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S. C. Library Association Meeting November 9-10

Librarians, library trustees and others interested in libraries are invited to attend the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association on November 9, 10 at the Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, S. C.

The theme of the meeting is Interpreting the Library to the Community. The following program has been arranged by Miss Helen Hagan, President, and the Executive Committee:

Friday—November 9th

2:30 P. M. Registration, Jefferson Hotel

3:30 P. M. General Session

Panel Discussion: "Interpreting the Library to the Community"

Through school library service—Dr. Frances Lander Spain, Librarian, Winthrop College

Through college and university library service—Dr. John Van Male, Librarian, University of South Carolina

Through public library service—Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston Free Library

Through rural library service—Miss Mary D. Rich, Member of the Colleton County Library Board

Chairman: Miss Nancy C. Blair, Executive Secretary, State Library Board

8:00 P. M. Dinner Meeting

Address: "Libraries for Tomorrow" — Miss Mary U. Rothrock, Specialist in library service for the Tennessee Valley Authority and President-Elect of the American Library Association

Saturday—November 10th

8:30 A. M. Sectional Breakfast Meetings

Public Libraries—Private Dining Room

College and University Libraries—Colonial Room

School Libraries—Colonial Room

10:30 A. M. General Session and Business Meeting

1:00 P. M. Luncheon Meeting

Address: Paul Howard, Representative of the American Library Association, Washington

Adjournment

Miss Rothrock to Address Library Association

The South Carolina Library Association is fortunate to have as its guest Miss Mary U. Rothrock, specialist in library service for the Tennessee Valley Authority and President-Elect of the American Library Association. Miss Rothrock was formerly librarian to the Lawson McGhee Library of Knoxville. She has served on the A.L.A. Executive Board and the A.L.A. Council, as a member of the Editorial Committee and the Library Extension Board. For two terms she was president of the Tennessee Library Association and was president of the Southeastern Library Association, 1922-24.

Paul Howard to be Luncheon Speaker

Paul Howard, Washington representative of the A. L. A. and libraries, will be the speaker at the luncheon meeting of the South Carolina Library Association. Mr. Howard, who is also chairman of the A. L. A. Federal Relations Committee, recently resigned as librarian of the Gary, Indiana, Public Library to assume his duties with the A. L. A. in its new Washington office. The office is being financed by funds collected through the Library Development Fund. The office will undoubtedly be of invaluable assistance in the development of libraries, and it will be a privilege for South Carolina librarians to have its representative as their speaker.

Mr. Howard says: "What we plan is a library information and public relations office—not a pressure agency. However, libraries are interested in such things as the disposal of surplus army libraries and other surplus property, federal aid for building programs, postage rate on books, and government research programs."

Information on Reference Books

If any library or individual is contemplating purchase of encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and other reference works, the State Library Board will be glad to furnish information concerning them. A complete set of Subscription Books Bulletin, which gives critical reviews of about 400 sets since 1930 and is a reliable source of information about reference works, is owned by the State Library Board. By referring to it, you are assured of securing reliable books and of getting your money's worth.

Public Libraries as Memorials

Mrs. Maude Massey Rogers, Vice-Chairman
S. C. State Library Board

"O Valiant Heart, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtues proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you love."

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How can we publicly express our homage and gratitude to these brave young hearts that are forever stilled and to those, who return to us, who were as ready to make the supreme sacrifice?

How better than to build as memorials to them Public Libraries which will give to every man, woman and child the knowledge of other peoples and nations so that they may better realize that we are in truth "One World" and all the children of one Father?

To understand other peoples and nations we must acquire some knowledge of their fundamental characteristics and purposes and ideals. We must study the histories of the various nationalities and seek to weld the United Nations into an integral whole of smoothly-functioning member nations working together for the common good of us all.

As living memorials to our sons and daughters who have "fought the good fight" I can visualize in every community a public library which will be truly a community center—a beautiful building of dignity and simplicity, bearing a plaque with the names of the dead we honor. It should have an auditorium where citizens may gather for town hall meetings to discuss local, national and international problems; reading rooms for children, young people and adults with librarians and reader's counselors to guide in the selection of reading for special studies, jobs, hobbies, or entertainment. There will be concerted effort of librarians and "Friends of Libraries" to encourage study groups on various topics, particularly the United Nations—their people and customs, with the view of cultivating a more intelligent understanding of these nations; and a higher degree of cooperation with them.

Last, but by no means least, the books themselves. In the libraries envisioned there will be books carefully selected to give information and instruction in the Arts and Sciences—the new, breathtaking scientific discoveries which must be used constructively to build a better, more neighborly, unselfish world. Shelves and shelves of books which give vocational information needed especially by returning veterans and books which tell unmistakably that we and all other countries have mutual interests, ideals and customs; books also which tell the stories of the lives of great men and women of every country who have achieved in the various fields of endeavor; and books which entertain and serve no other purpose than to transport us for a time into blissful oblivion of the toils, cares, and responsibilities which make up a large part of our days.

Mental and nervous breakdowns are increasing at an appalling rate—the anxiety, uncertainty, and the stress and strain of the war years is already exacting a heavy toll of neuroses and emotional instability. The psycho-therapeutic value of good reading cannot be overestimated. Good books furnish rich red meat for the mind; stimulation for the jaded spirit; a froth of ambrosia for the too often dormant sense of humor; the Bible and religious books bring faith, and hope, and the divine assurance that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord".

Truly, no more fitting, more worthy, memorial to our service sons and daughters could be conceived than the memorial public library.

Town Libraries

Anderson Library Installs Recordak

Mrs. Ella Sue Smith, Librarian of the Anderson Public Library, contributed the following excerpt from the Anderson Daily Mail, September 15, 1945:

"The Anderson Library this week became the first in South Carolina to install a Recordak, a device which may aptly be described as 'the newspaper filing system of the future'.

"The Recordak utilizes the recently developed 'microfilm' (also used in V-Mail letters) to flash whole newspaper pages on the opaque screen that makes up the front of the instrument.

"Rolls of film covering the past two-month issues of The Daily Mail and Independent are already available; and every future edition of each paper will be recorded on microfilm, which may be used in the Recordak.

"Hereafter persons wishing to refer to a news item published in one of the papers will be invited to visit the library and inspect it through the Recordak.

"The installation of the Recordak system was undertaken with the full cooperation of the Anderson daily papers, using a plan that was worked out by the Atlanta Journal and the Constitution, and the Atlanta library, as well as by the newspapers and libraries in other large cities of the nation."

Library Board Aids Community Libraries

Libraries in Manning, St. George and Harleyville have taken advantage of the community deposit plan recently put into operation by the State Library Board. Under the plan any town or community of under 2,500 population, without countywide library service may borrow collections of books. In communities without libraries deposits may be secured if provisions can be made locally for housing and circulating the books. McBee is the first to try this plan. The town council has provided funds to employ a custodian for a two months period. It is hoped that the use of the books will justify continuation of the plan.

The present deposits are made up of one hundred books and include both adult and juvenile titles. Some recent popular books are included in each group and, if available, requests from the communities are included. These books will be changed every two months.

This service was inaugurated in an attempt to reach some of the 879,674 people in South Carolina without library service and to assist small libraries with limited budgets.

College and University Libraries

Helen Hagan, Correspondent

As a part of the program of the South Carolina Library Association meeting, the college and university librarians will hold a sectional breakfast meeting in one end of the Colonial Room, at the Jefferson Hotel at 8:30 Saturday morning, November 10. This will be an informal "get acquainted" meeting. Try to be there.

Winthrop College

Miss Ida J. Dacus retires this year after 46 years as librarian at Winthrop College. Miss Dacus organized the library at Winthrop and as its director throughout the years she has seen it grow to become one of the outstanding libraries in the State. Miss Dacus has always been an interested and active participant in library development in the State and in the work of the South Carolina Library Association. As she retires from her active duties as librarian she carries with her the sincere best wishes of us all.

Dr. Frances Lander Spain has been named the new librarian and head of the department of library science at Winthrop. Dr. Spain is a Winthrop graduate and has been a member of the faculty there as head of the department of library science, a department which she organized nine years ago. She recently received the Doctor of Philosophy in library science from Chicago University. Other members of the library staff are Miss Katherine Dusenberry of Due West who is cataloger; Miss Gladys Smith of Batesburg who has charge of circulation and reference; Miss Katherine Slaughter of Jonesboro, Arkansas, who has charge of order work and documents; and Miss Nona Bess Watson of Byersburg, Tennessee, who is general assistant. Mrs. William Blakely of Sumter, who was on the library science faculty for a time about six years ago, returned to the department this year. Mrs. Spain and her staff are making interesting plans for the expansion of the library's services.

Coker College

Coker College held its eighth annual Literary Festival on October 9-11. The visiting speakers this year were Robert P. Tristram Coffin, the Maine poet and writer who won the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1936 for his volume *Strange Holiness*, and Robert Molloy, editor of the New York Sun book review section and author of the recent book on Charleston, *Pride's Way*. Mr. Molloy was born in Charleston and received his early education there. Prior to the week of the Festival the library exhibited materials about the life and works of the authors. One of the outstanding features of the Festival was the Book Tea held on Wednesday afternoon at which Mr. Coffin read from his works. At the Tea the college library and the Hartsville public library jointly sponsored an exhibit of new books. Books of the visiting writers were on sale also and were autographed.

A new library building is a part of the building program of Coker College. This building is to be a gift of the town of Hartsville and is to be designated as a memorial to the men of Hartsville who lost their lives in the service of their country.

The library has been the recipient of a number of gifts during the past year. Miss Caroline Reaves, professor of mathematics, gave to the library a very generous gift of money with which to buy books to be placed in the library in memory of her father and mother, James Robert Reaves and Sarah McMillan Reaves. A special book plate marks these books. Mrs. David R. Coker of

Hartsville gave to the library the 39 volume set of *The writings of George Washington from the original manuscript sources, 1745-1799*, prepared under the direction of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission. This set was from the library of her father, Mr. Daniel C. Roper.

University of S. C. Library Radio Program

Every Saturday at 7 P. M. over Radio Station WCOS, Dr. John Van Male, librarian of the University of South Carolina Library, conducts a 15 minute program, devoted to unusual books. On most of these programs Dr. Van Male interviews prominent citizens, South Carolina authors and University Professors.

On the first program, September 22nd, Mrs. Hagood Bostick, librarian of the Richland County Library, and Miss Nancy C. Blair, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board, described the services available through their respective agencies. On September 29th, Professor McConaughy spoke on the effects of the atomic bomb. On October 6th, Mr. Frank Durham, Director of the Columbia Town Theater, discussed George Bernard Shaw. On October 13th, Mr. Fitzhugh McMaster talked on the books which had influenced him. On future programs, Professor Grubb, who is one of the country's leading authorities on Dickens, will speak on Dickens, and Dr. Van Male's children, Katrina and Nicholas, will tell of their favorite books.

Listeners are invited to participate in these programs by sending in the names of their favorite books or mentioning books which they consider unusual.

Furman University

F. W. Simpson (Peabody '42) was appointed head librarian to succeed Eva Wrigley, who retired June 1 after more than twenty years service. Jane Flener (Peabody '42) became assistant librarian September 1. Prior to accepting her appointment at Furman, Miss Flener was assistant librarian at New Britain State Teachers College Library, New Britain, Connecticut. Sarah Earle (Columbia '45) has joined the staff as cataloger.

Work is under way on an extensive recataloging project and purchase of new books, both made possible through a General Education Board grant of \$25,000.

Plans for the new library building are already in hand and it is hoped the construction, delayed by the war, can be started at an early date.

County and Regional Libraries

Mary Cox, Correspondent

Marlboro County Library Resumes Countywide Service

The Marlboro County Library Board, of which Miss Alexina W. Evans is chairman, has secured an appropriation which will permit the resumption of countywide library service. Miss Evans reports that the bookmobile has been put in good condition and repainted.

Mrs. Blanche W. Hamer is librarian of the Marlboro County Library. Mrs. Estelle H. Townsend will be in charge of the rural service.

Colleton County Library Tax-Supported

At the last session of the legislature, $\frac{3}{4}$ mill tax was provided for the support of the Colleton County Library. Mr. R. A. Durham, County Superintendent of Education, is chairman of the library board. Since the library will provide special services for the schools as well as serving the rural people, both groups are represented on the library board. The work of the library is seriously impeded because thus far all efforts to locate a trained librarian have failed.

Books as Memorials

Mrs. Maude Q. Kelsey, Librarian of the Lancaster County Library

The past year has seen our BOOKS AS MEMORIALS idea grow into something really outstanding and worthwhile. The initial start began in the spring of 1943 when a local doctor and his wife established a perpetuating Memorial Fund, with the stipulation that it be spent primarily on historical and genealogical material. These books are, for the most part, rare, old and of course expensive, volumes that otherwise we would never own. Each time a friend passes on or gives his life for his country Dr. and Mrs. X donate to the fund instead of sending flowers. Mrs. X writes a note to members of the family, and this is followed up by a note from the librarian.

Since the establishment of this fund quite a number of patrons are donating money for memorial books. A leaflet, describing the plan, is distributed throughout the county, making it easy for patrons to contribute since an attached blank provides space for the necessary information. Some individuals specify the title or type book (or books) they wish to donate, others leave it entirely to the librarian. To facilitate matters, we purchase from time to time certain appropriate books that we deem suitable for the Memorial Collection so that interested patrons who have in mind no particular title can choose a book or books he would like to give. We pay for these books from the fines and fees and reimburse this fund when the book is actually paid for by the patron. Each time a memorial book is donated the librarian writes a note to the family. A complete record is kept, not only of the donations, but of the names of persons memorialized.

Another important memorial gift in our county of outstanding merit, both now and in the future, is the establishment of the Memorial Fund for our high school libraries. This was instigated by a member of the Library Board. Books on Carolinians are donated, with suitable inscribed book plates, one book for each member of the Armed Forces from that particular school who has made the supreme sacrifice for his country. These books are greatly appreciated by both the pupils and the teachers in the high schools and by the families of the boys so honored.

Another recent library development in the county is the beginning of a town library in Kershaw, a memorial to the men and women of World War II. At present they are functioning in a temporary building, but plans are under way for a permanent structure. Their nucleus collection is being supplemented by deposits from the County Library. Mrs. Mamie Rice is in charge of the Library.

Book Week November 11-17

The slogan for Book Week is **United through Books**, which was also the slogan for 1944. Librarians, who have not already done so, will probably wish to write for the Manual of Suggestions and official posters. The posters are drawn by Gertrude Howe, children's book illustrator, and cost twenty-five cents each. The manual is free. Send your requests to: Miss Laura Harris, Children's Book Council, 62 West 45th St., New York 19, N. Y. for these aids and for suggestions.

American Education Week

American Education Week will be celebrated November 11-17. The theme will be "Education to Promote the General Welfare". A list of materials available, including pamphlets, posters, etc., may be secured from the National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Personals

MRS. ALICE PRIOLEAU DePASS is head of the city school department of the Richland County Library.

MISS SARA EARLE (Columbia '45) has been appointed cataloger of the Furman University Library.

MISS JANE FLENER (Peabody '42) became assistant librarian of Furman University on September 1.

MISS ELAINE GRUBB has joined the staff of the University of South Carolina Library as a clerical assistant.

MISS ELEANOR McDERMID received her library degree from the University of North Carolina and has resumed her duties as assistant in the Childrens' Department of the Richland County Library.

MISS ALICE POWELL has joined the staff of the Sumter Carnegie Library as general assistant.

MRS. CLAIRE POWELL is the new bookmobile assistant at the Sumter Carnegie Library.

MRS. LORAIN CARMICHAEL QUIERY has been appointed librarian of the Cherokee County Library. Mrs. Quiery received her library degree from Peabody and has held positions in Shelby County, Alabama, Camp Gordon and Trenton, N. J.

MISS GAIL RICHARDSON is librarian at the Post Library, Parris Island, S. C.

MR. F. W. SIMPSON has been appointed librarian of the Furman University Library. He succeeds MISS EVA WRIGLEY, who has retired.

MISS MARY E. TIMBERLAKE, formerly librarian of Lander College, is now assistant reference librarian at the University of South Carolina Library.

MRS. ESTELLE H. TOWNSEND will be in charge of the Marlboro County Library bookmobile.

MISS MARTHA WALKER has been added to the University of South Carolina Library as a clerical assistant.

MISS ESTELLENE WALKER, formerly librarian of Post Library No. 1 at Fort Jackson, is now connected with the Library Branch of the Army Special Services in Paris. Among other duties, she is assisting in organizing traveling libraries for soldiers stationed at remote posts.