melvil Dewey Centennial, gave a brief statement concerning the formation of this committee. Godfrey Dewey, son of Melvil Dewey, spoke a few words on the establishment of the Melvil Dewey Award and Elliot D. Macrae made the announcement of the new E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award.

President Fyan adjourned the Membership meeting at 3:15 p.m.

SECOND SESSION

The second Council and Membership meeting convened in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, at 10:45 a.m., on July 2. Robert B. Downs, presiding.

Chairman Downs called the second session of the Council to order. David Clift, executive secretary of ALA, presented his semi-annual report to Council. The executive secretary informed the Council that the recent membership mail vote on constitutional amendments ratified the following sections: Constitution: Article III, Section 1; Article VI, Section 2; Article VII, Section 4; Article VIII, Section 1; Article VIII, Section 2; Bylaws: Article IV, Section 1 (a); Article V, Section 1; Article V, Section 2.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

William R. Roalfe, chairman, presented the report of the committee to Council. Upon recommendation of the committee, Council gave second approval to amendments to Article VII, Section 1 (a) and Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Article VII, Section 1 (a), of the Constitution was amended to read as follows:

"Section 1 (a). Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president and eight members chosen in the manner specified in the Bylaws. The executive secretary shall not have the right to vote. The Executive Board shall act for the Council between Council meetings in accordance with its directions and shall prepare an agenda for each Council meeting. It shall have power to review all administrative decisions relating to the management of headquarters made by the executive secretary and any action taken by the executive secretary shall be subject to review upon the request of any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall perform such other duties as are specified in the Constitution and Bylaws."

Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution was amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. There shall be a Budget Committee composed of the members of the Finance Committee and the president, president-elect and treasurer, which shall report an estimate of receipts to the Finance Committee and an estimate of receipts and expenditures to the Executive Board. The Budget Committee shall report to the Council annually on the general condition of the Association finances. The president shall act as chairman of the committee and shall have the right to vote only in case of a tie."

R. Russell Munn, treasurer, submitted Executive Board recommendations for amending Article 1, Section 2 of the Bylaws, relating to dues for special members. Council approved this amendment which changed the statement on Sustaining (\$500) and Contributing (\$25) members and established three new categories, Supporting at \$300, Cooperating at \$200, and Subscribing at \$100.

Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson reported on the accomplishments of the American Heritage Project. She also stated that although Mr. Dooley has retired from his position as Comptroller of ALA Headquarters, he will remain on the staff of the American Heritage Project.

Ralph Ellsworth, chairman of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee, reviewed the activities of the committee.

The Council was then adjourned and the second Membership meeting was called to order by chairman Downs. Mr. Clift reported on the ratification of constitutional amendments which were submitted by mail votes. The membership meeting approved the two recommendations of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws dealing with the Executive Board and the Budget Committee respectively. (See Council minutes this section)

The remainder of the session was devoted to the Register and Vote Program.

Mr. Downs turned the meeting over to Harold F. Brigham, president of the Public Libraries Division, who introduced the speaker, Clyde M. Vandenburg, executive director of the American Heritage Foundation, who spoke on the Register and Vote Campaign.

Finance Committee

The report of the Finance Committee was made by the chairman, Walter T. Brahm who certified that the books of the Association for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1951, have been audited and found to be in order.

Mr. Downs made the announcement that the Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant for the continuation of the Japan Library School in Keio University with an American faculty for the next four years. The grant has been made directly to Keio University, but with a request for cooperation and advice from the American Library Association.

Mr. Clift reported on the Conference Placement Service which operated during the conference.

The second Membership meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

THIRD SESSION

The third Council meeting of the American Library Association convened in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria at 10:30 a.m., with Robert Bingham Downs, presiding.

William S. Dix, chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee presented his report. He also reported on the CIF pre-Conference Institute held June 28-29 at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Mr. Dix presented the resolution adopted by the CIF as follows:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee on Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association express its deep appreciation for the services rendered by David Berninghausen, first as chairman and more recently as executive secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom. In his deep concern for freedom of inquiry, he has constantly fought all forms of censorship in libraries. He has carried on a campaign of interpretation and education which has made librarians more keenly aware of their responsibilities. Through his publications and addresses he has clarified the issues for a wider public and has given the ALA a position of leadership among other educational groups in the struggle for free communication."

Objectives and Standards for Hospital
Medical Libraries and for Hospital
Schools of Nursing Libraries

Margaret M. Kinney, president of the Hospital Libraries Division presented and Council approved the statement of objectives and standards for hospital libraries. Miss Kinney stated that the hospital library objectives and standards are the effort of a joint committee of the Hospital Libraries Divisions of the ALA and the Hospital Libraries Division of the Special Libraries Association. The special objectives and standards for medical and nursing libraries were prepared by a joint committee representing the Medical Library Association as well as the other two Associations.

Committee on Boards and Committees

A report of the Committee on Boards and Committees was presented by the chairman, C. R. Graham, immediate past president of the Association. The Council approved the report as follows:

1. Discontinuance of the following committees: Geographic Organization, Far Eastern Association and ALA Joint Committee, Midwinter Meetings Committee, and Council Committee on Tenure.

2. Revision of the functions of the International Relations Board.

Presidents and Editors Round Table

Viola Maihl presented the petition for the establishment of a new Library Periodicals Round Table and for the discontinuance of the Presidents and Editors Round Table. Council approved the two recommendations as follows:

1. Discontinuance of the present Presidents and Editors Round Table;

2. The authorization of a new organization to be known as the Library Periodicals Round Table, for the purpose of affording opportunities for the discussion of mutual aims and problems by those editorially responsible for all types of library periodicals.

Board on Personnel Administration
Minimum Library Salary Standards for 1952

Mr. Downs reported that at the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago the Board on Personnel Administration was asked by the Council to investigate the salary situation now prevailing in various types of libraries and to report back to Council its findings and recommendations. In the absence of John Hall Jacobs, chairman of the board, the report was presented by Walter Hausdorfer, member of the board. There was a lively discussion on the floor and some felt that stress was placed on beginning salaries and not enough attention was being given to proportionate increases for professionals with wide experience. Others felt that by holding up the beginning salaries it would be easier to build up the salaries of the people in the higher grades. A motion to eliminate salary standards for clericals from the schedules was carried. An article on "Library Salaries, 1952" by Hazel B. Timmerman appeared in the November 1952 ALA Bulletin on pages 336-43.

ACRL Committee on Interlibrary Loan Codes

Mrs. Margaret D. Uridge, University of California Libraries, Berkeley, presented the ALA Interlibrary Loan Code, 1952 which is a revision of the Code on Interlibrary Loans adopted by the ALA Council in 1940. The Council approved the proposed code.

Federal Relations Committee

L. Quincy Mumford, chairman of the committee, reported that despite the valiant efforts of Julia Bennett, director of the Wash-

valuable to all school librarians. The Technical Processes Committee has representatives in all states sampling student reactions to more popular nomenclature for subject headings.

The president introduced Mary Lee Keath, president-elect, and after her acceptance the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Program Meetings

On Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., a program on "Problems of Publishing Children's Books" was held in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Lillian Gurney, school library consultant, Book Division, American News Company, New York, presided. The speakers were Lilian Bradgon, Aladdin Book Company; Elizabeth Riley, Thomas Y. Crowell Company; and Louise Bonino of Random House. A discussion period followed and many questions from the audience were answered by the speakers.

Dr. Gilbert Highet, author and professor of Latin, Columbia University, spoke Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m., on the "Migration of Ideas." Dorothea Godfree, librarian at the Port Washington (N.Y.) Junior High School, presided and introduced Dr. Highet. Citing many examples of the migration of ideas from early times to the present and their influence on the thought of succeeding generations, he traced the history of man.

Thursday morning, July 3, at 10:30 a.m., in the ballroom, Mrs. Dilla W. MacBean, Division of Libraries, Board of Education, Chicago, presided at a meeting to discuss "Children, Libraries and TV." The speakers included Gloria Chandler of Chandler Records, Margaret Lesser, Doubleday and Company; Marguerite De Angeli, author; Mrs. Izora Bowermaster, children's librarian, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Isabella Jinnette, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland. Miss Chandler discussed the place of TV in encouraging reading and showed a kinescope of one of the Teladventure Tales presented over station KING in Seattle.

Breakfast Meeting

The breakfast meeting for state assembly members and other interested school librarians Wednesday morning, July 2 at the Shelton Hotel, had an attendance of 68. There were reports from 28 states and Canada concerning the progress of school libraries and state school library associations. There was especial interest in reports on student organizations and the funds provided by state associations for the state assembly members to attend ALA conferences.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES

General Session

The ACRL general session was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria at 2 p.m., July 2. Some 800 people attended. Judah Goldin delivered the principal address on "Hebraic Backgrounds of the American Tradition of Freedom of Expression." President Ralph E. Ellsworth gave a brief analysis of problems facing ACRL. Plans call for the full publication of both addresses in College and Research Libraries.

The business meeting was opened by a review of finances by Arthur T. Hamlin, acting in the absence of Treasurer Thomas S. Shaw. He also reviewed a number of important developments in ACRL during the year, notably membership distribution of the journal, the launching of ACRL Monographs, the new state representative system, and the chapters.

The election results were announced by President Ellsworth, and the new officers in attendance were introduced.

On motion of David Otis Kelley of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, it was unanimously voted to amend the Constitution by deleting from Article IX and from Article X the phrase "upon a written recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and bylaws appointed by the President."

The meetings of the ACRL membership and its Board of Directors are reported in full in the October 1952 issue of College and Research Libraries, the Association's official journal.

Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary.

College Libraries Section

The College Libraries Section of ACRL met in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on July 4, at 2 p.m., with chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Shaw, Goucher College Library, Baltimore, Maryland, presiding. Because of a misunderstanding about the fact that the meeting was actually open and not closed, attendance was small.

Paul Bixler, Antioch College Library, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and at present executive secretary of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, reported briefly on the pre-conference Institute on Intellectual Freedom. He pointed out that one of the items of chief interest to college librarians was the summary of the American Academic Freedom Project at Columbia University in which two volumes on academic freedom will be produced. Mr. Bixler also summarized recent developments in the Fairmont College case.

Alice Dulaney Ball, U.S. Book Exchange, Washington, D. C., presented a picture of the accomplishments of the exchange and its services to college libraries in particular. Miss Ball took the opportunity to emphasize that it is not a government agency though it is housed in the Library of Congress but a cooperative enterprise of librarians to assist them to dispose of unwanted materials and to help them fill in gaps in their collections.

J. Russell Bailey, architect, Orange, Virginia, gave an architect's view of the importance of the Institute on Library Buildings, Ohio State University, April 18 and 19, 1952, sponsored by the ACRL Buildings Committee. The proceedings of the meeting will eventually be published. The presence of librarians, architects, furniture and equipment manufacturers at the meeting contributed to its success, but Mr. Bailey felt that future conferences of this kind would be more valuable if a final session could be devoted to summarizing the building theories and philosophical implications of the building plans discussed.

Mrs. Madge Barbour Kirby, Drama and Literature Unit, Copyright-Catalog Division, Library of Congress, presented a paper on the value of histories of college libraries both as subjects for research projects in work on the master's degree in library schools and as valuable aids to librarians in the understanding of their own institutions. In the discussion that followed members urged that ACRL sponsor and encourage more college library history projects and perhaps publish a bibliography of such histories already available for study.

Arthur Hamlin, executive secretary of ACRL, mentioned some of the developments in ACRL of interest to college librarians such as the plan for regional representatives of ACRL and the organization of state chapters to provide a better framework for carrying on association work between meetings and giving members greater opportunities for active participation in ACRL affairs.

The chairman asked for discussion of future programs for the section and the membership heartily endorsed a recommendation to the new chairman to set up a Planning Committee with rotating membership which would give continuity over the years to program planning and committee projects.

The report of the elections which had been submitted by the secretary, Norma M. Hammond, Albion College Library, Albion, Mich., was read by the chairman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Shaw, Chairman

Junior College Libraries Section

The Junior College Libraries Section of ACRL met on July 1 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Room 4 J-K-L with the chairman, Mary E. Kauffmann, Bradford Junior College Library, Bradford, Mass., presiding. Approximately 100 persons attended the program which was a panel discussion on the topic: "Methods of Stimulating Student Use of the Library for Their Own Interest and Pleasure." Esther Greene, Barnard College Library, New York, served as guest moderator and introduced the topic by saying that the library must become an attractive and necessary part of student life and librarians must be readers if we are to pass along the power and the pleasure of reading. Nellie M. Homes, Cottey College Library, Nevada, Mo., described her interesting experience with dormitory and suite libraries. Frances L. Meals, Colby Junior College Library, New London, N.H., told about the organization of a student library committee which talked library among friends and advertised books in various ways "for fun." Barbara M. Smith, Green Mountain Junior College Library, Poultney, Vt., discussed collaboration with faculty members who exhibited books from their personal libraries with comments about how and why some of their books were acquired. After a brief period of discussion and questions, Miss Kauffmann thanked Miss Greene and the other panel members for their contribution to an enjoyable and worthwhile program.

Thirty-one people remained for the business meeting. Ruth E. Scarborough, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, N.J., chairman of the Membership Committee, announced a total of 219 members, including 215 personal members and 4 institutional members. Officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, Ruth E. Scarborough, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, N.J.; vice chairman and chairman-elect, Lottie M. Skidmore, Joliet Junior College Library, Joliet, Ill.; secretary, Mrs. Thelma Vogt Taylor, Los Angeles Harbor Junior College Library, Los Angeles, Calif.; director, Frances L. Meals, Colby Junior College Library, New London, N.H. (three-year term expires in 1954).

Angelin Tesdell, Secretary

Libraries of Teacher Training Institutions Section

The section met in the Perroquet Suite of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4. Approximately 50 people attended.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Wendell W. Smiley, librarian, East Carolina College, Greenville, N.C., who

introduced the following program:

"What is there to a Career?" (in Library Service) Carl M. White, Columbia University Libraries, New York. "Value of Purchase or Evaluative Lists in Teacher Training Institution Libraries." James W. Pugsley, State Teachers College Library, Jersey City, N.J. Report of "Status and Developments of Bibliography of Research Studies." Clara Esther Derring, Teachers College Library, Columbia University, New York.

There was a brief discussion of the need and value of evaluative lists, and the bibliography of research studies. Consensus of opinion was that either the Office of Education or some other organization be urged to continue the bibliography of research studies.

James E. Green, assistant to the president, Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich., moved that a committee be appointed to consider the possibility of continuing the bibliography of research studies in education, the committee to work with the organization interested in this project, and to report back to the section at the Midwinter Meeting of ALA. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Roscoe Schaupp, librarian, Eastern Illinois State College, Charleston, moved that a committee be appointed to consider evaluative criteria for the teachers college library, the committee to work with the Coordinating Committee of AACTE and ALA. It was pointed out that few librarians are on committees for the evaluation of the teachers college library. Motion was seconded and passed.

It was stressed that the standards for evaluation of the teachers colleges are not standards for accreditations but for an evaluation of present needs and services.

The minutes of the Midwinter Meeting of the section were read by the secretary. The chairman announced that the secretary of the section automatically becomes chairman. Bernadine C. Hanby, librarian, Northern Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb, was introduced to the group, and the meeting was turned over to the new chairman. Miss Hanby announced that as a result of the mail ballot election held in the spring that James E. Green, assistant to the president, Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, was elected secretary-chairman-elect. Mr. Green was introduced to the group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bernadine C. Hanby, Secretary

Pure and Applied Sciences Section

The Pure and Applied Sciences Section of ACRL met in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on July 3, with the chairman, John H. Moriarty, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., presiding. Approximately 150 persons attended.

Dr. Harriet A. Geer, research associate, National Research Council Chemical-Biological Co-ordination Center, presented a paper on "Approach to the Problem of Scientific Indexing." Since the Chemical-Biological Co-ordination Center deals with material not easily completely indexed in the usual scientific indexes, it has worked out a system of punched cards for the 30,000 compounds in its files by use of which information on these compounds is more readily available. Slides were used to illustrate various phases of the coding process.

The second paper, "National Science Foundation's Interest in Scientific Information" was given by Dr. C. E. Sunderlin, deputy director of the National Science Foundation, in which he outlined what the foundation is doing to encourage the publication of the results of scientific research. He also mentioned various ways in which the foundation is helping to make information on research throughout the world available to specialists.

The third speaker, President C. G. Benjamin, McGraw-Hill Book Company, read a paper on "Problems of Government Sponsored Research for Publishers," in which he stated that a majority of scientists now are doing research work for some branch of the government and that the United States Government Printing Office has a monopoly on their publications. He made a plea for a change in the law so that commercial publishers would be permitted to publish more reports on research projects which are of limited interest.

Although ballots for election of officers were distributed at the beginning of the meeting and later collected and counted, results were not announced. The following officers were elected for the year 1952-53:

Robert E. Betts, Engineering Library, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, chairman; Nellie Larson, U.S.D.A. Peoria Branch, Northern Regional Research Laboratory, secretary; Francis P. Allen, Rhode Island University, ACRL director. The section agreed to dispense with the business meeting since the committee reports and election results would be included in the next issue of its News Sheet.

Irene L. Craft, Secretary

Reference Librarians Section

The Reference Librarians Section, Association of College and Reference Libraries, met in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Wednesday, July 2, at 8:30 p.m., Frances Stalker, vice-chairman and chairman elect, presided in the absence of Elizabeth Findly, chairman.

Opening the program, Sarita Robinson, editor of Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, spoke of various difficulties encountered in indexing, such as different editions of magazines, the listing of new subjects, and the question of what magazines to include. She offered certain criteria for recommending magazines to be indexed.

Panel Discussion

A panel discussion on "Reference Department Problems" followed with William Chait, Kalamazoo Public Library as moderator. Marion Bell, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, discussed the problems of book selection. Jean Ross, New Rochelle Public Library, spoke on reference work in the small library. The problems of telephone reference work were presented by Elizabeth Bond, Minneapolis Public Library. Olive Johnson of the Reference Department, Columbia University Library, discussed the bibliographic verification of information. Transgressions in the information files were covered by Harold Sander, Roanoke Public Library. Finally Roger Francis, New York Public Library, presented limitations of reference work in a large public library. Questions and comments were then invited but none were offered.

Business Meeting

A business meeting followed the program. Miss Stalker announced that the following had been elected officers for the next year: Vice-chairman and chairman elect, Everett Moore, head of the Reference Department, University of California at Los Angeles Library; secretary, Josephine M. Tharpe, reference librarian, Cornell University Library; and director, Florence M. Gifford, head of General Reference Division, Cleveland Public Library.

Morris Gelfand, Queens College Library, chairman of the Committee to Consult with H. W. Wilson Company, announced the following committee members:

Dorothy Plumm, Vassar College Library; D. Nora Gallagher, Adelphi College Library; H. G. Bousfield, Brooklyn College Library; Frederic W. Stewart, Hunter College Library; and Jerome K. Wilcox, Library, College of the City of New York. Mr. Gelfand said he had met with Pearl M. Day, Larchmont Public Library, chairman of the Public Libraries Division committee to work with the H. W. Wilson Company and found they were in agreement on objectives.

Alton H. Keller, chairman of the Joint Committee on Reproduction of Bibliographical and Reference Tools, reported that a list of books had been mailed out on June 16th.

Florence Gifford, chairman of the Committee on New Reference Tools, pointed out the section in College and Research Libraries on new reference materials by Constance M. Winchell begun in January 1952, which the committee helped promote. She reported that Charles A. Hamilton had made progress on the revision of the Street Directory of the Principal Cities of the U.S. and had received offers to cover local directories from 29 libraries. A new list of current needs in the field of reference books is to be prepared and submitted to the members of the section. It was moved, seconded, and passed at the recommendation of Miss Gifford, that the committee be empowered to effect liaison with the ALA Board on Acquisition of Library Materials.

Copies of the report of the Committee on Referral of Reference Inquiries, Lucile Morsch, chairman, were distributed along with the proposed "Code for handling of reference inquiries received by mail." Since the hour was late no action was taken on the committee's recommendation for adoption of the code.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Frances W. Lauman, Acting Secretary

Research Planning Committee

The Research Planning Committee seeks in various ways to promote the study of significant library problems. It desires to bring together the problem and the student of the problem. Currently, two researchers are at work as the result of recommendations made by the committee: a study of the influence on library planning of the Cooperative Committee on Library Building Plans; and an investigation of Circulation Department control system. The first is being done by William H. Jesse, director of Libraries at the University of Tennessee, and the second by Forrest F. Carhart of the Human Resources Research Center Library, Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas.

At its meeting in New York, the committee considered four library problems. Each was adjudged worthy of investigation, and the chairman of the committee was instructed to publicize the committee's decision. The problems considered were as follows: 1. Whether library school theses during the past 15 years relating to classification and cataloging have adequately dealt with topics reflecting the problems of catalogers. 2. Microprint as it relates to storage libraries. 3. An investigation of the methodology employed by students of the use of catalogs. 4. The cost of processing federal documents received on deposit.

Louis Kaplan, Chairman

DIVISION OF CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

The ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification held one program meeting, two workshop meetings, and its annual business meeting during the New York Conference.

General Program Meeting

The general program meeting was held in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Wednesday, July 2, at 4:15 p.m. Henrietta Howell of the University of Cincinnati Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, chairman of the Program Committee presided, and introduced the moderator, David J. Haykin of the Library of Congress, the new president of the division.

The subject of the meeting was "The Place of Subject Cataloging in Bibliographic Organization." Margaret R. Murray, assistant professor of surgery, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Gertrude Kopech, Bibliographic Analyst, College of Physicians and Surgeons Library, Columbia University, discussed the method used by them in preparing a bibliography on tissue. Their talk was illustrated with slides showing the type of cards used; the form of these cards, and the entries employed. Kenneth T. Morse, bibliographer of the Society of Electron Microscopists, and A. R. T. Denues of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research discussed and illustrated with slides the use of subject headings in organizing information on cancer research and electron microscopy.

Following the presentation of these papers, Mrs. Sarah G. Mayer, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, concluded the program with general remarks concerning subject headings and their application in various types of research. Approximately 350 people attended.

Subject Headings Symposium

On Tuesday, July 1, at 8:45 a.m., the first of two symposia on subject headings was held in the Perroquet Suite. The topic of this first session was "Selection and Standards of Subject Headings for Use in Various Types of Libraries." Margaret Brown of the Public Library, Brookline, Mass., presided. The attendance was approximately 300. Jennette Hitchcock, Yale University Library, New Haven, Conn., spoke from the point of view of the university library. Miss Hitchcock proceeded on the assumption that a university library should use the Library of Congress Subject Heading List, and the headings should be accepted as established by the

Library of Congress unless a reader expresses a reasonable objection. A greater problem is faced in deciding how much of the large number of headings provided by the Library of Congress should be accepted by the individual library. She suggested two standards as follows: (1) accept all headings that are self-contained and self-expressed no matter how little material; and (2) avoid overlapping headings with time-consuming nuances especially when there is little material. It was the speaker's belief that the greatest economy could be secured by following the Library of Congress List rather than creating a new list.

The point of view of the college library was set forth by Edith Scott, technical service librarian, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind. She expressed the belief that the function of the college library catalog is more that of an index to the library's instructional materials than a comprehensive bibliographical tool as in the case of the university library. The catalog must be geared to serve the faculty, the library staff, and the students. By the latter, the subject catalog is used in collecting material for term papers, collateral reading, and class assignments on further investigation of a subject. The terms selected as a subject heading should be applied consistently to all books and materials dealing with a subject in order to provide unity in the catalog. It was the speaker's contention that the failure of college libraries to apply the basic principles of subject headings stems from the impossibility for the individual college library of adapting perfectly for its needs either of the two standard lists of subject headings.

Marie Louise Prevost of Newark, N.J., spoke from the point of view of the public library. She began by reviewing the history of subject headings, and then discussed the choice between the Library of Congress and Sears Lists. It was her conclusion that she would start a small library on the Library of Congress List.

Hazel Benjamin, Princeton University Library, Princeton, N.J., discussed subject headings for industrial relations libraries. She dealt particularly with the standard subject heading list dealing with subjects within the field of industrial relations and prepared by the librarians in this field at Chicago, Cornell, Illinois, Michigan, Stanford, and Princeton. This list will be available for distribution by the end of this summer, and is designed to serve other libraries as well as those especially dealing with industrial relations.

Helen Field, National Institute of Mental Health, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C., spoke on subject headings for scientific libraries. She called into question certain basic assumptions held by catalogers, notably that "proper" subject and cross references for all needs can be devised and kept up to date. The "proper" subject authority is what we are after, but we work in a shifting and complex medium - language, and we must recognize limits in

our power to handle it. The scale of the scientific subject authority must be determined by the man-hours available for its maintenance. We may do well to curtail our lists of headings and to freeze them for considerable periods. To supplement during freezes, and to collect data for revisions, we have the title entry, whose place in scientific subject cataloging needs re-evaluation. Other assumptions to be questioned concern the nature and function of the card catalog and the needs of the user, particularly in regard to cross references, standard sub-divisions, and form headings. Lack of time prevented any discussion following the presentation of these papers.

Economies in Subject Cataloging

On Wednesday, July 2, at 8:45 a.m., in the Perroquet Suite, the second symposium dealt with "economies in subject cataloging." Vivian Prince, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., presided. Again the attendance was approximately 300. Katherine Ball, Library School, University of Toronto, discussed bibliographies as a substitute for subject cataloging, and indicated some of their deficiencies, and the possibilities for their use under special conditions.

Frank N. Jones, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, discussed economies in subject cataloging as they affect other departments and services of the library. He pointed out that care must be taken to avoid adoption of economies which are not really economies because of their effect on the work of other divisions of the library.

Lt. Col. Frank B. Rogers, Army Medical Library, Washington, D.C., spoke on the "1951 Catalog of the Army Medical Library." Emphasis was given to the matter of selection of headings used in this publication.

G. Sumner Spalding and David J. Haykin discussed the review in the Library Quarterly by May Hardy of the Library of Congress Subject Catalog. They answered some of the criticisms contained therein by indicating the considerations which the library was forced to make in its selection of headings and terminology. Following a brief discussion period, a summary of the papers presented in these two workshop meetings was given by Carlyle Frarey, Columbia University Library. The papers presented at the program meeting and the two workshop meetings will be published in the near future.

Tea and Reception

On Tuesday, July 1, the Preparation Division of the New York Public Library gave a tea for the members of the Division of

Cataloging and Classification. This was attended by approximately 350 people. The occasion also served as an informal reception for Marie Louise Prevost, the recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation in Cataloging and Classification for 1952.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting on Thursday, July 3, 10:30 a.m., in the Jansen Suite was attended by approximately 200 members. The president of the division, Hazel Dean, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal., presented her annual report, outlining the work of the division and its committees during the past year.

This was followed by the report of the executive secretary, Edwin B. Colburn, Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, on the membership and finances of the division. He also reported on the activity of the Personnel Clearing House of the division during the first six months of its existence.

Alice Charlton, Stanford University Library, chairman of the Council of Regional Groups, reported on the activities of the groups during the past year. The report of the Committee on Classification was presented by the chairman, Elva Krogh, Library of Congress. The committee recommended that the Lake Placid Club Education Foundation on the Decimal Classification be encouraged to make public its plans for future editions as soon as it is possible, and that the 16th edition be a fuller standard edition, incorporating the best features of the 14th and 15th editions; that the executive board or a committee appointed by it, investigate the possibility of securing financial aid through grants in order to speed the publication of a standard edition more generally acceptable to all libraries; that the executive board investigate the possibilities of a merger of the two offices concerned with the maintaining and with the application of the Decimal Classification, and report to the membership at the Midwinter Meeting. These recommendations were accepted by the membership. The division unanimously voted to accept the petition of the Connecticut Catalogers for affiliation with the division as a regional group.

Richard Angell and David J. Haykin of the Library of Congress reported on Descriptive and Subject cataloging activities in that institution, and Mrs. Eleanor Hungerford described progress being made in the preparation of a new index to the 15th edition of Decimal Classification.

The membership expressed its appreciation to the Preparation Division of the New York Public Library for its hospitality at the tea on Tuesday, July 1, 1952.

In the absence of the members of the Election Committee, the executive secretary read the committee's report showing the

following results in the 1952 election: President, David J. Haykin, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; vice-president and president-elect, Dorothy Charles, H. W. Wilson Company, New York; director-at-large, Sarah K. Vann, Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, Pa.; ALA Councilors, Esther Peterson, University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Marjorie Ann Stuff, Stephens College Library, Columbia, Mo.

The new officers were then introduced and Mr. Haykin, the new president, dedicated himself and the division to greater cooperation with other libraries and cataloging groups in the year ahead.

Edwin B. Colburn, Executive Secretary

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee of the Cataloging and Classification Division met at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on Wednesday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m.

The principal item of business was an exploratory discussion of possible projects to be undertaken by the committee for study during the coming year. Bella E. Shachtman of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library suggested an administrative study of the relationship of acquisitions work to cataloging for the purpose of achieving a greater coordination of processing activities. Gerhard B. Naeseth of the University of Wisconsin Library suggested a questionnaire survey of a sample group of large university libraries for the purpose of obtaining underlying administrative data dealing with the organization, number and type of personnel, physical space and equipment, and work loads of Catalog Departments. No action was taken on these suggestions.

Alex Ladenson of the Chicago Public Library gave a report on his study of the card distribution service of the Library of Congress Card Division. The questionnaires used in the study have been received and tabulated. The final written report should be completed by October 1, 1952.

Alex Ladenson, Chairman

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president Margaret M. Kinney at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on Tuesday, July 1, 1952, at 4:15 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the Hospital Book Guide.

The treasurer's report, February 2, 1952 to June 18, 1952, submitted by Eleanor Brandt, chief librarian, VAH, Dallas 2, was read by Mrs. Doris Bolef and accepted.

The results of the election of officers for the year 1952-53 were announced by the secretary as follows: President, Lorna Swofford, VAH, Topeka, Kan.; vice-president, Barbara L. Wight, Harbor General Hosp. Torrance, Calif.; councilor, Margaret M. Kinney, VAH, Bronx, N.Y. (The other officers, serving unexpired terms are: Secretary, Margaret C. Hannigan, VAH, Northport, N.Y.; treasurer, Eleanor M. Brandt, VAH, Dallas 2, Tex.; councilor, Charlotte Studer, Miles Laboratories, Inc., Elkhart, Ind.)

Catherine Heinz, director, Hospital Library Bureau, United Hospital Fund, N.Y., then presented, and the membership approved, the recommendation of the Committee on Standards that the Joint Committee's Standards for Hospital Medical Libraries and Standards for Libraries in Schools of Nursing be approved and presented to the ALA Council for final approval. Miss Heinz indicated that the Standards for Hospital Medical Libraries have been approved by the Medical Library Association, June 1951, American College of Surgeons, November 1951, Special Libraries Association, May 1952, and the Standards for Libraries in Schools of Nursing by National League of Nursing Education, June 1952, Special Libraries Association, May 1952, Medical Library Association, June 1952.

A motion was made and carried to have the Hospital Libraries Division print copies of all their sets of standards, those for Patients' Libraries, Medical Libraries in hospitals, and libraries in Schools of Nursing. These are to be deposited at ALA Headquarters Library for distribution upon request.

Arrangements are to be made to have the standards published in one of the professional hospital journals and distributed to all related associations. A motion was made and carried that a public relations coordinator be appointed to handle these matters and to explore possibilities for further public relations activity.

The discussion on the usefulness of the Hospital Book Guide under its new arrangement was favorable. It was pointed out that although the Hospital Book Guide is not sold on a subscription basis, libraries can obtain additional copies by buying additional Division Memberships.

In the absence of Foster Mohrhardt, editor of the revision of Kathleen Jones' Hospital Libraries, Henry Gartland, Library Service, VA, Washington, D.C., reported that all chapters have been assigned and that all contributors have reported. The chapters are being edited and a draft will be presented at the next meeting of the Hospital Libraries Division.

The president advised the membership of the possibility of a change in the 60-40 formula for allotment of dues. The proposal

would reduce the amount received by the divisions.

The patch for the use of professional hospital librarians submitted by the Institutional Libraries Group, Massachusetts Library Association was discussed and its use by professional librarians endorsed by the membership. Information is available from Eleanor H. Fletcher, secretary, Institutional Libraries Group, Massachusetts Library Association, Soldiers' Home, Chelsea 50, Mass. The patch may be purchased for \$1.00. A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to work on a similar patch for volunteer workers in hospital libraries.

Mrs. Anita Allen Irwin, U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y., called the attention of the group to the use of Reclino-Specs for bed-ridden patients. A similar reading aid, Bed-Specs is in use in other hospitals. Further information will be published in the Hospital Book Guide. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Program Meeting

The program meeting held on Wednesday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m. was devoted to discussion of the functions of the hospital librarian. Service to Patients (Bibliotherapy), was discussed by Dr. Lore Hirsch, psychiatrist, VA Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.; Service to the Medical Staff (Research) by Dr. Isadore Snapper, professor of clinical medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University and director of medical education, Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.; Service to Nurses (education) by Mrs. Helen W. Munson, School of Nursing Library, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Lore Hirsch discussed and defined bibliotherapy as "treatment by books," belonging to the "therapeutic arts rather than therapeutic sciences." Reading, she said, requires time and concentration as well as a fair degree of intelligence and therefore cannot be used for every patient. Such people who can read, however, can find a substitute for companionship, distraction from their personal suffering and emotional gratification by identifying with characters in books or by imaginary fulfillment of their own dreams and fantasies. She discussed particularly the use of books with psychiatric patients, suggesting that in this case the psychiatrist may wish to learn something about the patient from what he reads. So far as the books on mental health are concerned, these provide, for people with an open mind having certain problems of adjustment, a certain benefit in the consideration of intelligent discussion or simple advice and explanation. The more emotionally disturbed someone is, however, the more blind spots he has and the less able he is to gain from a purely didactic approach. The librarian in a hospital serves as a member of the therapeutic team in the rehabilitation program.

Dr. Isadore Snapper discussed the importance of research in a small hospital, indicating the importance of the medical librarian in guiding the doctor to the material of interest. Much important research, he said, has depended on one small fact discovered in an out-of-the way manner and place. He emphasized the importance of helping the doctor, particularly the research man, to read "deeply" in his subject, rather than widely covering unrelated material.

Mrs. Helen Munson presented the problems of the librarian in a School of Nursing Library in a hospital. She spoke of the different aspects, such as (1) the extreme youth of the group, (2) the need for complete coordination with the school curriculum and the faculty, and (3) the need for recreational and cultural reading as an extension of the curriculum. The librarian has a teaching function as well as a guidance function in the use of the library. The National League of Nursing is placing more stress upon the importance of the library and has just prepared a guide to be used in development of these special libraries.

Margaret C. Hannigan, Secretary

DIVISION OF LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Division of Libraries for Children and Young People held two meetings, a program meeting and a business meeting. The division president, Virginia Chase, presided at both meetings. At the first, on Wednesday evening, July 2, Mrs. Elizabeth Grey Vining vividly described her experiences in educating the crown prince of Japan in a talk called, "Windows for the Crown Prince."

Business Meeting

The division business meeting was held on the afternoon of July 3. Following a summary by the treasurer, Jane Darrah, of the expenditures of the division up to three months before the end of the fiscal year, the vice-president, Eleanor Kidder, described the tentative planning on the 1952-53 budget. Allotments per member from ALA to the division have averaged \$3.892. On a potential membership of 2500 by August 1, 1952 this would produce for the division income of \$9720. This plus \$1355 advertising income from Top of the News and some miscellaneous income will make a total 1951-52 income of \$11,300. The tentative budget planning for 1952-53 is based on this figure.

President Chase reported on the meeting of the ALA Executive Board and division officers at which several documents on legal

and financial relationships to date were presented. These will be important in working out future relationships.

At the president's request, Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers described the study which she had recently completed on the kind of children's book information and services which are needed at the Library of Congress. It was clear from her report that many demands on the Library of Congress for such material for research and for reference indicate that some provision should be worked out for such service whenever means can be found.

Committee reports - The Design and Equipment Committee asked that it be made an official standing committee of the division. This action was taken. A pamphlet on ideas for children's and young people's rooms was recommended as next year's project for the committee. The committee requested and received \$100 to carry on its work.

The Committee on Education for Children's and Young People's Librarianship reported beginning its work by trying to obtain information about the several projects in this field now going on.

The International Relations Committee reported that its ten year list of books recommended for translation neared completion, that the committee continued to promote the UNESCO-CARE Children's Book Fund program, and that it had developed a plan by which interested groups of young people or of librarians might send selected books to the International Youth Library in Munich.

The List Committee reported on an active year with several lists approved for printing by the Sturgis Printing Company.

The CLA and AYPL membership committees were asked to report on their successful year, bringing the total division membership on June 1 to 2223 (CLA 1402, AYPL 753, division only 171). The CLA committee has 65 members working on membership, the AYPL committee has 9 members.

The Top of the News report showed an increase in the size of the magazine from 16 to 32 pages. More information on membership statistics by states was requested in the magazine. Also it was agreed that the complete list of committee members for all committees would be printed in the fall issue.

Evelyn R. Robinson of the Division of Public Libraries of the Massachusetts Department of Education told the group of a plan now under way in Italy to collect pennies with which a statue of Pinocchio might be built and placed in the park in the little town of Collodi, the birthplace of the author of The Adventures of Pinocchio, Carlo Lorenzini. The division voted to endorse the idea of a "Pennies for Pinocchio" campaign in this country to assist in raising funds for the statue in Italy. A committee of division members was authorized to work out plans.

The president read greetings from the Children's Librarians Section of the Library Association (England).

The officers of the division for 1952-53 as chosen in the spring election were announced: President, Eleanor Kidder, young people's librarian, Seattle Public Library, Wash.; vice-president and president-elect, Marian C. Young, chief, Children's Department, Detroit Public Library, Mich.; treasurer, Jane Darrah, director, Work with Children, Youngstown Public Library, Ohio; executive secretary, Mildred L. Batchelder, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill.

Board of Directors:

Elizabeth H. Gross, director, Work with Children, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md. (chairman, CLA); Rosemary E. Livsey, director, Work with Children, Los Angeles Public Library, Calif. (vice-chairman, CLA); Mrs. Mildred C. Ludecke, chief, Youth Service, Detroit Public Library, Mich. (chairman, AYPL); Madeline Margo, young people's librarian, Youngstown Public Library, Ohio (vice-chairman, AYPL); Virginia Chase, head, Boys and Girls Department, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa. (past president); Margaret Clark, head, Lewis Carroll Room, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio (1953); Jean Roos, supervisor, Youth Department, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio (1953); Ruth Hewitt, superintendent, Department of Work with Children, Seattle Public Library, Wash. (1954); Sarah A. Beard, P.O. Box 348, Cobleskill, N.Y. (1954).

ALA Councilors:

Elizabeth Burr, consultant, Children & Young People's Services, State Free Library Commission, Madison, Wis. (1953); Ruth Hewitt, superintendent, Children's Dept., Seattle Public Library, Wash. (1953); Mrs. Harriet Cox Hall, young people's librarian, Library Association, Portland, Ore. (1954); Sarah Grace Dickinson, Clyde Hill and Enatai Elementary Schools, Bellevue, Wash. (1954); Virginia Fooks, supervisor, Children's & School Libraries, Public Library, Providence, R.I. (1954); Elizabeth H. Gross, director, Work with Children, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md. (1954); Margaret Hauenstein, head, Stevenson Room, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio (1955); Mary Peters, children's librarian, Cincinnati Public Library, Ohio (1955); Mrs. Beatrice Schein, principal librarian, Teen Corner, Newark Public Library, N.J. (1955); Mrs. Sara Wheeler, 228 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill. (1955).

Mildred L. Batchelder, Executive Secretary

Association of Young People's Librarians

On Monday, June 30, at 8:45 a.m. the Association of Young People's Librarians sponsored the regular weekly broadcast of the New York Times Youth Forum in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. With Dorothy Gordon (New York Times) as moderator and Howard Swiggett as guest author, six young people talked about "How Can the Library Best Serve Our Needs" stressing the importance of information on all sides of controversial questions, the lack of sufficient publicity of library resources, and the drab appearance of many library buildings.

At the Book Meeting on Tuesday, July 1 at 8:45 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom Jean Bickle (Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.) and Mrs. Audrey Biel (Detroit Public Library) led a discussion on the questions of whether or not collections for young people should include books of high literary quality but of limited appeal, books of wide appeal but of slight literary value, books true to life but starkly realistic and stories of careers with poor characterization. The book discussion on July 4, held in the Sert Room at 8:45 a.m., was led by Jean Connor (White Plains Public Library, N.Y.) and Eleanor Kidder (Seattle Public Library) and was concerned with special editions of adult books for young people, superficial treatment of important subjects, frank presentations of social problems, and large quantities of science fiction. A full account of these discussions will appear in the October, 1952 issue of Top of the News.

Amy Loveman (The Saturday Review) spoke on Tuesday July 1, at 4:15 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom on "What Books Can Say to Young People."

At a joint meeting of the AYPL Executive Board and the Activities Committee on June 30 at 4:00 p.m. (Grace Slocum, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md., chairman, presiding) the establishment of youth groups in the American Heritage project was discussed with Mrs. Grace Stevenson (ALA Headquarters Staff) and Ida Goshkin (ALA Headquarters Staff). The Board voted to turn over full responsibility for furthering this experiment through the Heritage Project staff to the Activities Committee of which Jean Roos, Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, is chairman.

At the business meeting held on Thursday, July 3 at 10:30, Grace Slocum, chairman, presided and 30 members were present. It was recommended that a committee be appointed to explore the possibilities of recorded book talks for publication and that another committee be appointed to draw up standards for work with young people. As the present Publishers Liaison Committee of the Children's Library Association and the Children's Book Council is being reorganized it was recommended that AYPL weigh the possi-

bilities of having a member on the new joint committee which would also include American Association of School Librarians or of forming a committee of its own to work with the American Book Publishers Council. The recommendations which AYPL had sent to Mrs. Sayers (New York Public Library) concerning our relations to a specialist in children's literature at the Library of Congress were read. The Activities Committee reported on progress being made to establish two experiments with youth groups in the American Heritage Project.

The Nominating Committee reported the election of the following officers to serve for the coming year: Chairman, Mrs. Mildred C. Ludecke, chief, Youth Service, Detroit Public Library; vice-chairman and chairman-elect, Madeline Margo, Young People's librarian, Youngstown Public Library, Ohio; treasurer, Margaret F. Bayes, asst. librarian, Stevenson Room, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio; secretary, Borghild Lee, librarian, Chippewa Falls Public Library, Wis.; division board member, Sarah A. Beard, Cobleskill, N.Y.

Grace Slocum, Chairman

Children's Library Association

A Festival of Theater and Film was arranged by Alice McQuaid and the Local Hospitality Committee, June 30, from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., at the Museum of Modern Art. Dick Whittington and His Cat, a puppet dramatization, was presented by Marcia Brown, author-artist. The Impressionable Years, a film about children and the New York Public Library produced by Peter Elgar Productions for the U. S. State Department was shown. This film may be available for purchase in the United States.

Reception

The Hospitality Committee arranged a reception in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on June 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in honor of authors, artists and members of the DLCYP and the AASL attending the New York Conference. Hosts were the Children's Book Council, American Association of School Librarians, Children's Library Association, Association of Young People's Librarians and Harcourt Brace and Company. The publishers took this occasion to honor the winners of the Newbery and Caldecott awards--Eleanor Estes and Nicolas Mordvinoff.

Program Meeting

A program meeting was held on July 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Philip Sherlock, vice-president of the University College of the British West Indies at Jamaica spoke on the liberature of the West Indies. Mr. Sherlock presented as background the geographic setting of the Caribbean and discussed the growing feeling of nationalism, with emphasis on West Indian centered culture. He quoted several proverbs, showing the island gift for clear language. The songs and dances show wit and sophistication in the Calypso of Trinidad, but the folk songs of the country people of Haiti are characterized by a spiritual and earthy flavor, with ridicule and satire predominating. The Anancy tales are their folk lore and are similar to our own Uncle Remus stories. Anancy is the spider god of the Ashanti people. Mr. Sherlock told one of the Anancy tales which was taken from a collection published in Jamaica.

Newberry-Caldecott Dinner

The Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria was a beautiful setting for the Newbery-Caldecott dinner held on July 1 at 7:30 p.m. About 1000 people attended the banquet with several hundred in the balcony coming later to hear the speeches. Official presentation of the Caldecott award was made to Nicolas Mordvinoff for his illustration for Finders Keepers. The Newbery medal went to Eleanor Estes for Ginger Pye. Both of these addresses will be published in the Horn Book. A string trio played from table to table during the banquet. Mr. Melcher read "The King's Breakfast."

At a meeting held on July 2, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Gerald Gross, art director, Harcourt Brace and Company, spoke on book design and production. Mr. Gross explained the mechanical processes of book production. He brought examples of materials and page layouts actually used in production.

A reception on July 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., formally opened the International Exhibition of Children's Books and Paintings which was arranged by the CLA at the New York Public Library, Central Children's Room. The International Committee was composed of Nora Beust, chairman, and Helen Masten and Marie Cimino of the Central Children's Room, New York Public Library.

Sterling Callisen, dean of education, Metropolitan Museum of Art, spoke on book design and illustration, a creative art on July 3 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Mr. Callison traced the development of book making and illustration from Egypt and papyrus rolls through parchment to modern books. He

made a strong plea for quality in the illustration and production of present-day books for children. (This program was arranged by Margaret McElderry, a member of the Publisher's Liaison Committee.)

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held in the Jansen Room on Friday July 4 with Mrs. Marian Herr, chairman, presiding. About 75 to 100 persons attended.

The secretary read a report of discussion at board meeting - June 29. A resolution was sent to Edward A. Wight, chairman, Committee on Statistics, Public Library Division:

"The Children's Library Association requests consideration of uniform statistics especially for registration and clarification of the circulation count of books issued to schools by public libraries."

Projected Publications: There was discussion of the possibility of appointing a person to write a history of the Newbery-Caldecott awards for publication, writing a history of the Children's Library Association, and a history of CLA efforts to promote international understanding. The report of the treasurer, Anne Izard, was read and accepted.

Kyrill Schabert (Pantheon Books) chairman, Book Survey Committee, Publishers Book Council, gave a report on the questionnaire sent to public and school libraries about juvenile publishing. A printed report is to follow. Answers were received from 518 public libraries and 310 school libraries with returns especially heavy from New York, Massachusetts, California, and Pennsylvania. His analysis of the answers was very thorough. The reports of the standing committees were accepted as read.

Summaries follow as well as digests of ensuing discussion.

Publisher's Liaison Committee

Chairman: Vernon Ives, Holiday House, 8 West 13th St., New York 11, N.Y., reporting.

Since this committee is to become a committee of the division hereafter, the report included suggestions for reorganization. To further insure that this committee be truly joint, seven-member make up was recommended:

One children's librarian and one young people's librarian to represent public libraries was appointed by the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People; two school librarians to represent school libraries were appointed by the American Association of School Librarians; two children's editors with the executive secre-

tary of the Children's Book Council serving as ex officio. All members to live near New York City. Each to serve a two year term. Mr. Ives summarized the reports of 23 of the 24 states having Traveling Exhibits. This report will go to all the publishers and all the state library associations.

Book Evaluation Committee

Chairman: Mary Louise Sloan, assistant children's librarian, Everett Public Library, Wash., Helen Kinsey, reporting.

This committee suggested that the practice instituted in 1951-52, be continued, that of asking 15 to 20 major children's departments of public libraries to submit lists of distinguished books

International Committee

Chairman: Nora Beust, specialist for School and Children's Libraries, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D.C., Helen Adams Masten, New York Public Library, reporting.

The standards for the purchase of foreign books are well set forth in the printed list Foreign Children's Books Available in the United States. The list, and the exhibit of the books in the Children's Room at the New York Public Library represent the activities of the committee for the year. Helen Masten explained a second exhibit on display in the children's room of the New York Public Library. The requests to various countries through their Consular Offices have brought 300 books into the State Department from 30 to 40 countries. This exhibit may be available to libraries. Inquiries should be sent to Miss Pope, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C. It is hoped that this list may be kept up to date.

A number of organizations such as the AAUW and the Red Cross are interested in this traveling exhibit. The only expense to the exhibitor is the cost of transportation to the next exhibit.

Membership Committee

Chairman: Virginia Haviland, children's librarian, Brooks Branch, Boston Public Library, Mass.

To enlarge membership in CLA there are 64 chairmen, 10 regional and 54 for states and large cities. Several suggestions for enlarging membership were made.

Newbery-Caldecott Committee

Chairman: Elizabeth Gross, director, work with children, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.

It was decided the Newbery-Caldecott awards be made next year between March 1-15 and that the membership be polled by post card ballot.

Publicity Committee

Chairman: Mary Peters, children's librarian, Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

As vocational guidance material, 159 sample copies of A Future in Their Faces were sent to vocational counselors. Third printing of Future in Their Faces was arranged. The committee needs to receive more articles for publication. Story Parade will have an article about children voting for Newbery-Caldecott awards in the November issue. Librarians will need to help with this. Distribution of the Camera Magazine reprint from August 1952 issue, ("The Children's Librarian") is a new responsibility of this committee.

The following special committees made reports which were accepted:

Children's Work Advisory Committee

Chairman: Isabell R. Carroll, West Massachusetts Library Federation, Conway, Mass.

List of easy to tell stories ready to publish for 1953 conference.

Recordings for Children Committee

Chairman: Frances Whitehead, Detroit Public Library, Mich. The committee has 1442 records listed, 172 evaluated with 116 approved and 56 rejected. ALA is willing to publish a listing. Suggestions included having a current listing. A list of storytelling recordings to help the beginning storyteller and to supplement storytelling is needed.

Status Committee

Chairman: Miriam Wessel, head, Children's Room, Detroit Public Library, Mich.

Recommended change of the name of committee to Place of Children's Work in the Public Library Program. The preliminary

questionnaire has been drawn up. This indicates types of information required for basis of further study. The next step is to consult with experts in the field of questionnaires.

New Business:

Shall the CLA continue its annual contribution to the Caroline Hewins Scholarship?

Anne Carroll Moore who was the first CLA chairman at Magnolia, fifty years ago, gave a rich background of information about this scholarship. Its recipients have gone far and wide. "We do not know who is coming out of unknown places." A lively discussion yielded as consensus the continued support of the scholarship and investigation of the possibility of increasing it.

Resolutions Committee

Reported by Elizabeth Burr, library consultant, Children and People's Service, State Free Library Commission, Madison, Wis., Rosemary Livsey, director, Work with Children, Los Angeles Public Library, Calif., was the other member of the committee.

Nominating Committee

Chairman: Dorothy Hansen, head, Children's Reference and Traveling Library, Michigan State Library, Lansing, Mich.

Report on Election Returns

Vice-chairman and chairman-elect: Rosemary E. Livsey, director, Work with Children, Los Angeles Public Library, Calif., secretary: Laura Steese, head, Children's Department, Flint Public Library, Mich., treasurer: Elizabeth Miller, head, Children's Services, Brookline Public Library, Mass., director to DLCYP: Ruth Hewitt, superintendent, Department of Work with Children, Seattle Public Library, Wash., members-at-large for Newbery and Caldecott Awards: Ruth L. Adams, head, Department of Work with Children, Schenectady, County Public Library, Schenectady, N.Y., Ruth Gagliardo, director, Traveling Exhibit and Book Review editor, Kansas State Teachers Association, Lawrence, Kan., Helen Keefe, supervisor, Work with Children, Tampa Public Library, Fla.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

LIBRARY EDUCATION DIVISION

Executive Board Meeting

The meeting was held on Tuesday, July 1 at 8 a.m., in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with William H. Carlson, president-elect, director of college libraries, Oregon State System of Higher Education, Corvallis, presiding.

The chief business concerned the working out of financial relationships between the division and the newly formed section of Departments and Schools. As a basis for arrangements the section was asked to submit to the board for later action a statement of its convention expenses and a tentative budget for the coming year.

The secretary was instructed to draft a letter to the Board of Education for Librarianship expressing the continued interest of the division in the work of the board and offering its cooperation and services in the work going forward.

The board voted to change the fiscal year to begin September 1 to conform to the fiscal year of the American Library Association.

Business Meeting

The meeting was held on Thursday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m., in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with an attendance of approximately 100, William H. Carlson, presiding.

In the absence of the president, Louis M. Nourse, librarian, St. Louis Public Library, Mr. Carlson gave Mr. Nourse's summary of the activities of the year, notably, reports to the membership through regular issues of the News Letter, participation of the division in the committee work of the Council of National Library Associations, and the establishment of an active Planning Committee to draw up and suggest ways of implementing a program for the division.

The minutes of the Midwinter Meetings were approved as printed in the News Letter. A summary of the minutes of the July 1 executive board meeting was read by the secretary and an interim report by the treasurer to June 30 was presented. Results of the election of officers were reported as follows: Vice-president and president-elect, Donald E. Strout, director of libraries and library school, University of Denver; secretary, Marie M. Hostetter, assistant professor, University of Illinois Library School; treasurer, Mrs. Janet Z. McKinlay, head, Bureau of Library Services, State Library, Trenton, N.J.; director (1952-55), Winifred B. Linderman, associate, School of Library Service, Columbia University; ALA

Councilor (1952-56), Phyllis Osteen, personnel assistant, New York Public Library.

Committee reports will be summarized in a forthcoming News Letter.

Program Meeting

The meeting was held on Thursday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m., in the Empire Room, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with an attendance of approximately 250, William H. Carlson, presiding.

For the program meeting the Library Education Division was joined by the Association of American Library Schools.

Speakers at the meeting were Dr. Lowell A. Martin, associate dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University; Mrs. Nina Sydney Ladof, formerly president of the Board of Trustees, Levittown, N.Y., Public Library; and Dr. Harold Lancour, associate director, University of Illinois Library School.

In discussing "The Need for Research Programs in Library Schools" Dr. Martin stressed that "libraries and library schools must get together, and soon, on sound applied research programs if each is to move on to its next stage of development - the libraries to service based on knowledge and the schools to education based on insight."

In a paper on "The Civic and Political Education Required by Public Librarians" Mrs. Ladof stated that librarians must have knowledge of the techniques of political action if they are to secure financial support and the passage of essential legislation. The successful use of such knowledge in securing an increase in the annual budget of the Levittown Public Library was described.

Dr. Lancour gave an interesting comparison of library education in Great Britain and in the United States. Pointing out the British interest in the product rather than the training agency, he explained the system of external examinations administered by the Library Association whereby candidates earn their library credentials and the various methods by which candidates may prepare themselves for the examinations.

Winifred B. Linderman, Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

The Public Libraries Division, convening the first time since merging with the Trustees Division and the Library Extension Division, held one open business meeting, sponsored two general program meetings, one of which was in cooperation with the ALA

Adult Education Board and the PLD Adult Education Committee. The board of directors met twice. A special exhibit of materials relating to the non-partisan Register and Vote campaign was arranged by a division committee. Four division committees sponsored programs. Each of the three sections, Armed Forces Librarians, Library Extension, and Trustees, conducted a business meeting and sponsored programs and other activities.

Business Meeting

The open business meeting of the Public Libraries Division was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, on July 2, at 8:45 a.m., Harold F. Brigham, Indiana State Library, presiding.

A review of the division's development from 1946 to 1952 was presented by S. Janice Kee, executive secretary of the division. She reported that the PLD had 4622 members as of June 15, 1952, with 1121 in the Library Extension Section, 653 in the Trustees Section, and 252 in the Armed Forces Librarians Section. In describing the activities of the division office at ALA Headquarters Miss Kee emphasized the correspondence requests for advice, statistics, surveys and similar information; the preparation of directories and lists of libraries and librarians; the writing of periodical and yearbook articles; the entertaining of foreign library visitors; and the field work previously reported in Public Libraries. Activities for which time had not been available included the preparation of exhibitions and the compilation of statistics.

Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, division treasurer and trustee of the Carnegie Public Library, Washington, Indiana, reported on the division's finances. She announced the receipt of \$5099 in balances from the old division of which some \$3400 is being held in a reserve fund. The total division budget for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1952 is \$19,514 of which \$13,586 has been expended through May 31, 1952. Mrs. Burris and Mr. Brigham indicated that expenditures are conforming to the budget and that the membership dues allotments from ALA will apparently exceed estimates, perhaps by a considerable amount due to the higher ALA dues scale.

Ruth Rutzen, Detroit Public Library, and division president-elect, reported on ALA-Division relationships with particular reference to a recent meeting with the ALA Executive Secretary and the officers of all the divisions. She identified four important areas of inter-relationship: 1) division with the ALA Council and the ALA Executive Board, where the trend is toward ALA as a federation of affiliated associations with a measure of autonomy; 2) division executive secretary with the ALA Executive Secretary where regular conferences are being held to assure coordination;

3) Financial relationships where continuing review of the division allotment formula is desirable; and 4) the structure and functions of division and ALA committees.

Miss Rutzen also reported for the Division Organization Committee, tracing the development of sections in the reorganized division, noting that several groups have maintained their identities but are planning for section status. Possible section requests include reference and adult education. Division round tables for programming are also being considered.

Helen Ridgway, Connecticut State Department of Education, reported for the Library Development Committee, reading a report prepared by the committee's chairman, Lowell Martin, Columbia University School Of Library Service. The committee plans to study standards of service, financial campaigns, and broad public relations. It is not an action group but is engaged in long-range planning.

Winifred E. Baum, Chicago Public Library, chairman of the division Elections Committee, reported the results of the election for 1952-53 division officers in which 4299 ballots were sent to members and 1794 were returned and tallied. The newly elected officers are: Vice-president and president-elect: Jack Spear, New York State Library; ALA Councilors: Clara E. Breed, San Diego Public Library; Thomas H. McKaig, Trustee, Erie County Public Library, New York; Siri Andrews, Public Library, Concord, N.H.; L. Marion Moshier, New York State Library; and Capt. William Brett, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. (J.M.C.)

Board of Directors

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Libraries Division was held on June 30, at 4:15 p.m., in Room 4 N-P of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. Harold F. Brigham, Indiana State Library, presided.

S. Janice Kee, executive secretary, Public Libraries Division, reported the following division membership as of June 25, 1952: Public Libraries Division - 4622; Armed Forces Librarians Section - 252; Library Extension Section - 1221; and Trustees Section - 663.

Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, treasurer, presented her report giving a balance of \$4260.03 on hand. It was stated that a more complete report would be given at the membership meeting on July 2.

The report of the Elections Committee was next presented. The following officers were elected: Vice-president and president-elect: Jack B. Spear, New York State Library; Councilors: Clara E. Breed, San Diego Public Library; Thomas H. McKaig, trustee,

Erie County Public Library, Buffalo; Siri M. Andrews, Public Library, Concord, N.H.; L. Marion Moshier, New York State Library; and Capt. William H. Brett, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The recommendations made by this committee were discussed and the motion was passed that 1953 ballots will be sent to all 1952 members of the division as well as to the new 1953 members.

The reports of the Nominating Committee and of the Statistics Committee were presented and approved by the board. The division Organization Committee report was given after which there was considerable discussion on the possible formation of division sections for the adult education and community services group, as well as for reference and subject department workers. It was agreed that the reports of these two groups be studied by the division Organization Committee, and that the committee's recommendations be reported to the PLD Board for further action at the July 4 board meetings. (E.C.S.)

The second meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Libraries Division was held on July 4, at 4:15 p.m., in Room 4 J-L of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. Harold F. Brigham, State Library, Indianapolis, Ind., presided.

Richard Sealock, Public Library, Kansas City, Mo., presented the report of the division Organization Committee, which recommended the establishment of sections for the adult education and reference groups. Motions were passed by the board setting up an Adult Education Section and a Reference Section within the Public Libraries Division. The Branch Librarians Committee was dissolved by action of the board at this meeting. The board also accepted by motion the Inter-Library Loan Code which is being revised by ACRL. The Order and Book Selection Committee was dissolved.

Ruth Rutzen, Detroit Public Library, incoming president of the division, took over the chairmanship of the meeting at this point. The reports of the Notable Books Committee and the Editorial Committee were presented.

The matter of setting up terms for the standing committees was given over to the Executive Committee. A standing committee on Division Organization was re-constituted to set up criteria for sections, round tables, etc., within the division. The report of the treasurer was distributed to the board for consideration. The whole matter of drafting the next year's budget was put in the hands of the Executive Committee.

S. Janice Kee, executive secretary, gave a report on the projects being carried out in the Public Libraries Division office, such as the Register and Vote Project, and the setting up of a committee to work with the H. W. Wilson Company concerning the indexing of periodicals in Readers' Guide. Miss Kee also mentioned the pos-

sibility of having a Public Affairs Pamphlet on the subject of libraries. The UNESCO book coupon plan was discussed by Mr. Brigham. (E.C.S.)

Program Meeting

The program meeting of the Public Libraries Division was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, July 1, 10:30 a.m., Harold F. Brigham, Indiana State Library, presiding.

T. J. Ross, senior partner, Ivy Lee and T. J. Ross, Public Relations Counselors, New York, and member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the New York Public Library, was introduced by Raymond Mahoney, Detroit Public Library, and chairman of the PLD Public Relations Committee. This committee planned this part of the program.

Mr. Ross, speaking on "Internal Public Relations for Libraries," said that the objective of all public relations was the creation of favorable public opinion. He pointed out similarities between business and library public relations, these having comparable publics which they wish to reach with products and services. He discussed four principal aspects of public relations all of which apply to the library's internal public relations: the point of view or attitude of mind, the function of management, techniques used to express ideas, and the activities of the personnel directly responsible for public relations. Most importantly, he felt, all the employees should believe in the library's service, be aware of their role in the library's public relations program and participate actively in it.

Mr. Ross stressed the following potential public relations activities of the library: 1) have management thinking about what people think about the library; 2) have a two-way communications system between the library and its public; 3) publicize the library's goals and standards; 4) involve as many members of the public as possible. In a question and answer period, Mr. Ross agreed that it was important to have employees informed on the library's public relations program through conferences, manuals, and everyday management contacts. He called attention to specific programs already available in the literature of librarianship.

"The Small Public Library -- Its Importance and Its Future" was discussed by Mrs. V. Genevieve Galick, library adviser, Massachusetts State Department of Education from the librarian's point of view; and by James J. Weadock, Jr., Public Library, Lima, Ohio from the trustee's point of view.

Mrs. Galick emphasized the local community origins of the public library in New England, mentioning that Massachusetts has 395

existing independent public libraries in 351 communities with 111 of these libraries located in communities of 2000 persons or less. The small public library is strategically located in close relation to its clientele but it needs advice and technical supervision. While the tax base in small communities may not be large enough to provide adequate modern library service, larger units of library service may not be the best answer, especially where a number of independent libraries already exist. She proposed a two-point program for improving the lot of the small library (1) To strengthen the state library agency, and (2) To supplement but not supplant the services of local libraries from the state level, by holding training conferences, providing consultant services, conducting a vigorous field service, sponsoring legislation to facilitate voluntary agreements and cooperation, informing library trustees, sponsoring interloan arrangements, encouraging reciprocal borrowing privileges, helping to establish interlibrary delivery services, and arranging for the sharing of staff. This requires good leadership at the state level and shared effort at the local level.

Mr. Weadock mentioned that 65% of the 7500 public libraries in the United States are in communities of 5000 persons or fewer. The trend toward larger service units does not offer immediate hope to thousands of existing small libraries. No additional small units should be established but existing small libraries should be helped and strengthened. The small library has advantages as well as disadvantages: closer contact with the public, greater range of activities available to the staff, provision of a local gathering place, and intense local pride. State aid, regional libraries operated by the state but retaining local autonomy, federations of local libraries -- all these require legislation and tax adjustment but informal cooperation and contracts are always available. (J.M.C.)

Joint Program Meeting

The joint program meeting with the Adult Education Board and the Public Libraries Division Adult Education Committee was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, on July 4 at 2:00 p.m., Miriam Putnam, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, Mass., chairman of the PLD Adult Education Committee, presided.

Miss Putnam opened the meeting and turned it over to Mrs. Grace Stevenson, director of the ALA American Heritage Project, who presided over a discussion of "The American Heritage in Our Community." Participants in the panel included: Margaret Monroe, New York Public Library; Muriel Fuller, La Crosse Public Library, La Crosse, Wis.; Mrs. Lois Green, Alabama State Public Library Services Division; Sarah Maret, Regional Library, Athens, Ga.; Dorothy Randolph, Vermont Free Public Library Commission; Mrs. Nell Wright, Horton Branch, Winston-Salem, North Carolina Public Library; Nell Scott, Denver Public Library;

Mrs. Mollie Huston Lee, Harmon Public Library, Raleigh, N.C.; Mrs. Lura Currier, Mississippi State Library Commission; Vivian Cazayoux, Louisiana State Library; and John D. Henderson, Los Angeles County Public Library.

Leaders were provided for the American Heritage groups through contact with community organizations and libraries, local librarians and library boards, Great Books groups, and from library staffs themselves. These leaders were chosen for enthusiasm for the discussion methods, enthusiasm for ideas in books, available leisure for participation and for their tact and friendly manner.

Mrs. Wright reported great personal pride on the part of the leaders in their participation in the national program.

Mrs. Stevenson mentioned that the statistical picture of the group leaders showed that the leader was more often a woman generally around 38 years of age engaged in professional activity with at least college graduation, and a person interested in obtaining a better understanding of the American Heritage program and in promoting better human relations.

Program planning varied greatly in the different communities although drawing frequently from the New York Public Library's previous experience with its "Exploring the American Idea" groups. In some cases the subjects were considered in their logical and chronological order, in other cases the program changed as interest and leaders changed. Vermont showed considerable diversity even among the groups within that state. Program planning was assisted by discussion leaders, committees of librarians, and very often by the participants themselves. The right of each group to determine its own program was a serious and very general situation. Difficulties in program planning were the limited availability of some materials and speed necessary in setting up the program during its first year. Future program planning will have the benefit of experienced groups of leaders and participants.

The variety of content was shown by Mrs. Green's comment that one group "cleaned up" the constitution in one night whereas another group spent twelve sessions on that document and plans to continue further discussion on it next year. Some groups used books only, some groups used films only and many used both books and films. Lists for discussion proved of great value on books by Johnson and Commager prepared through the initiative of the ALA 75th Anniversary Committee.

Discussion group members were recruited by radio and newspaper publicity but more often by personal contact and information supplied by libraries. Discussion members of the panel reached many people not primarily involved in library programs. National publicity such as an article in the Christian Science Monitor also helped greatly. Participants included many displaced persons and

many other new members to the various communities.

In addition to the preponderant reason for joining the group, "a desire to learn about American Heritage," the important reasons were a desire to learn the values of new discussion techniques and the desire to have an opportunity to speak on matters of public importance.

Effects of the program as reported by the panel included prestige for libraries and the ALA, increased coverage of the community by the library, increased political interest and participation, increased reading of books, increased cooperation between local and state libraries, improved human relations through interracial program and planning and increased tolerance and understanding, with the opening of new horizons through exchange of ideas.

During the general discussion period following the panel presentation it was brought out that the program had influenced people not participating directly in the discussion groups, including students of participants in the groups and in the establishment of discussion groups by other community organizations taking interest in the program. It was brought out that while the total enrollment in all groups dropped somewhat during a year of the program it actually increased in some areas and in some groups. The best time of day in each group varied in each community and groups, although evenings were found to be the best time.

The broadened basis of adult education achieved in the program was emphasized by the fact that 25% of leaders did not have college training. The educational background of leaders and participants was still rather high, however.

Mrs. Stevenson announced that in the second year program there are plans for expanding the American Heritage program to reach young people more expansively than was possible during the first year's program. (J.M.C.)

Adult Education Committee

The committee, Miriam Putnam, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, Mass., chairman, worked informally preceding and during the New York Conference to promote the establishment of an Adult Education Section within the Public Libraries Division. A statement of justification and a petition bearing the names of a group of librarians interested in adult education was presented to the PLD Board of Directors and was approved. Violet Myer, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, was selected by the group to be president of the newly established section.

This committee planned the excellent program, jointly sponsored by PLD and the Adult Education Board on the American Heritage Project.

Branch Librarians Committee

The committee, Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, Hall Branch Public Library, Chicago, chairman, held a panel discussion and business meeting on Thursday, July 3 at 4:15 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. The title of the panel was "What Are the Public Relations Resources of a Branch Community, and How Can They be Utilized?"

Kate Coplan, chief of Exhibits and Publicity, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, introduced concepts in public relations based on the experience of Enoch Pratt. She said that the two key words to keep in mind when trying to serve people are: 1) service and 2) contacts. The librarians who give prompt, efficient service with a smile are on the road to good public relations. In a branch, there are almost unlimited opportunities to make contacts.

Dr. Theodore D. Rice, professor of education, New York University, agreed that public relations is based on a service concept. He said that the most significant job in public relations is the face-to-face, day-by-day job. Perhaps the branch library has the best opportunity as it is nearer to the grass roots. He asked how we could be sure our working and advisory groups were representative. He asked if the spectrum of light reflected the interests of all the people. Dr. Rice emphasized the matter of community service. He said we need to do some soul-searching about that service. He suggested workshop tools for groups in the community, a community time-table, and a flexible loan of books. Librarians should get well-rounded information on any question asked of the library.

Alfred V. A. Van Duym, in charge of window displays, Scribner's, suggested all in the fascinating book business pull together. He urged librarians to value authors as friends and relatives who would help in display work. The book, The Art of Window Display, by Lester Gaba, was recommended.

Dorothy Weber conducted a discussion period. She remarked that all the speakers had emphasized relating the library to the community. There was a discussion of competition over window displays between branches in a system. It was pointed out that in Chicago, the branch libraries have developed the idea of having the same window display in all branches at one time. In a summary of the discussion, Miss Weber pointed out that in a public relations program service is basic, and contacts are essential. These relations begin with an integration with the community.

A short business meeting followed the panel and discussion. Sentiment was expressed for and against the idea of maintaining the branch libraries committee as a section of the Public Libraries Division. It was decided to postpone the affirmative position for possible consideration later. A motion was put to vote dissolving the Branch Librarians Committee with the recommendation

that the president of the Public Libraries Division be requested to include a program of interest to branch librarians at the next conference. The motion passed. (B.T.)

Business and Technology Committee

The committee, Jesse E. Cross, Business Reference Library, Brooklyn Public Library, chairman, held a panel discussion and a business meeting on Wednesday, July 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Ruth W. Gregory, Public Library, Waukegan, Ill., discussed reference work and service from the point of view of the small city library. The increasingly heavy use of the Waukegan Public Library's reference services is coming from students in high schools and colleges, as well as from skilled workers in industry, business and technical fields. To build up the confidence of the public with good service and to explore areas as yet untouched throughout the community requires an active public relations campaign and should not be foregone through lack of time or skill. Miss Gregory emphasized the need to service all kinds of reference work in the community, and in this she felt that small and large city libraries are fundamentally the same.

Evelyn E. Kirkland, Public Library, Brooklyn, N.Y., spoke on reference work in the metropolitan library. She observed that branches, sub-branches, and bookmobiles, each with their somewhat standardized collection of basic reference books, must rely on the wide resources of the whole library system. All this requires coordination on the part of the staff to train the reference assistants through regional meetings, workshops, and once a month reference meetings, to give them an idea of the general scope of the library holdings. Publicizing the library as a source of information through exhibits, book lists, bulletins, and film programs has been successfully carried out along the theme of Consumer Information Program and Our Government's Best Sellers.

The final speaker, Dorothy S. Truesdale, Public Library, White Plains, N.Y., spoke on behalf of reference work in the suburban library. Suburban districts varying in size as well as in the amount of industrialization, characteristically have the resources of a metropolitan area near at hand. The wide range of interests among the library patrons is as great as those found in a large city and is becoming daily more demanding as the trend to decentralize industry increases. An up-to-date book collection with adequate bibliographical tools, plus a strong collection covering local history of the community should be the aim of the librarian. Coupled with this, a knowledge of the resources of the nearby metropolitan area and the use of interlibrary loans can meet most requests for information.

The difference between these types of libraries is one of degree; the essentials are the same.

At the business meeting which followed, Paul Wasserman, Public Library, Brooklyn, New York, gave the report of the Nominating Committee and the slate of officers was accepted as read:

Chairman, Gladys Sandifur, Los Angeles Public Library, Calif.; secretary, Milton A. Drescher, Milwaukee Public Library, Wis.; treasurer, Hope Packard, Springfield Public Library, Mass.; director, Jesse E. Cross, Brooklyn Public Library, N.Y.

A discussion and finally an informal vote of all those present at this meeting was taken to determine those in favor of proceeding to ask the Board of Directors to set up a Reference Section of the Public Libraries Division, with the understanding that the members be allowed to indicate their subject interest, particularly at a minimum, business and technology. (M.B.)

Library Architecture Committee

The committee, Charles M. Mohrhardt, Detroit Public Library, chairman, held a program meeting Friday, July 4 at 4:15 p.m.

Dan Lacy, Information Centers Division, U. S. State Department, spoke on the new American Memorial Library in Berlin and on its influence on German libraries. Early in 1950 Commissioner McCloy decided upon a memorial to the American Occupation and to the heroism of the inhabitants of Berlin during the Berlin air lift. Discussion with the Berlin city officials led, at their suggestion, to the selection of a free public library as typical exemplifying America. One of the factors influencing this choice was the library program of the occupation through the Amerika Haus libraries which filled the gap which existed in pre-war German library service between the scholarly libraries and the more popular Volksbucherein.

Last Saturday, June 28, construction of the library began with the laying of the cornerstone. Indicative of the importance of this memorial to the U. S. is the fact that Secretary of State Acheson was the principal speaker. It is the desire and hope of the American authorities that the memorial will be a truly German institution enshrining the spiritual values of America.

Francis Keally, New York architect, spoke on the plans and design of the new memorial library. Using slides, he traced the development of American public library architecture toward increased flexibility. This present use of great open spaces, which he described as an "accordion plan," has been incorporated in the design of the memorial library.

Mr. Keally, working as consultant and guide in collaboration with a team of four German architects, drew up plans seeking to com-

bine utility, stability and beauty. At the same time, the site being in central Berlin and located on a thoroughfare leading to the Russian sector about a mile away, the plans utilized the psychological factor of being designed to be seen both day and night from that sector.

Sylvia C. Hilton, librarian of the Scarsdale, New York, Public Library, gave an illustrated lecture on the recently completed Scarsdale Public Library building. (W.M.R.)

Public Relations Committee

The committee, Raymond Mahoney, Detroit Public Library, chairman, held a business meeting Tuesday, July 1 at 8:30 p.m. Seven members attended.

Harold Brigham, president, Public Libraries Division, (State Library, Indianapolis, Ind.) answered a series of questions regarding length of committee appointments, budget, and general divisional problems.

The chairman reviewed the organization and activity of committee during the first six months. After surveying the field, a list of projects was prepared. Priority was given the following: 1. The use of tape recorders to strengthen the channels of communication within libraries and between ALA and its members throughout the country. 2. Internal public relations.

Two articles were published on how recorders can be effectively used. They appeared in the May issue of ALA Bulletin and the current issue of Public Libraries. Arrangements were made with Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to cooperate with the Public Relations Committee in a tape recording demonstration at the annual convention. Eight meetings are to be recorded. Tapes may be reserved by individual libraries. They will be mailed via parcel post for a small minimum charge covering postage and booking charges. The first meeting has been recorded (NYLA Trustees Meeting) and ten reservations accepted.

T. J. Ross, senior partner, Ivy Lee and T. J. Ross, addressed a General Session of the Public Libraries Division on the subject of Interior Public Relations for Libraries.

Harold Hacker (librarian, Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N.Y.) recommended the committee contact free lance writers in an effort to get magazine articles placed in publications having a national circulation. The following topics were discussed: (1) library service to business, (2) bookmobiles, (3) library service to labor, (4) service to children.

Committee recommended further study of suggestion. Harold Baily (trustee, Brooklyn Public Library) is to investigate and report on the most effective way of assembling information and

contacting free lance writers and/or magazines.

Consideration was given to arranging a panel discussion at Los Angeles Convention on Public Relations for Small Libraries. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Armed Forces Librarians Section

Three section meetings of the Armed Forces Librarians' Section, Public Libraries Division, American Library Association, were held on July 3, 1952 at the annual conference in New York City.

Business Meeting

The seventh annual business meeting of the section opened at 8:45 a.m., at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Mrs. Dorothy Fayne, command librarian, Continental Air Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, the section president, presiding. There were approximately 200 in attendance. Reports were as follows: Secretary's report: Ruth Sheahan Howard, staff librarian, Hqs. Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Md.; treasurer's report: Helen Burgess Hogan, 3rd Naval District, N.Y.; membership report: Katherine Hyatt, staff librarian, Hqs. Fifth Army, Chicago, Ill.; public relations report: Helen Fry, staff librarian, Hqs. Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

In connection with the Membership Committee report, it was stated that there are presently 252 paid section members.

The Public Relations Committee reported six projects for the year 1951, two of which were accomplished in entirety, two in part, and one in abeyance.

Project I. A list of librarians presently employed by the three Services was consolidated. The total number of librarians recorded was 572; Army 347; Air Force 156; Navy 69. The list was utilized in completing three other projects.

Project II. To accomplish closer liaison and coordination of the section with the state library associations, to encourage membership of librarians in these, and to familiarize state associations with the extent of the Armed Services Library Program within their states, a letter was forwarded to the state presidents. Enclosed with the letter was a list of librarians presently employed in their states or librarians from their states stationed overseas.

Project III. With cooperation of staff librarians, one librarian was selected from each state and was asked to write an article on her work. This was to be submitted to the state library association publications after being cleared with the local public relations

officer at the installation. To date, one article has been received.

Project IV. Information received from newly graduated librarians indicates further need for implementation within the library school curricula regarding the Armed Forces Library Service. One method to accomplish this is to bring to the attention of library schools the numbers of their graduates who are presently employed by the armed forces. A form designed to present pertinent personnel data to library schools to bring their personnel records up to date was forwarded for completion by 572 librarians. These were then to be sent to the schools.

Project V. A letter was forwarded to a national magazine outlining a proposed article on the Armed Forces Library Service. No answer has been received from this inquiry.

Project VI. A proposed brochure on the Armed Forces Library Service was not prepared as time did not permit.

It was requested by the president-elect, Agnes Crawford, chief of the Army Library Service, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., that the chairman of the Membership Committee, Harriet Rourke, command librarian, Hqs. Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo., and the chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Helen Fry, staff librarian, Hqs. Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., continue in appointment for the next year.

A translation of the old Section Constitution into Bylaws was presented by the Bylaws Committee Chairman, Elizabeth Fuller, command librarian, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force, Va., and the motion made and seconded that the Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Election results, 1952-53, were announced by the Election Chairman, Betty Snow, post librarian, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.: Vice-president and president-elect, Helen E. Hendrick, district librarian, Hqs. 11th Naval District, San Diego, Calif.; secretary, Ruth Nimtz, command librarian, Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; director, Virginia Stagers, command librarian, Hqs. Far East Air Force, APO 925, San Francisco, Calif.

After presentation of the new officers, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Symposium

A symposium at 10:30 a.m., in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel followed the annual business meeting, with approximately 350 in attendance. Moderated by Mariana Thurber, chief, Acquisitions Department, Library Section, Department of the Army, the subject "Developments in Service Librarianship" was discussed by: Dr.

Sherwood Gates, chief, Office of Community Services, Department of the Air Force, N.Y.; Captain Al Podesta, Hqs. First Army, Governors Island, N.Y.; Lt. Janet Lewis, 3rd Naval District, N.Y.; Mildred Young Thompson, chief, Young Peoples' Division, Brooklyn Public Library, N.Y.; Mrs. Janet Zimmerman McKinlay, supervisor, New Jersey Public Library Services Bureau, N.J.

Dr. Gates, pointing out that military training is fast becoming a normal part of American life and that military service has become the fifth rung in the educational ladder, emphasized the fact that the policy of the armed forces is to see that the military training time is not lost time in the life of military personnel. He stressed that it can and must be a constructive experience, and cited the resources available: 1. Policies and practices within jurisdiction of the armed forces, 2. Programs of the civilian communities, 3. Free time activities, in which category the LIBRARY appears.

To make programs effective, Dr. Gates suggested: 1. Promote and stimulate interest. "Librarians cannot be just catalogers, or record keepers. They must be teachers, and promoters." 2. By assisting the man and woman in uniform to the best to be found in adjacent communities. The librarian may serve as an interpreter for the soldier to the community, and for the community to the soldier. 3. Because of the nature of a librarian's position, the stability and the continuity of her work, she may assist by exercising leadership in the community and on the commander's staff.

Lt. Janet Lewis, Third Naval District, N.Y., in addressing the group, also stated that because librarians have much to do with public opinion, they may constructively interpret the civilian community to and for the service woman. They may assist in providing welfare aspects for the woman in uniform; they may use their professional abilities to determine what the women in service want and need; they may help service women to be accepted by the communities.

Captain Al Podesta, speaking on "Service to the Young Adult" emphasized the fact that the greatest percentage of youth in the armed forces today are under the age of 20, and are in the teen age group. Unlike in civilian life, service personnel in this teen category are not treated as a separate group. He stressed three essentials for the armed forces librarian to bear in mind regarding service to these youths: 1. Entering the armed forces at such an early age, habits with regard to leisure time and to reading have not been established. The librarian must assist in constructive development. 2. Personality development of the individual through reading. 3. With the armed forces substituting for the home environment, the librarian can help through personal guidance to service personnel. 4. Service not only to the man directly, but to other sections taking care of the soldier, such as Informa-

tion and Education, Chaplains, Character Guidance Councils, etc.

Mildred Young Thompson in speaking on "Book Diet for Young People in the Armed Forces" stressed "simple books with an adult interest." She asserted that "there is no substitute for the librarian's reading of her own collection, in order to advise."

In order to acquire professional growth, Mrs. Janet Zimmerman McKinlay recommended the following: 1. Have a personal drive and a wholehearted interest in the profession, 2. Read professional literature, 3. Read professional magazines and route them to your superiors, 4. Study one's constituency to determine the right type of service for your constituency, 5. Plan and direct training programs, 6. Give talks to organizations about your services, 7. Attend conferences, 8. Enroll in school for special courses, 9. Participate in State organizations, 10. Travel, 11. Participate in social activities; social activities stimulate professional growth.

Luncheon Meeting

Ralph de Toledano, associate editor of Newsweek and author of Spies, Dupes, and Diplomats was the speaker for the luncheon meeting of the Armed Forces Librarians' Section at 12:30 p.m., in the Belmont Plaza Hotel on July 3, Captain Al Podesta, Hqs. First Army, Governors Island, N.Y., presiding.

Mr. Toledano stated that "with information and exposure, this country will continue to find strength, courage and vision to carry forward. Without either, we are lost." Explaining the important role of the critic and reviewer in approaching a new book with impartiality and with authority on the subject to be reviewed, Mr. Toledano asserted that this has not been the case within the past few years. Citing instances of how biased reviews have provoked a lukewarm reception of some new books, the author declared that these receptions "reflected the opinions of liberals who should stand for free expression, but rather who have stood for their own free expression." In this connection, he made reference to the recent reviews of his own Spies, Dupes and Diplomats.

Mr. Toledano's challenge to the professional librarian was "to view the present-day critiques and reviews with objectivity." He emphasized the importance of the librarian's role in combatting censorship trends wherever they may appear, and concluded by stating "the librarian can best assist and serve by continuing to provide the books."

Ruth Sheahan Howard, Secretary

Library Extension Section

The Library Extension Section of the Public Libraries Division held one open business meeting, the Board of Directors met twice, and the section sponsored two program meetings.

Business Meeting

In the open business meeting on Tuesday, July 1 at 8:45 a.m., John D. Henderson, Los Angeles County Library, president, gave a brief history of the Library Extension Section. Extension librarians were first organized as a Section in ALA in 1927. In 1941, the Extension Division was established. Later it became evident that there was an overlapping with the Public Libraries Division. In 1950, it was voted to establish a new Public Libraries Division. Action dissolving the Library Extension Division was voted in July 1951, and the Library Extension Section of the Public Libraries Division came into being. The committee reports reflect areas of chief concern of the newborn section. Interlocking committee memberships will coordinate the work of the division and the section. The section has a representative on the division's board. This is the first year extension librarians are meeting as a section of the Public Libraries Division.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Helen Gilbert, Wexford County Library, Cadillac, Mich.; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Kenan Hadley, Prince George's County Memorial Library, Hyattsville, Md.; secretary, Carol Trimble, Yakima Valley Regional Library, Yakima, Wash.; treasurer, Helen Luce, San Bernardino County Library, San Bernardino, Calif.; director, Mrs. Gretchen Schenk, Summerdale, Ala.

Martha Parks, treasurer, reported a cash balance of \$968.79 on June 30, 1952. Also, the section is holding one \$100 Government Bond. The obligation outstanding was \$200 to underwrite the post-conference tour of New York large-unit libraries.

She reported that the books had been audited and found in order. The following committees reported:

Committee on Branch Buildings. Thelma Reid, California State Library

A questionnaire has been sent out to branch libraries. There is an effort to amalgamate this committee's work with that of the ALA committee.

Bookmobile Standardization Committee. Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, Kern County Library, Bakersfield, Calif., chairman

This committee contemplates revising bookmobile standardization. It sent out a questionnaire to all libraries owning bookmobiles according to the November 1948 or bookmobile number of the ALA Bulletin. This should bring in a cross section of opinion from 332 libraries. Questionnaires were also sent to Bookmobile Body Builders listed in the same number. The committee contemplates revising the Bookmobile Standardization publication.

Bookmobile Service Committee. Helen Jenks, Los Angeles Public Library

This committee is responsible with bringing up to date and back into print material helpful to those engaged in bookmobile work or considering the establishment of bookmobile service. A new issue of the "Bookmobile Supplement" to the ALA Bulletin is desirable. To this end, a questionnaire will soon be circularized.

Training Committee. Frances M. Christeson, Los Angeles County Library, Los Angeles, Calif., chairman

This committee is an advisory one to give service to libraries. A questionnaire was sent to 149 libraries and about one third made a return: 20 libraries reported having workshops or work conferences; 8 reported organized courses; 33 reported individual instruction. The South and West have more libraries organized on the extension plan than the other three regions. The South and West used more untrained librarians than the others. There are many more libraries in the South with income less than \$25,000 than in any other part of the U. S. The East and Midwest tend toward the individual city- or town-supported library. In number of service outlets, the Far West surpasses other regions. However, administratively speaking, training problems are complicated by great distances to be traveled.

Panel Discussion

After the business meeting, a panel discussion on the subject of public relations was conducted by Carl Young, Cleveland Public Library, chairman of the ALA Committee on Public Relations.

Mr. Young indicated that public relations is only a way of selling the library to the groups among which books move. Public relations has been variously defined as "a state of mind, propaganda, and

acting like ladies and gentlemen." It is based on determination and dissemination of facts.

Another member of the panel was Walter Kaiser, Wayne County Library, Detroit. He maintained that all libraries have relations and the art is to decide which should be made public. In city, state, and regional government, we deal with the great arms of government. We should use the shot-gun approach to the people in the area of decision. The area of decision takes place in the political procedure. All community groups should become acquainted with the library.

Lucile Nix, State Department of Education of Georgia, emphasized the political process and its importance in achieving library objectives.

Theodore Waller, American Book Publishers' Council, maintained that in public relations nothing is more important than identification of the library worker with the person on whom the decision depends. It is necessary to develop sophistication in knowing the power structure of the organization, and to remember that everybody down the line is important. (B.T.)

The Executive Board of the section met Thursday, July 3 at 8:45 a.m., John D. Henderson presided. Members of the board present were: Lucile Nix, Martha Parks, Carma Zimmerman and Cecile J. Ritter as secretary pro-tem. S. Janice Kee attended the meeting. An Election Committee, consisting of Margaret Klausner and Albert C. Lake was appointed. Lucile Nix was appointed to serve with Miss Ritter on the Auditing Committee. The treasurer's report was read, discussed and placed on file. It was noted that the amount of money turned over to the section by the Sturgis Printing Company for the sale of the Bookmobile Standardization pamphlet was greater than had been anticipated.

The question arose as to ALA Headquarters policy in the allocation of dues to the various sections, and how early in the year the monies would be available to the section for budgetary purposes. Miss Kee said that ALA memberships are figured on the calendar year, and that headquarters figured that 85% of the memberships would be paid by April of the current year. ALA Headquarters reported that LES had 1221 members as of June 25, 1952.

Questions of keeping the membership roster up-to-date within the section were discussed: (a) Who is responsible for it? (b) How could one obtain quickly from headquarters information as to who was a member and the number of members?

Miss Kee said that since the addressograph system had been installed, the roster of members could be obtained as a list or on cards upon payment of \$20.00 per run. Miss Kee also asked that a copy of all official reports and essential letters be sent to headquarters for the files of the section's work and activities. For a definition as to what is considered essential and for official ma-

terial, it was suggested that the section use as a guide "Report of the ALA Archives Committee," with Helen Geer as chairman.

The second meeting of the board, including both outgoing and incoming members, was on July 4. John D. Henderson presided.

The board agreed to sponsor a pre-conference workshop on Bookmobile services for the 1953 meeting in Los Angeles. Suggested topics for discussion were: scheduling, branches or stations vs. bookmobile stops, services to schools and children, service to adults, physical equipment, operational costs, etc. It was also agreed to limit the membership of this pre-conference workshop to 200 people, with state librarians and state organizations being urged to send delegates who were interested in this particular phase of extension work. It was the consensus of opinion that registration be open to "public" who are the recipients of bookmobile service and to trustees. It was suggested that the conference be planned with Thursday as a day of orientation, Friday and Saturday for observation, and Sunday as a day of summarization.

Now that the reorganization of the section is well in hand, the outgoing board recommended that committee work proceed with the following topics taking precedence: 1. Preparing for publication library standards for extension work (Mrs. Fyan's committee). 2. Appointing a committee to stimulate general over-all planning for demonstrations should the Federal Aid bill pass. Perhaps reviving and revising the work already done on "planning policies" by Ernestine Grafton and Eleanor Stephens. 3. Revising and bringing up-to-date Julia Wright Merrill's pamphlet on state library laws (law plus interpretation and actual working of the law). Recommend this to ALA Publication Committee for publication. (C.J.R.)

A Panel Discussion on the subject Practical Projects for Library Extension was the program for the meeting of the section on Thursday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m. Edward Wight, School of Librarianship, University of California (Berkeley), was chairman.

The program was planned by Mrs. Mary Kenan Hadley, Prince George's County Memorial Library, Hyattsville, Md. Participants on the panel were Harriet Kemp, Western Massachusetts Library Federation; Helen A. Ridgway, Bureau of Libraries, Connecticut Department of Education; Genevieve Galick, director, Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries; Charles J. Flannigan, Erie County Public Library, Buffalo, N.Y.

It was first decided to define the pressing problems in library extension on which research is needed, and to elicit suggestions of some ways in which research can be done.

The geographic unit of service, the \$1.50 per capita standard, and the standards of service was discussed. It was asked whether the ALA standards of 1948 were applicable. It was asked to define

what are areas of extension work. Financial support and the size of the area are prime considerations. The question of bookmobile service in relation to branches and substations is worth investigating, as is the problem of over-lapping of small branch libraries and bookmobiles. The ALA standard of 1-1/2 miles as the area range for a branch cannot serve as a standard for extension work. Cost is the final arbiter.

The consolidation of small libraries is an area which requires additional research. An example from Yakima, Washington, proves that incorporation into a larger unit can be successful. Other counties in Ohio, Washington, and Maryland show similar successful consolidations. More study is needed on determining personnel costs and the costs of certain services, of centralized processing and bookmobiles. The problem is first, one of service and then of service related to cost.

It was suggested that the public is going to evaluate library service on the basis of the service it gives. Is there really duplication of service? ALA Headquarters reports that there are more requests for information on this problem than any other. This indicates a need for study on whether library service to children, that of the school and that of the public library are duplications.

The importance of adequate training for extension work was pointed up. Workshops and field work were considered very useful in this area. New York Staté is planning workshops and is making provision for financing librarians to attend.

Of the numerous areas cited as suitable fields for investigation, three were singled out: 1. Cost data on specific types of services in extension work and comparative figures from different areas. 2. Duplication of agencies serving the same people for the same type of service. 3. Methods and contents of types of training in library schools and in the field for extension workers.

It was also noted that better methods of reporting the activities of the group were needed. It was suggested that numbers of the publication Public Libraries be devoted to matters of the Extension Section, or that each number contain articles on this service. (B.T.)

Trustees Section

Workshop

One of the important meetings for trustees was the one-day Workshop, in the New York Public Library on June 28, sponsored by the Trustees Section of the ALA Public Libraries Division, the Trustees Foundation of New York State, the New Jersey Library Trustees Association and the New York Library Association Trustees Section. There were 46 in attendance.

The morning session was devoted to a panel discussion with the theme, "The Library Trustee and Local Government." Presiding was Samuel L. Hamilton, president of the New Jersey Library Trustees Association, with panel members representing various sized libraries, large library-Henry J. Davenport, Brooklyn, N.Y. Public Library; medium large library-Ray L. Trautman, Yonkers, N.Y. Public Library; medium small library-Mrs. Gerald H. Winser, Summit, N.J. Public Library; small library-Mrs. Donald Dorian, Highland Park, N.J. Public Library; county library-Thomas H. McKaig, Erie County, N.Y. Public Library.

In summarizing the discussion emphasis was placed on the necessity of first defining the community and what it is to include in considering library service, and then determining how far the library budget can go in meeting the needs of that community. One speaker indicated that county libraries were the only solution for small libraries where there is no hope of ever attaining an adequate budget, and emphasized that no library need lose its independence and its identity in joining such a unit. Mention was made that minimum good service cannot be maintained in a community of less than 25,000 population. It was also suggested that libraries and boards must be less conservative, and approach their problems boldly, with the idea that change may be beneficial for their library.

Discussion continued in the early afternoon, with Mr. Davenport presiding. Everyone participated informally, and various questions arose. A few high points may be mentioned. Public relations must start inside the library. Board members should be accessible to the people in the community. Bookmobile service and its value was considered. State subsidy for regional libraries, as in Connecticut; federation of states for closer library relationships, so successful in the Pacific Northwest; regional book depositories to house duplicate copies of books, as the Midwest Center, near the University of Chicago, were mentioned. At least one trustee member should be named to any state legislative committee. What responsibility should the trustees feel toward all the states and to the state agency in their various states? Explore the great opportunity that television offers to tell the people what libraries can do. Make every library service useful to the people in your community, and take initiative with courage.

In making budget requests the following points were made: 1. Ask for exactly what is needed with substantiation of every item; 2. In dealing with public officials and legislators always assume that they are sincere and earnest in their intent, with a desire to treat you fairly on financial matters; 3. Create a public demand for better library service, which will weigh with the appropriating bodies; 4. Try to get the mayor and budget committee to at least one library board meeting a year.

The program session in the afternoon centered on "The Library Trustee and the State." Presiding was Anthony J. Cerrato, president of the Trustees Foundation of New York State, with two speakers, Mrs. Hazel Wills, chairman, Vermont Free Public Library Commission, Montpelier and James Allen, deputy commissioner, New York State Department of Education, Albany. The 1950 New York Library Law was outlined briefly, with its provisions for free county-wide library service. It carries the largest appropriation for grants so far achieved by any state, and has great potentials for the development of libraries in New York State.

Mrs. Wills told of the Free Public Library Service in Vermont, which is a dramatic example of what can be achieved in a smaller state, where there is determination for better libraries, even though library appropriations are moderate. The state is divided into five regions, with book wagons covering library service to everyone in the entire state. Both the New York and the Vermont experiences are challenging for trustees and librarians in other states.

Mr. Allen paid tribute to Melvil Dewey, whom he described as the great library leader, educator and statesman, from whose influence much for library development has stemmed. He stated that education cannot be complete unless there are both good schools and good libraries, with the primary responsibility resting in local government and in local communities. Also, good libraries and good schools are allied to good business, and when this is recognized, he asserted, many problems will be immediately solved.

The finale of the day was a tea, honoring the trustees, given by the New York Public Library, where everyone enjoyed a social hour, and an opportunity to chat informally with all trustees present, and to meet Thomas H. McKaig, chairman of the Trustees Section, who took a very active part in planning this workshop.

Dorothy T. Hagerman, Executive Secretary

Business Meetings

There were two business meetings, afternoon and evening sessions, on June 29, 1952. Thirty-seven attended each meeting.

Thomas H. McKaig, chairman of the Trustees Section, presided at both sessions.

S. Janice Kee, executive secretary of the Public Libraries Division, outlined the activity of the Headquarters Office as it

pertained to trustees, and reported that on June 25, 1952 there were 663 members in this section and 4622 members in the whole Public Libraries Division. She also indicated her desire to have a close relationship with all trustees and to assist the officers in every possible way.

Other matters reported were: 1. The present status of the University of Chicago Home Study Course, The Effective Library Board Member, soon to be available for trustees and board members who wish to enroll for the course; and 2. The outline of the Trustees Manual, which was sent to all members of this section, for their study and comment. Every trustee was urged to make constructive suggestions, and emphasis was placed on the need for more of the group to participate in the preparation of this manual, which will be an invaluable handbook for all trustees.

Mr. McKaig reported on his many activities as chairman during the past year. He mentioned the circular letters sent out by the ALA office as well as by himself, also reporting that there was complete coverage of all trustees in every state, through the co-operation of the state agencies, in an effort to keep every trustee informed about this year's work, and also to stimulate their interest in attending the New York Conference. He also included speaking engagements at the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts State Conferences, with another one planned for Michigan in November. He spoke of the two Trustees Workshops in 1951 and 1952, and asked for comments on the idea of planning a workshop for 1953, when the ALA will meet in Los Angeles, Calif. General sentiment favored continuing the workshop pattern as a pre-conference meeting.

The group named a committee of three to serve on the Jury on Citation of Trustees for 1953: Anthony J. Cerrato, William E. Marcus and Mrs. George H. Tomlinson, and empowered the chairman to name alternates, should it be necessary.

The Bylaws of this section were discussed with proposed changes to make them conform to our new status as a section of the Public Libraries Division. Action approving the necessary changes was taken, with the suggestion that the revised Bylaws be included in an issue of Public Libraries some time during the current year.

The result of the election of officers was presented by the secretary. There were 60 ballots cast, with a unanimous vote for all candidates. First vice chairman, Mrs. Robert S. John, Waukegan, Ill.; second vice chairman, Frank N. Walker, Toronto, Canada; treasurer, Mrs. Fred A. Borns, Gary, Ind.; directors, Mrs. Jesse Sweasy, Red Wing, Minn.; Mrs. Lewis P. Ditman, Berwyn, Md.; Mrs. J. H. McKeever, Aberdeen, S.D.; George M. Martin, Yakima, Wash.

The following officers held over: Chairman, Thomas H. McKaig, Buffalo, N.Y.; executive secretary, Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman,

Grand Rapids, Mich.; representative, Public Libraries Division Board, Edward J. A. Fahey, Irvington, N.J.; directors, Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, Sturgis, Mich.; Herman W. Liebert, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Paul Reed, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. George A. Rozier, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dorothy T. Hagerman, Executive Secretary

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND ROUND TABLES

ACQUISITION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS, BOARD ON

The board met on July 1, with the following members present: Virginia Drewry, Alton Keller, S.A. McCarthy, chairman. The chairman reviewed briefly what had been done since the Midwinter Meeting. It was apparent that the response had been incomplete and the board does not yet have a list of all groups working in the field of acquisitions.

It was agreed that a further attempt should be made to get a better list and more complete information. For this purpose it was suggested that a form be prepared requesting the following data: 1. Name of parent organization, 2. Name of committee or group, 3. Statement of acquisition functions and other functions of group, 4. Name and address of chairman, 5. Mailing address of group, if different from item 4, 6. File of reports of group.

This form should be sent to all groups of which we have any knowledge. Data should be compiled and issued as preliminary list for distribution at 1953 Midwinter Meeting. Estimate 500 copies needed.

It was also agreed that it was desirable to establish a mailing list of all persons responsible for acquisition work in libraries. No definite plans for this were made.

Mr. Keller reported that it was the recommendation of the Book Workshop that a joint committee of publishers and librarians be set up to deal with two problems: 1. Books that are needed, 2. Books that should be reprinted.

This should be a joint committee with the American Book Council. (This proposal was subsequently discussed with Theodore Waller and at his suggestion has been brought to Mr. Clif's attention for consideration by the Committee on Relations with Publishers.)

It was further agreed that: 1. other library organizations should be asked to designate a member with whom the board could communicate; 2. the board would serve as a clearing house of information on acquisitions; 3. the board would invite other associations to get the form referred to above filled out by appropriate groups in their organizations; 4. the board would supply copies of the preliminary list to other associations; 5. the board would ask the new SLA president for data on committees of the association.

Mr. Keller reported a request from the informal Steering Committee on Foreign Book Selection for large public libraries that

this committee be given formal status. It was agreed that this should be done either by the Public Libraries Division or the board. (The matter was discussed with Mr. Brigham and he has agreed to request his successor to take action pending receipt of information on the problem from Irving Lieberman.)

Stephen A. McCarthy, Chairman

ACQUISITIONS ROUND TABLE

The Acquisitions Round Table met in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 8:30 p.m., on July 2, attendance 200 with Joseph Groesbeck, chairman, presiding. No important group action was taken. The meeting took the form of a symposium on the subject, "New Developments in Exchange." Papers were presented as follows:

(a) Alfred H. Lane, Columbia University, "The Economics of Exchange"; (b) John Fall, New York Public Library, "International Exchanges"; (c) Laurence J. Kipp, Harvard University, "The Governmental Background of Exchange"; and (d) Alice Dulany Ball, United States Book Exchange, "The United States Book Exchange, Today and Tomorrow." Following the four papers there was lively discussion from the floor. There were no committee reports and no elections.

Joseph Groesbeck, Chairman

ART REFERENCE ROUND TABLE

The program for the Art Reference Round Table was planned around a series of visits to Art Libraries in New York City and vicinity. As our hosts and hostesses the following librarians described special features, demonstrated procedures and answered questions concerning their collections: Muriel Baldwin, Art Division, New York Public Library; Karl Kuo, Prints Division, New York Public Library; Romana Javitz, Picture Collection, New York Public Library; Bernard Karpel, Museum of Modern Art; Mary Chamberlin and Walter Knight Sturgis, Fine Arts Library, and Avery Architectural Library, Columbia University; Marcelle Frebault and Julia Sabine, Newark Public Library; Robert Riggs Kerr, Newark Museum; Miss Garofolo, Mrs. Nolan, Miss Franklin and Miss Andrus, Art Reference Library and Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum; Mrs. Henry W. Howell, Jr., Frick Art Reference Library and Gerd Muehsam, Cooper Union.

The hospitality which included coffee, iced tea, cakes and cookies was most delightful. For the receptions in the Penthouses of

the Frick Art Reference Library and the Museum of Modern Art, we were joined by the Museums Group of the Special Libraries Association and invited guests from other New York libraries and museums. These two receptions were highlights of the conference.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held in the Projection Room of the Museum of Modern Art from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Monday, June 30th. Lydia Wentworth, Art Library, Yale University acted as chairman, and Bernard Karpel, Museum of Modern Art was program chairman. Phyllis Reinhardt, Yale University, read the minutes of the previous meeting, in the absence of the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Fitz-Richard, Los Angeles Public Library. These were approved as read.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by William J. Dane, Newark Public Library. Julia Sabine, Newark Public Library was elected secretary-treasurer, 1952-53, and chairman-elect for 1953-54.

Virginia Moran, Hunter College, reported as delegate to the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career. She urged that a statement of desirable training for personnel in art libraries be formulated.

Librarians interested in developing a classification scheme for city and regional planning are requested to get in touch with Lydia Wentworth, Art Library, Yale University.

The improvement of the News-Letter was discussed. It was suggested that the chairman carry over some responsibility for a third year as editor, covering the activities of the year past and the proceedings of the conference.

Bernard Karpel led a discussion of the need for a common clearing house on problems peculiar to workers in the art field: positions open, applicants available, bibliographic problems, indexing projects, etc. It was suggested that the clearing house should be open to all people in the field regardless of their affiliation with any national or regional group. The sense of the meeting was that concrete steps should be taken to implement this idea. All librarians interested in such a project are requested to send their name and address to Mr. Karpel so that further announcements can be sent out in the fall.

Two book dealers, Wittenborn & Co. and F. A. Bennett, offered special open house receptions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

One dinner and two luncheon discussion groups were held. On Monday the business meeting adjourned to a nearby restaurant to discuss Mr. Karpel's suggestion that we form an unaffiliated group to work on specific problems in the field of art research. On Tues-

day a luncheon discussion at Butler Hall, Columbia University, on the administration of pictorial material was led by Mr. Fielstra of the New York Public Library and Miss Reinhardt of Yale University. All members and our hosts and hostesses were the invited guests of the Round Table at the Surrey Hotel near the Metropolitan Museum on Wednesday. There was a discussion on the problems of copyright, the responsibility of art libraries and the possibility of forming a future policy. Mrs. Nolan of the Lending Collections of the Metropolitan Museum offered her assistance in further study of this problem. There was also discussion on the need for a clearing house on problems of personnel: education and qualifications of art librarians, candidates available, and positions open and wanted. Marian Card of Rochester University is preparing a statement on the first and our new secretary-treasurer, Julia Sabine of the Newark Public Library has offered to take charge of the latter. This is particularly important at this time since at least seven positions open have come to the attention of the Round Table before or during the conference.

About thirty members attended the conference and the careful help of our hosts and hostesses combined to make the meetings most worthwhile and enjoyable. Mutual thanks are extended to and from all.

Lydia H. Wentworth, Chairman

AUDIO-VISUAL BOARD

The Audio-Visual Board met on Sunday, June 29 at 8:45 a.m. Present were: Chairman L. Quincy Mumford, Mrs. Patricia Cory, Karline Brown, Seerley Reid, B. Lamar Johnson and Ruth Shapiro, executive secretary.

A project to determine what library schools are doing and what they might do in teaching the use of audio-visual materials is to be initiated at the University of California this fall. It is to be financed by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and will be under the direction of Irving Liberman. Mr. Lieberman appeared before the board to discuss his program, which was established in response to a request from the board.

A statement on the use of sponsored films by libraries was discussed. After some revision, this statement will be issued to film libraries.

The board feels that the compilation of statistics should be continued. Since there is no permanent executive secretary, other means of gathering and issuing these statistics on the use of films in libraries will be investigated.

There was some discussion of the use of rented films in film circuits. The relative cost will need to be explored and the fact that libraries will not own their films after considerable money has been expended will need to be taken into consideration.

Libraries that are using films for television programs have found it very difficult to clear them. The board will request the Joint Committee on Educational Television to include the ALA on any committee set up to explore this problem. Attempts will be made to have film producers clear films for showing on Library sponsored TV programs.

The possibility of ALA membership on the Joint Committee will also be investigated.

The Public Relations Committee will be asked to cooperate with the AV Board, particularly in attempts to get clearance of films and in the preparation of articles concerning library use of AV materials for publication in non-library periodicals.

Richard Angell and David Haykin of the Library of Congress conferred with the board on the matter of subject headings being used on the motion picture and filmstrip cards. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to ask the Library of Congress to change its method of assigning subject headings but to advise libraries to adapt the headings to suit the particular needs of the specific library.

The board was happy to be told by Mrs. Grace Stevenson that the AV Board, with other adult education activities of ALA, will be among her special responsibilities in her new position as associate executive secretary of ALA. Mrs. Stevenson's interest in and knowledge of the audio-visual field will be a great service to the board.

It has come to the attention of the board that there are great differences in the recommendations for the amount of money to be allocated for audio-visual materials for schools. Some coordination is necessary and the AV Committee of AASL will be consulted.

AASL, ACRL, and PLD-AV Committee, will be asked to appoint representatives to participate in future meetings of the Audio-Visual Board.

The board will explore the possibility of having a meeting on non-musical recordings at the Los Angeles Conference in 1953.

Two film showings were planned for the New York Conference. The films shown on Tuesday were: Impressionable Years (NYPL); That the Deaf May Speak (Lexington School of the Deaf); Oxford Student. On Friday, the film showing was co-sponsored by the AV Board and the American Heritage Project. The films shown were: Voices of the People (U. S. Army - Distributed by United World Films); Freedom of the Press, (U.S. Army - Distributed by United World Films); Peoples Along the Mississippi, (Encyclopaedia Britannica Films); Library Story (Encyclopaedia Britannica Films).

Paul Reed, field consultant of the Joint Committee on Educational Television, spoke at an open meeting on Thursday, July 3.

Committees

The following committees have completed their work and are discharged with the thanks of the board: Committee on Sponsored Films; Committee on the American Heritage Film List.

The following committees will be continued: Booklist Film Reviews; Television Committee; Subcommittee with the Motion Picture Association of America.

A new committee will be appointed to work with the Library of Congress on the matter of the use of Dewey numbers on catalog cards.

L. Quincy Mumford will serve as chairman for 1952-53.

Ruth Shapiro, Executive Secretary

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The work of the Awards Committee reached completion on Monday afternoon, June 30 during the meeting of the Council and the Membership Meeting that followed. The committee recommended to the Council that the ALA accept the offer of the Forest Press, through Dewey, to establish the Melvil Dewey Medal to be awarded annually to a librarian for "recent creative professional achievement of a high order, particularly in those fields in which Melvil Dewey was so actively interested, notably library management, library training, cataloging and classification and the tools and techniques of librarianship." The recommendation was accepted by the council.

The committee also recommended that the offer of Elliott B. Macrae to re-establish an award to be known as the E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award for Library Work with Children and Young People be accepted and that a special committee be appointed to work out the details of its administration. The recommendation was accepted by Council.

Announcements of the Letter awards to a library and a librarian, followed by that of the Lippincott award were made during the membership meeting. Ruth Hyatt, librarian of the Fitchburg, Mass., Public Library, accepted the Letter award check and certificate given to that system's Youth Library. Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, children's librarian of the George Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library, received the Letter award for a librarian. Carl Vitz, librarian of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Public Library was given the Lippincott award, presented to him by Joseph W. Lippincott, Jr.

Harriet I. Carter, Chairman

BOOKBINDING COMMITTEE

The meeting was opened by Mr. Stratton who stated that its purpose was to present the results of the questionnaire which had been sent to a number of college and university libraries. He had tabulated the answers and written a report. The most interesting fact to appear was that a number of colleges and universities were trying out less expensive types of binding for certain classes of little-used material. It appeared that Class "A" library binding was not needed for this material and that less expensive binding would serve just as well. There were no uniform specifications for this type of binding, each library apparently working out its specifications with its own binder. At least one binder, Dess & Talan Co., had been working on the same problem and had been doing a cheaper type of binding for some of its customers.

It seemed to Mr. Stratton that while the Class "A" library binding is good and while there are a large number of binders providing it for their library customers, the prices for this binding are high and must remain relatively high. Libraries then could expect to reduce their binding costs appreciably only if there were other and cheaper classes of binding which could be used for less-used material. He suggested that it might be possible to work out specifications for one or two cheaper types of binding.

Comment on these remarks was invited. Mr. Talan, of Dess & Talan Co., described what his company had been doing as it experimented with cheaper bindings. He stated that his company was not yet prepared to list specifications for this cheaper binding as they were still being changed.

Mr. Sibert, of New Method Book Bindery, mentioned some of the disadvantages of cheaper binding and explained some of the objections binders had to the omission of certain things which saved on binding. Among them were the omission of collation by the binder. He also warned of the danger of people confusing the cheaper bindings with Class "A" and, in years to come, of complaints because a binding did not hold up as a Class "A" binding should when it was not a Class "A" binding originally. It seemed desirable that any cheaper binding should be clearly marked as such.

Mr. Browning, of LBI, also warned of the possible dangers of cheaper binding and of libraries using them on volumes which should have Class "A" binding.

Several librarians present expressed interest in cheaper binding and in having specifications made for at least one lower-priced binding. It seemed to them that it would be advantageous for the Bookbinding Committee to investigate the possibility of doing this and to compare the specifications and prices available from the colleges and universities now experimenting with the cheaper binding.

Ray O. Hummell, Jr.

EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP, BOARD OF

The Board of Education for Librarianship met all day and in the evening of June 29 and again on July 2 to transact official business. The board also held meetings with two groups of representatives of accredited library schools on June 30 and July 1. Twenty-eight of the thirty-six accredited library schools were represented at these two meetings. Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, director, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and chairman of the board, presided at all sessions with the exception of the meeting on July 1 when Jack Dalton, librarian, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and member of the board, served as chairman.

Discussion at the meetings with library school representatives centered on plans for resuming an active program of accrediting based upon the Standards for Accreditation, adopted by the ALA Council in July, 1951. The chairmen reviewed the complications created by the moratorium on accrediting in 1951-52 set by the National Commission on Accrediting and by the proposal of the National Commission to establish some form of cooperative accrediting, presumably during the next few months. The board believed that until such a program is established, the library schools and the board would benefit from a consideration of various aspects of an accrediting program which might be undertaken independently by the board. It was understood that the conclusions and advice of the library schools on many of the questions raised would assist the board in participation in a cooperative program. (On July 4, the board was notified of action taken by the National Commission on Accrediting, June 27-29, approving cooperative accrediting through regional associations and designating the board as a group to work immediately on details and procedures with the regional associations under a general plan to be released later in July). These meetings gave opportunity for the board to re-emphasize that accrediting has as its chief purposes the self-evaluation of library schools and the cooperation of all schools and the board in improving the structure and objectives of professional education in the field of librarianship. The discussion of questions involved in an accrediting program pointed up the interest of the library schools in assisting the board to resume accrediting and to carry forward a more active program than has been possible in recent years.

Comments on the Library School Report Form and Statement of Interpretation, developed for use with the Standards for Accreditation, gave suggestions for further revision. In this connection the board reported briefly on a recent visit made at Columbia University School of Library Service to test these documents and plans for a similar visit to be made in July at the University of Denver School of Librarianship.

At the final business session, Jack Dalton was elected chairman of the board for 1952-53, to take office on September 1, 1952. Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, assistant director, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and member of the board, was appointed to represent the board on the Coordinating Committee on Collegiate Problems in Teacher Education succeeding Mrs. Morton. Through this committee the board will continue to cooperate with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in standards for undergraduate education of school librarians and related studies.

Anita M. Hostetter, Secretary

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Federal Relations Committee of which L. Quincy Mumford, librarian, Cleveland Public Library, is chairman, met at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on July 1 at 8:30 p.m. with eight members present.

The Library Services Bill was the chief topic of discussion at this meeting. A detailed report of the status of the bill was made to the committee by the director of the Washington office, Julia Bennett. Following this report, it was decided by the committee to make every effort to secure a favorable report by the House Education and Labor Committee on the bill before the adjournment of the 82nd Congress. Since it was not known whether Congress would recess or adjourn around July 5, there was still a real possibility that action on the Library Services Bill might occur. With this in mind some plans were made for the attempt to accomplish this task.

Other legislative activities of the Washington office were reported.

1. Readjustment Benefits for Post-Korea Veterans, H.R. 7656, was passed making direct monthly allowance payments to the veteran covering his tuition, books, supplies and subsistence.
2. Copyright Bill, H.R. 4059, a bill to amend the manufacturing clause of the Copyright Law was tabled by the House Judiciary Committee.
3. Customs Simplification Act of 1951, H.R. 5505, a bill to simplify the customs regulations, passed the House and was tabled by the Senate Finance Committee.
4. Oil for Education Amendment to the Tidelands Oil Bill was defeated. ALA was interested only in the amendment which would use revenues from off-shore lands to the Federal government for educational purposes, including libraries.

5. Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill, H.R. 6947. An effort was made to earmark some of the money for library purposes within the budget of the Housing and Home Finance Agency for carrying out Public Law 139, The Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951. No money was earmarked for libraries.

6. Legislative Appropriation, H.R. 7313, which carried the Library of Congress budget for 1953. ALA testified in behalf of the Catalog Card and Card Distribution Service. When the bill passed, the Library of Congress was given about one half of the requested increase.

7. Congressional Investigation of Books, Magazines and Comic books, H.R. 596, is a resolution offered by Congressman E. C. Gathings (D., Ark.) to determine the extent to which current literature contains immoral and offensive matter, and also to determine the adequacy of existing law to prevent the publication and distribution of such matter. A committee has been appointed but no hearings scheduled as yet.

8. Protection of Certain Recording Rights, H.R. 3589, is a bill to amend Copyright Law with respect to recording and performing rights in literary works. This bill passed Congress.

Federal Relations Committee and State Coordinators

The meeting of the Federal Relations Committee, the State Coordinators, presidents of State Library Associations and State Agency personnel was held during the ALA Conference in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria, on July 2, 1952 at 4:15 p.m. There were 25 present and the chairman, Mr. Mumford, presided.

Mr. Mumford reported to the group the status of the Library Services Bill. At the time of the meeting there was still a possibility of securing a favorable report by the House Education and Labor Committee. It was reported to the group that Congressman Howell, New Jersey, had moved that the next order of new business before the committee would be the Library Services Bill. This was agreed to by the committee. (The committee did not meet again. This agreement will hold over, however, in case there is a special session.)

Theodore Waller, managing director of the American Book Publishers Council, discussed the Library Services Bill and why it was still pending in the committee. Labor legislation such as the Wage Stabilization Board hearings and the Mine Safety Bill took first priority with the committee. He stated that in case of a recess, the bill might have another chance in August. He pointed out that there was real interest in the committee and on the Floor of the House in the Library Services Bill. He thought one reason why it was not

reported by the committee might be a lessening of pressure from home in the past months. Constant pressure on the Congressmen is necessary. The aim of the ALA should be to make the voice of ALA strong on all matters concerned with books and reading.

Mr. Mumford talked about the legislative program of the ALA pointing out the fact that the gap is too great between the state coordinators and the people out in the Congressional Districts. Evidence shows that this is where the legislative program needs strengthening. Mr. Mumford then asked Edward A. Chapman, librarian of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Library and State Coordinator for New York, to present a plan he had evolved for reaching these Congressional Districts.

Mr. Chapman suggested a reorganization of the Federal Legislative program at the state level. His idea is to have a coordinating committee within each state set up on the basis of the Congressional Districts with one committee member representing each district and responsible to the state coordinator. In his talk he brought out the following points:

1. There is a conviction that the bill is wanted and needed.
2. There is a growing need for more communications informing the Congressmen and Senators of this conviction.

Reorganization of state committee with each member responsible for the Congressman in his district.

1. A committee would be set up in this manner. A state with four Congressional Districts would have a committee of five. The number in the committee exceeds the districts by one and this one would be the state coordinator. The committee will be responsible to the state coordinator.

2. Metropolitan areas need a special committee, for support is much too weak here.

3. Each committee member should make personal contact with persons in his district which will be his zone of operation. He should learn who are the Congressman's personal friends and try to secure their interest and support for the library legislation. Mustering the support of influential individuals and groups throughout the district is also a part of his role.

4. Direct information from Washington to all committee members would be needed.

5. The committee can be divided for action with the Senators with one-half of the committee working on each Senator.

General discussion following with these points stressed.

1. A committee member would contact librarians, groups and group leaders as well as Congressman in his district and keep their interest continuous.

2. Spreading the range of interest and work will be valuable to the legislative program of ALA.

3. Local people need briefing as to who their Congressman is and his stand previously on the library legislation. Thanks should be offered to the Congressmen favorable to the library bill and extra effort placed on those not favorable or uncommitted. A favorable commitment secured at home means more than one secured in Washington since the men are more sensitive to appeals from home.

4. Each district committee member should have a list of the librarians and the chairmen of boards within his district.

5. Board members should be encouraged to assist in contact work both with the Congressmen and with local groups.

6. It was the feeling that many local people, not just librarians, should get in touch with their Congressmen and also help to inspire others to write to Congress.

Those present approved this plan for reorganization of the legislative program.

Eleanor Ferguson, Secretary Pro Tem

LIBRARY EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES COMMITTEE

Program Meeting

The program meeting sponsored by the ALA Committee on Library Equipment and Appliances was held on Thursday, July 3, 1952, at 8:45 a.m., in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The subject of the meeting was "Circulation Systems in Review." The program chairman, Walter W. Wright, introduced the moderator Forrest F. Carhart, Jr.

The first speaker was Walter Kaiser, Wayne County Library, Detroit, Mich., who described the charging system in use in his library. The key to the entire system is that each book circulated is identified by a transaction number. The charging process can be photographic, audio, or manual. Sorting can be mechanical or manual. The advantages which were pointed out are: no slipping of books; no counting of slips or cards; elimination of numerical registration; overdues more easily handled; speed of charging; elimination of clerical duties by professional people; books more readily available; and some simplification of cataloging. The chief disadvantage is the difficulty of locating books for reserves. He pointed out that the lack of circulation break-down is a minor disadvantage, as is the lack of a date due slip showing the amount of use for an individual book. In general, the audio or photographic charging is easier to institute than a manual system. It is his belief that the system is a good one.

Vernon R. Finley of Brooklyn College Library described his institution's use of the Gaylord and IBM systems. With 18,000 students they have found that the chief disadvantage of the Gaylord charging system was the necessity of maintaining elaborate and cumbersome registration set-up. The sending of overdues on this system was very time-consuming. IBM has proved more satisfactory although there have been objections, including the fact that the books can be controlled but not located, which is in direct contrast to the old system. This has been somewhat overcome by the maintenance of a file of overdue books which is checked for possible location. Mr. Finley believes that IBM is more useful for public libraries, as it is not necessary to locate books which are in circulation. Registration cards are prepared by an IBM machine from cards made out by the borrowers. These cards are quickly and easily made and are arranged by use of an IBM sorter.

Legare H. B. Obear of the Library of Congress described a facsimile transmitter which may be used at times as a substitute for circulation. The set-up consists of an electronic transmitter and an electrolytic receiver capable of transmitting 122 square inches of material per minute. This is now being used to send copies of articles needed in government research from the Library of Congress to the Library of the Atomic Energy Commission and other libraries. A flat-bed scanner is used in this process. This is not a substitute for subscriptions, but will eliminate the need of binding and preserving duplicate files of little used periodicals and journals. Receivers can be spotted at a distance from the transmitter. Although the prime intention was to produce a temporary copy, the results are not only usable but non-fading. Mr. Obear referred to the use of the IBM charging system at the Library of Congress. Because of the nature of the library's clientele, it was felt that a recall device was needed. This has been provided in the case of overdue material.

Katharine M. Stokes, Western Michigan College Library, described the use of punched card systems. It was her thesis that these require less elaborately trained personnel and a smaller investment. The borrower fills out a Keysort card instead of a call slip. One of the advantages of punched cards over IBM cards is the ease of sorting even though the cards may be crumpled. The card prepared by the borrower can serve as a title record, a date due record, and a borrower record. The system is impractical if too large a file must be sorted too frequently. Miss Stokes estimates that 30,000 to 40,000 cards is the top limit for a file of this sort. In the use of the Gaylord charging machine at the University of Michigan, an adaptation has been made with cellophane tabs placed on the card in six positions to indicate the date due. When the book is returned, the tab is cut off. This facilitates feeding the cards into the machine.

Ralph Shaw, U. S. Department of Agriculture Library, made the point that charging books is a mechanical operation, and that the system or device used is a matter of arithmetic and local conditions will determine the system used. He pointed out that photographic charging does not give you location control. He then presented a new suggestion for a charging system. A call slip would be prepared in duplicate by the reader. The page securing the book from the shelf would leave a dummy in place of the book with the call slip inserted in a pocket on the dummy. The second slip would be photographed to provide a time control file.

In the discussion period which followed the presentation of the papers, Ruth Rutzen explained that one advantage of the Detroit system has been the removal of mechanical operations of circulation control from the branches, allowing time for more professional work.

Mr. Kaiser offered a comparison of the time required to sort cards under the old and new systems. In one branch the total circulation work for a week involved 159 minutes, the time required to Keysort 1700 cards. This compares with 22 hours under the old system.

Hoyt Galvin discussed briefly his library's audio charging system involving the use of a dictating machine.

Edwin B. Colburn, Chairman

LIBRARY SERVICE ABROAD ROUND TABLE

The ALA Round Table on Library Service Abroad held three open meetings at the ALA Conference in New York City on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 1-3, 1952.

The first open meeting entitled "World Affairs are Your Affairs" was held on Tuesday, July 1 at 8:30 a.m., in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The meeting consisted of a demonstration of the Experimental Film Discussion Project of the Fund for Adult Education in which use was made of printed materials and the new Louis De Rochemont film on the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. This was followed by a panel discussion by the Eastern Parkway discussion group and the remaining time by a "Buzz Session" participated in by the audience.

Ruth P. Edwards, branch librarian of the Eastern Parkway Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, presided at the meeting. She gave a brief description of the role played by her branch in testing the ten week experimental film discussion project of the Fund for Adult Education on International Understanding and then went on to outline the different parts of the program and the work that went into making it a successful project. After a showing of

the De Rochemont film -- a film which shows how a group of citizens in Cleveland made world affairs their affairs -- Miss Edwards turned the meeting over to a panel discussion. The panel was made up of patrons of the Eastern Parkway Branch and members of its staff. At 9:45 Miss Edwards brought the panel discussion to an end and suggested that in the remaining time the audience participate in a Buzz Session on the question: "What can you do in your community to promote world understanding?" An estimated two hundred people attended the meeting which ended at 10:15 a.m.

The second open meeting was held on Wednesday, July 2, at 8:45 a.m., in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The subject of the meeting was "Communications and International Affairs" and the stress was on the all important difference between "knowing about" and "acquaintance with" the peoples of other countries. Irving Lieberman acted as moderator of the panel discussion. On the panel were: Solomon V. Arnaldo, UNESCO, United Nations, New York; Kenneth Holland, Institute of International Education, New York; and Chester Williams, Foreign Policy Association, New York.

Mr. Arnaldo opened the discussion by pointing out how after World War II world affairs really became the affairs of all. He then went on to describe the three senses in which the concept of communication is understood at UNESCO: (1) communication through material things -- newspapers, books, exhibits; (2) direct and personal communication, the communication of person to person; (3) communication understood as mass communication -- the radio, press, film, television.

Mr. Arnaldo then described in some detail the effort that UNESCO is making to promote communication between countries through its program of international exchange of publications and through its extended surveys of the technical needs of undeveloped countries.

The next speaker, Chester Williams, elaborated on the objective which is paramount in our age, namely, the preservation and survival of civilization or free society. Mr. Williams had some interesting remarks to make on the problem of "psychological warfare", the challenge which the "iron curtain" countries present, and the very urgent necessity of creating an atmosphere where eventually peace and understanding may become realities. He stressed the importance of the exchange program (students, technicians, consultants, librarians) of persons in helping build a clear and objective and understanding picture of world problems.

Kenneth Holland was the next speaker and he began with a tribute to the library profession for its contribution to the whole field of communication. He mentioned the great increase in the last ten years in the extent of the exchange of persons program. In an interesting aside he pointed out the danger of the widely held opinion that greater travel and exchange of persons between countries made for increased sympathy and understanding between countries.

Quite often the results of such travel and exchange are one of misunderstanding and misconception of basic ideas and ideals rather than one of mutual understanding and sympathy. The entire field of exchange of persons is a very complex one, and at present we are not altogether clear about all the factors involved: how do visitors gain their impressions, what impressions do they get, what impressions do they bring back with them, what is the impact of this experience on foreign visitors? At this point Mr. Lieberman observed how misleading is the general impression which visiting foreign librarians form of both American libraries and American life when they are invariably sent to visit only the large library systems in large cities. Mr. Holland agreed with Mr. Lieberman's observation and urged that foreign visitors be invited to individual homes and shown community life in small towns. Mr. Lieberman then went on to ask Mr. Arnaldo to say something about the UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan. Mr. Arnaldo explained to the group at some length why this program came into existence, why it is necessary and how it operates.

Chester Williams spoke on the importance of acquainting foreign visitors with American ideas and ideals and in this connection mentioned four blind spots that such visitors usually have about America: (1) a blind spot regarding what we understand by such basic concepts as capitalism, free enterprise, etc., (2) a blind spot about agriculture in general in America and its detailed processes, (3) a blind spot about what we understand by freedom of expression, and finally (4) a blind spot concerning a typically American way of life -- voluntary effort at community level, local responsibility of citizens. These blind spots represent a failure in proper and effective communication on our part. Mr. Williams advocated that Round Tables be set up by libraries, schools, labor groups and other similar organizations to enlighten and to correct possible misconceptions of foreign visitors about basic American ideas and ideals and way of life.

The panel discussion was brought to an end at 9:45 a.m., and the meeting was thrown open to the audience. Miss Ludington urged that some program be devised whereby foreign visitors might be able to select books of their choosing to take back to their countries. Other members of the audience spoke of their personal experiences with foreign visitors and their success or lack of success in acquainting them with the American way of life. Mr. Holland stressed the importance of giving foreign visitors to our country every opportunity to tell us about their country, their ideals, plans and hopes. Frank Sorenson spoke about the work of the Technical Cooperation Administration of which he is the director. Verner Clapp pointed out how in America, a free society, the people and even members of the government do not themselves agree on what constitute the basic concepts of the American way of life.

Chester Williams agreed with this observation and felt that this disagreement on basic concepts was all to the good as indicative of the principal distinguishing characteristic of an open society. The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

The third open meeting was on the "Utilization of Returnees from Library Service Abroad to Improve International Relations" and was held on Thursday, July 3, at 8:45 a.m., in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Flora B. Ludington was the moderator and the panel consisted of Marietta Daniels, Columbus Memorial Library, Pan American Union, Washington, D.C.; Frank Sorenson, Technical Cooperation Administration, Washington, D.C.; Francis Young, Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, Washington, D.C.; and Fred W. Riggs, Public Administration Clearing House, New York. Miss Ludington summarized for the benefit of the panel members and those attending the Round Table meeting for the first time the previous two meetings.

Marietta Daniels was the first member of the panel to speak, drawing on her experiences as librarian, teacher and consultant in Latin and Central American countries. She concluded with a brief account of the work of a number of librarians who have worked abroad -- of the work they have done since their return to America.

Fred W. Riggs spoke on the utilization of the returnee librarian at the community level and of the ways and means of making use of the experience gained abroad by librarians, students, research workers, travelers, Fulbright people, and technicians. He urged that libraries build and encourage programs for the utilization of the wealth of experience and information gained by people who have been abroad.

Frank Sorenson pointed out that in Latin America and also in Central America the most stabilizing force has been the influence of the United States in helping their educational, library and agricultural programs. He stressed three points: (1) that libraries should attempt to create as attractive and stimulating an atmosphere and environment as possible in which one can promote world citizenship; (2) libraries should see that their efforts in this direction are coordinated with those of other groups in the community; (3) promote the utilization of all the resources available in the community -- returnees, books and pamphlets, internationally minded citizen groups, etc.

Francis Young spoke about the utilization of the returnee Fulbright student. He went on to speak about two types of opportunity open to librarians through Fulbright research fellowships: (1) the opportunity to lecture abroad and to act as advisor or consultant; in this connection he mentioned the need for a nominating committee to act with the Fulbright board and it is at this point that the returnee can be utilized to help in the selection of the right people for research grants; (2) the opportunity to work on a research

project abroad. Mr. Young pointed out the difficulty that most librarians have in getting a research project accepted for a Fulbright fellowship. There is need for a consultive body to help in getting Fulbright research awards for librarians. Mr. Young went on to explain that the Fulbright program is a reciprocal program, that it is not only interested in sending American librarians abroad but also in bringing foreign librarians to the United States. The recent grant from the Ford Foundation has made it easier for people to come to the States on such Fulbright awards.

The meeting was then thrown open to the audience for a question and answer period. Miss Ludington asked the audience to indicate by a show of hands how many had served overseas in one capacity or other. Forty or so of some two hundred present in the audience indicated they had worked abroad. Miss Ludington then asked what use those who had worked abroad had made of their experience once they returned to the States. Several members then spoke at varying length on their experience since returning to the States.

Irving Lieberman then asked the group to indicate by a show of hands how many would be interested and would attend another Institute sponsored by the Round Table similar to the Williamstown Institute. Many indicated that they definitely would attend such another Institute. Mr. Lieberman then asked what the group preferred as a possible site for such an Institute and when it should be held, namely, apart from an ALA conference, immediately before or during such a conference, or at some other location. The group indicated that it preferred an Institute held at some time and place other than an ALA conference.

Mr. Lieberman then announced the results of the vote by members of the Round Table on the slate of officers for the Round Table on Library Service Abroad: Chairman, Dorcas W. Connor, cataloger, University of Redlands Library, Redlands, Calif.; vice chairman, Wayne M. Hartwell, asst. chief, Acquisitions, Reference Department, NYPL, New York; secretary, Harriet L. Rourke, librarian, Headquarters Air Defense Comm. ENT, U.S. Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo.; treasurer, Charles M. Adams, librarian, Woman's College Lib., University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Marino J. Ruffier, Secretary

LIBRARY WORK AS A CAREER, JOINT COMMITTEE

The meeting was held on July 2 at the Waldorf-Astoria at 4:15 p.m. The chairman, Dr. Lewis Stieg, director of the University of Southern California Libraries, Los Angeles, presided at the meeting which was attended by 28 members and guests.

The motion was carried that the committee withdraw from the project under consideration for two or three years of publishing a recruiting manual, and concentrate on preparing a pamphlet to do a "selling" job on librarianship. This action was taken because the new booklet, Opportunities in Library Careers by Robert E. Kingery, published by Vocational Guidance Manuals, New York, already gives the detailed information needed by high school and college vocational advisers which had been a part of the Committee's plan for a manual.

The motion was carried that publication of the Committee's Clearing House Newsletter, under the capable editorship of A. P. Marshall, librarian, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., should be continued.

The report of Katherine Laich and Constance Martois of the staff of the Los Angeles Public Library, co-chairmen of the Special Subcommittee on Exhibits for the Convention of the Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations (held in Los Angeles March 31-April 3, 1952) was unanimously accepted.

A report by Helen Focke, Western Reserve University, School of Library Science, Cleveland, was read and discussed. Dr. Stieg had asked her at the time of the Midwinter Meeting to investigate the "value (?) of the present aptitude tests used by vocational counselors to indicate that certain people might be suitable recruits for the library profession." In view of information from Edward Chapman, librarian, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. given Dr. Stieg previous to the committee's meeting, (which Mr. Chapman, the ACRL representative to the committee, was unable to attend) that representatives of a foundation were to discuss with Mr. Chapman the following week a laboratory experiment in aptitude testing sponsored by the Association of College and Reference Libraries, no action was taken on Miss Focke's report.

A financial report indicating a balance of \$1,173.54 in the committee's fund as of June 24, 1952, was given by Anita Hostetter of the ALA Headquarters staff.

Reports by representatives of the activities of their organizations were given for the following: New Jersey Library Association, Children's Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, American Association of Law Libraries.

The report of the Nominating Committee, Edward Chapman, chairman, and Mrs. Florrinell Morton, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge was accepted and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Helen Focke, chairman and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller Shaw, the representative of the Maryland Library Association, secretary.

Katharine M. Stokes, Secretary

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

During the 71st annual conference of the American Library Association, the Public Documents Committee held two meetings.

The first, sponsored jointly by the committee and the United Nations Library was held on July 1 at 4:15 p.m., in the Conference Building at the United Nations Headquarters site. Representatives from those libraries in Canada, the continental United States and its territories which receive United Nations documents either on a depository basis, an overall exchange basis, or in large quantities by purchase were invited to attend. Ninety-two persons, exclusive of the United Nations Library staff and other members of the Secretariat were present.

The presiding officer was Edouard Reitman, acting director, United Nations Library. The co-chairman in charge of arrangements was Mrs. V. A. Cabeen, chairman, Public Documents Committee, and chief, Acquisition Unit, United Nations Library.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems connected with the acquisition, processing and reference use of the United Nations documents which the libraries represented are entitled to receive.

The group was addressed by the following members of the Secretariat: Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to the secretary-general, and chairman, Publications Board. Subject: "Publication Policy and Program of the United Nations." Richard D. Mathewson, chief, Management and Circulation Division, Department of Public Information. Subject: "Distribution Policy for United Nations Documents." Harry N. Winton, reference librarian, United Nations Library, United Nations Collection. Subject: "Reference Problems Connected with United Nations Documents." Joseph Groesbeck, chief, Processing Section, United Nations Library. Subject: "Designation of Depositories for United Nations Documents."

Following a discussion period which was concerned chiefly with United Nations document distribution problems, the chairman of the Public Documents Committee, introduced a member of the American Association for the United Nations detailed to Headquarters, who took the group on a guided tour of the Conference Building.

Later in the afternoon many who had attended the meeting visited the United Nations collection in the library.

The second meeting took place on July 3 at 4:15 p.m., in the Waldorf-Astoria. It was open to American Library Association members attending the conference. Two hundred persons were present.

The presiding officer was the committee chairman, Mrs. V. A. Cabeen.

The program consisted of the following papers: "Trends in State Government Reorganization," Hugh Montgomery, Littauer Center of Public Administration Library, Harvard University; "Place of Public Documents in the Revised Curricula of Library Schools in the United States and Canada," Oliver L. Lilley, School of Library Service, Columbia University.

At the close of the formal program, the meeting was addressed briefly by Stevens Rice of University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Mich., on the subject of the current project of filming Congressional Hearings and Reports. Mr. Rice asked for and received expressions of opinion as to the sequences in which these documents should be filmed. Roy Eastin, Superintendent of Documents, spoke in answer to questions from the chair and the floor regarding new procedures in his office relating to standing orders.

Mrs. V. A. Cabeen, Chairman

RELIGIOUS BOOKS ROUND TABLE

The annual meeting of the Religious Books Round Table was held Tuesday evening, July 1 in the Jansen Suite of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with an attendance of 50. The chairman, Elsa H. Ihm, Public Library, St. Paul, Minn., presided. Louise Turpin, Public Library, Brooklyn, N.Y., acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Mary Horan. After a brief business meeting, Frances T. Thayer, University of California Library, Berkeley, chairman of the Book Selection Committee discussed the annual list of Outstanding Religious Books which had been compiled from titles submitted by the publishers under the direction of the Round Table of ALA with the co-operation of the Religious Publishers Group. The Book Selection Committee included The Very Reverend Alden D. Kelley, D.D., Dean, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.; Rev. Thomas Shanahan, St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Leonard A. Stidley, The Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Central Synagogue, New York, N.Y.

Dr. Cornelius Greenway, minister, All Souls Universalist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., presented a paper on the general conference theme "Books Are Basic" stressing the field of religious literature and admonishing the librarians to beware of the propagandists and the censors in the name of religion and religious publications. Questions from the floor prompted an informal discussion on methods used in libraries for the selection of religious literature.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing biennium: chairman, Paul Gratke, head, Religion, Education and

Philosophy Department, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, Wis.; secretary-treasurer, Margaret E. Miller, reader's adviser in religion, District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, D.C.

Elsa H. Ihm, Chairman

SERIALS ROUND TABLE

The annual meeting of the Serials Round Table was held on Monday, June 30, in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York with about three hundred persons in attendance. The chairman, Homer Halvorson, Johns Hopkins University, presided. It was agreed to dispense with the minutes of the Midwinter Meeting. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

In the absence of Mrs. Dorothy Keller, University of California, chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Halvorson reported the nomination of F. Bernice Field, Yale University, for chairman, and Shirley Taylor, University of California, for secretary-treasurer. A motion was made and passed that the report be accepted and the officers elected unanimously. Mr. Halvorson announced that Betty Kientzle, John Crerar Library, was to be the new editor of Serial Slants and proposed a rising vote of thanks to Jane Ganfield and Purdue University for editing and publishing Serial Slants for the past two years.

Paul Berry, Library of Congress, spoke on "Library of Congress Serial Records Techniques." He stated that the Serial Record at LC tries to include in one record all information about publications without a stated or logical ending, with the exception of a few categories such as newspapers, telephone books, trade catalogs, comic books. Current and non-current publications are kept in two separate files.

Wyllis Wright, Williams College, chairman of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials, reported on the meeting of the committee at the Library of Congress on June 2-3. The Joint Committee discussed the possibility of a union catalog of serials at the Library of Congress and agreed that it should include information about all serials and holdings for as many libraries as could be induced to cooperate. Mr. Wright announced that the second supplement to the Union List of Serials would be published in June, 1953.

Bella Shachtman, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Simplification in Serial Records Work." At the Department of Agriculture Library a serial is defined as any title issued in parts which is incomplete in the library collection. Separation of current from non-current serials is done on the basis of dates of publication

rather than by title. Miss Shachtman described their study of the efficiency of the visible record type of equipment for recording serials; present figures indicate that the work can be done more rapidly and with less fatigue if the cards are in light-weight catalog trays than in visible records.

The last part of the program was a symposium on micro-reproduction of periodicals, in which Eugene B. Power, University Microfilms Corporation, spoke in favor of microfilm, Albert Boni, Readex Microprint Corporation, outlined the advantages of microprint, Fremont Rider, Microcard Foundation, pointed out the value of microcards, Murray Gristle, Griscombe Products Corporation, described the new Kard-a-Film. Mr. Rider stressed that the important point was not which type of micro-reproduction has the most advantages but how we can correlate the different micro-methods so that the products can be interfiled and read on one machine.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

F. Bernice Field, Secretary-Treasurer

STAFF ORGANIZATIONS ROUND TABLE

Business Meeting

The business meeting of SORT was held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on July 2, 1952. About 100 delegates and guests, representing 37 staff associations, were present.

The minutes of the 1951 business and program meetings were read. The members of the present Steering Committee who were at the conference, Eunice Coston, Bradford Hill, and Mrs. Frances Griffin, were introduced. Hazel B. Timmerman, executive assistant, ALA Board on Personnel Administration and Elizabeth Gilley and Marion Phillips, two nominees for the Steering Committee, were also introduced. Mrs. Alma Briggs of Buffalo, Alice Taylor of San Francisco and Eugene Eisenlahr of Newark were appointed tellers.

Dorothy Heiderstadt presented the chairman's report and announced that the project for the year was the compilation of a leaflet on How to Prepare a Staff Manual. It was in charge of a committee composed of Grant Talbot, Dean, Chicago Historical Society Library, Harold Teitelbaum and J.W.R. Scurr of the Chicago Public Library. The leaflets were distributed to delegates at the meeting and will be mailed to staff associations not represented there. Miss Heiderstadt reported that SORT had been represented at the California Library Association monthly and at the New Eng-

land Regional Conference. Margaret G. Hickman of Los Angeles and Bradford M. Hill of Boston arranged and conducted these meetings. She also announced that SORT now has 98 active and 11 associate members.

Mrs. Frances A. Griffin read the secretary-treasurer's report, commenting on the routine duties of the office and expressing appreciation for the cooperation of the Buffalo Public Library in arranging the display at the SORT booth and for the use of library personnel and time in completing the year's work. She announced that one member had resigned during the year. A breakdown of membership shows that 30 states, Hawaii and Canada are represented in SORT. California leads with 17 members, New York follows with 9, Ohio 6 and Pennsylvania 5. The treasury shows a balance of \$332.79 with a large printing bill and some conference expenses still to be received and paid.

Eunice Coston, membership chairman, stated that 13 new active and 2 associate memberships had been added to SORT. A letter headed "Calling All Organizations" had been mimeographed and sent to prospective members. She organized a breakfast meeting at the Southeastern Library Association in Miami for the present and prospective members of SORT.

Bradford M. Hill presented his Bulletin report. Four issues were published at a cost of \$200.42. Mr. Hill briefly summarized their contents and noted that the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association pays for all the postage for the correspondence of the editor, except mailing the Bulletin.

Mildred Stibitz, SORT representative on the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, reported that she had attended meetings at midwinter and summer conferences. One of the major activities of the Joint Committee has been an exhibit at the National Vocational Guidance Association meeting, presenting library materials to vocational advisers. This year's meeting was held in Los Angeles. She mentioned the fact that the committee issues a newsletter reporting recruiting activities and that she would be glad to receive any news that particularly involves staff organizations.

Edna Peck of the Boston Public Library spoke of the Care project carried out by her library. Myrtle Graves of the Cleveland Public Library talked about their yearly Institute. Mary Dodge Read of New York Public Library told of the survey of jobs done by her library and the scholarship plan fund drives by the Brooklyn and Queens libraries. Miss Canfield of the Hartford Public Library told of an open house held in the library in connection with a drive for a new building which showed the library at work and all the inconveniences with which they were struggling. Their slogan was "A horse and buggy library to serve a motor age," and a horse and buggy in front of the library emphasized it. Mrs. Purnall of

Springfield, Mass., introduced the matter of librarians belonging to civic group unions. Delegates from Grand Rapids and Enoch Pratt public libraries announced that they send delegates to co-ordinating municipal groups. Mrs. Griffin of Buffalo Public Library announced that SORT would be represented by a breakfast meeting on October 21 at the New York Library Association Conference at Lake Placid and that Mrs. Margia Proctor of the Buffalo Public Library, a past chairman of SORT would be the speaker.

The results of the election for the Steering Committee were announced as follows: Georgia Gambrill, St. Louis Public Library; Elizabeth Gilley, Portland (Ore.) Public Library; Doreen Moseley, Vancouver Public Library and Gwendolen Shakeshaft of the Long Beach Public Library were elected for two-year terms.

The meeting was adjourned.

Frances A. Griffin, Secretary-Treasurer

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Music Library Association met in New York City June 30 - July 1. The first meeting was held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Monday morning, June 30 from 10:30 - 12:30. Dr. Otto Albrecht, music librarian of the University of Pennsylvania, and vice-president of the Music Library Association, presided, and speakers were Dr. Helen Bush, subject cataloger, Library of Congress, who spoke on "Music Subject Headings," and Mrs. Virginia Cunningham of Music Copyright Office, Library of Congress who spoke on "Simplified Rules of Cataloging Music," and Joel Newman, speaking on "Processing in a Performing Right Society."

The second session was held on Monday, June 30 from 4:15 - 5:45 p.m., on the top floor of Steinway Hall. The session on Sound Recordings included a talk on "Records in the New York Public Library," by Philip Miller, acting chief, Music Division, New York Public Library; "Terminology of Audio and Certain Related Arts" given by R. D. Darrell, author and phonograph record critic, and "What Is Behind Your LP Recording" by Peter Bartok, head of Bartok Recordings. Following the talks a musical program was

given by William Hess, tenor, and Blanche Winogron at the virginal.

On the following morning July 1 from 10:30 - 12:30, there was a meeting on "The Symphony Orchestra and the Library." Speakers were Arthur Cohn, director of the Settlement School of Music in Philadelphia, who spoke on the "The Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music in the Free Library of Philadelphia;" Jesse C. Peynton, librarian of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra speaking on "The Symphony Orchestra Library," and Thomas F. Wilson, chairman of the Library Committee, American Symphony Orchestra League, Inc., who spoke on "The Symphony and the Circulating Library."

The business meeting was held Tuesday, July 1 from 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

The banquet was held at the Maison A de Winter at 7:00 p.m., on July 1. Hans Heinsheimer of G. Schirmer, Inc., spoke on "As the Publisher Sees It." Special recognition was given two retiring librarians, and founders of the Music Library Association, Eva J. O'Meara of the Yale University Music Library, and Gretta Smith of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

At all meetings other than the first, Dr. Harold Spivacke, chief, Music Division, Library of Congress and president of the Music Library Association, presided. Average attendance at each meeting was 125.

George R. Henderson, Secretary