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## Nipped in the Budget

For the first time in its history, the State Library Board has received a cut in appropriation. The cut is exactly \$3,600 — about 4½% of last year's appropriation of \$75,000 and gives the State Library Board only \$71,400 to operate on in 1950-51. The cut was made in the items earmarked for State Aid, the Regional Establishment Grants, and for the Book Deposit Service. At the present time the Board does not contemplate reducing the amount of the State Aid grant to County libraries (\$1,000), but the number of the Regional Establishment grants will be reduced and fewer books will be available to Book Deposit stations throughout the ten counties still without countywide library service.

The cut in appropriation suffered by the State Library Board was evidently not a part of any general plan for the reduction of state expenditure. Twenty-two other state departments received increases in appropriations ranging as high as \$200,000. The cut could not have come at a worse time. Public libraries throughout the State are being faced with an increased demand for services and books. New county or regional libraries are on the verge of establishment. The resultant demand on the professional services and book stock of the State Board will be difficult to meet with a reduced budget.

## Mr. Berry, New Chairman SCLA Trustees

Mr. L. C. Berry, Chairman of the Chester County Library Board and a resident of Lowrys, South Carolina, has been appointed the new Chairman of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association. Mr. Berry succeeds Miss Mary E. Frayser, who has served for the past two years.

The trustees of South Carolina will find an able leader in Mr. Berry. His wide experience in civic activities and as the Chairman of a progressive county library board will mean much to the progress of the SCLA Trustee Section.

Mr. Berry has been the Chairman of the Chester County Library Board since the consolidation of town and county libraries in 1946. Under his leadership the annual income of the Library has risen from a \$5,000 appropriation to the present \$30,000 derived from a 1½ mill tax.

In 1946 the number of employees was one full-time and two part-time workers. Today there are five full-time and one part-time staff members. In addition there is a professionally trained Negro librarian in charge of the Finley Branch which serves the Negroes of Chester County. Two branch libraries, one at Lowrys and one at Great Falls, have been established.

In October the Chester County Library will move in-

to the new Chester County War Memorial Building. The Library will occupy the entire ground floor. The second floor will be used as an auditorium and community center.

## Ground Broken for Kershaw Negro Library

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Negro branch of the Kershaw County Library were conducted on the campus of Jackson High School in Camden on the afternoon of June 5.

Speaking at the ceremony were Senator R. M. Kennedy, Jr.; Arthur Stokes, County Superintendent of Education; Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board; and City Commissioner J. E. McCain.

The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of the new Negro branch library, which has been made possible through the work of a committee of interested citizens, both white and colored.

The ground, owned by the City of Camden as a park, was donated by the City. A grant of \$5,000 has been made by the County Delegation provided that an equivalent sum be raised by the community either in cash, labor, or building materials.

Senator Kennedy, in the principal address, complimented the committee on its fine work. The Senator said that this project was a symbol of unity, of kindness, and of good feeling in the community and city.

## Southeastern Library Association

The Southeastern Library Association will hold its fourteenth biennial conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, October 11-14.

The first general session will be held on October 11 at 7:30 P. M. Dr. Allen D. Albert, Jr., Professor of Sociology, Emory University, will address the group on "Leadership in the South".

On Thursday morning, October 12, the subject "Reorganization of the Southeastern Library Association" will be considered at the second general session. A panel, led by Dr. Louis Shores and made up of members of the SELA Activities Committee, will focus the discussion.

The subjects for various section meetings have not yet been announced. These meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

On Saturday morning the South Carolina Library Association will hold its annual business meeting following a breakfast.

The Atlanta Biltmore Hotel has been selected as headquarters for the conference, and reservations should be made promptly.



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## New Plan for ALA Washington Office

At the Cleveland Conference of the American Library Association, Council approved the plan of the Federal Relations Committee for a new library bill to be introduced at the next session of Congress. This bill will embody the following principles: (1) the strengthening of the State Library Agency in each state, (2) Federal funds to be allocated on a variable matching formula, (3) the new bill will be a terminable bill, (4) standards will not be written into the bill, and (5) emphasis will be put on extension to unserved areas, both rural and urban.

A draft copy of the bill will appear in the ALA Bulletin for October. It is hoped to introduce the new bill very early in the next session of Congress.

Interpreting the above five principles in the terms of effect on the library program in South Carolina, the State Library Board as the State Library Extension Agency would be strengthened through additional funds for personnel and book resources to give more adequate service to the public libraries of the State. It would be the responsibility of the State Library Board to decide on the use of federal funds for public library service within the State. It would still be possible to have a library demonstration such as provided in the previous Library Demonstration Bill. Through the variable matching formula, a South Carolina dollar would buy more Federal dollars than the same dollar in a wealthier state. There would be a time limit set beyond which Federal funds for the library program would not be available. No standards would be written into the bill, but these standards would be incorporated in the policies governing the use of the funds. It would be the major purpose of the new bill to extend library service to unserved areas and unserved groups in the population.

## The "Great Books" in Charleston

Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston Free Library

Imagine a group of thirty-odd men and women of all ages and interests gathered informally around tables in a library room at seven o'clock of a Wednesday evening discussing whether or not Aristotle was right in saying

"some men are by nature free, and others slaves"; or the same group on another occasion going into gales of laughter during a two-hour discussion of Plato's "Republic".

A Great Books discussion program was inaugurated last January 11 at the main branch of the Charleston Free Library and has been so successful that two additional groups will probably begin in the fall. One of these will be held at the main library and the other at the Cooper River Memorial Library Branch, Naval Base.

The Charleston Free Library has joined the Annual Group Associates Plan of the Great Books Foundation, Eastern Region, New York. The Annual Associates Plan offers four types of membership, one of which is for organizations which sponsor discussion groups. The Charleston Free Library feels strongly that all libraries and sponsoring groups should subscribe to the plan.

The reading program followed is that of the Great Books Foundation, and the first year readings include a total of 18 selections, among which are the "Declaration of Independence", Aristotle's "Ethics", Aristophanes' "The Birds", St. Augustine's "Confessions", Machiavelli's "The Prince", etc.

Also the Charleston Free Library follows the techniques recommended and taught by the Great Books Foundation for the conduct of the discussions. Copies of Adler's "Manual for Discussion Leaders" were purchased for the use of discussion leaders. Before the Great Books course began, those who were to serve as leaders had read the manual and had held several meetings to discuss techniques and proper methods. After the course had begun, others were added as leaders and several meetings of leaders were held at which the faults and good points of the previous discussions were analyzed.

Because it was found to be financially impossible to bring to Charleston instructors from the Great Books Foundation for the purpose of training those who were to lead, the plan of self-criticism and in-service training had to be adopted.

The Great Books Foundation considers the training of leaders of the first importance, for the success of a course depends to a large extent on the quality of the leadership. Leaders ask questions and **never** answer questions. They are moderators only; they do not teach. The books themselves are the only teachers in this "classroom".

There are no special requirements, educational or other, for those who join the discussion groups except ability to read and willingness to discuss. Necessary of course are enthusiastic participants willing to read thoroughly before each session the required selections and willing to be active in the discussions.

The Great Books plan is quite genuinely a group plan for self-education in the liberal arts which make for free men in a free society. The participants meet once every other week eight months of the year to discuss and argue about the ideas in the books which constitute the tradition of Western culture.

We've been having a wonderful time at it in Charleston, and can hardly wait to continue in the fall!

For further information write Emily Sanders, Free Library, Charleston, S. C., or Gordon Dupee, Great Books Foundation, Eastern Region, 246 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.



## Library Group Holds Meeting

The Library Group of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association held its annual meeting in the Benedict College Library, Columbia, on April 7. Mrs. Agnes H. Wilson, Co-Chairman, presided.

Mrs. Mollie Houston Lee spoke on methods of providing reading programs and other library services to school, college and public libraries.

The following officers were elected: Miss Agnes H. Wilson, Sumter, Chairman; Mrs. Katherine Wheeler, Columbia, Co-chairman; Mrs. Mae S. Johnson, Columbia, Secretary; Miss Mamie A. Walker, Charleston, Treasurer.

## Senate Approves Social Security Bill, H. R. 6000

June 20, 1950 the Senate passed H. R. 6000, the Social Security Bill which extends coverage to 10 million additional persons. They increased from \$3,000 to \$3,600 the amount of wages subject to social security tax, and raised the maximum individual monthly benefit under the bill to \$80.00. The payroll tax rate of 1½% each on worker and employer would be held where it is through 1955, in a five-year "freeze". After that the tax would gradually rise from 2%, beginning in 1956 to 3¼% in 1970.

Four amendments to qualify state and local government employees now under a retirement system for social security failed.

The bill now goes to conference to reconcile difference with the House Bill, after which both houses must again approve before it is sent to the President for signature.

Librarians not included under a state or municipal retirement system will be included if the state enters into an agreement with the Federal Government. All public employees under a retirement system are excluded on a mandatory basis.

Librarians of non-profit institutions are covered on a mandatory basis with both employers and employees making contributions. Lay employees of religious denominations and of organizations owned and operated by a religious denomination may be covered on a voluntary basis.

## Branch Libraries Established

A branch of the Oconee County Library was opened in Westminster on July 11. Approximately 1,000 books were placed in the branch library and a constant exchange of books from the county library collection will be made by the county bookmobile which visits the branch library every four weeks. The Westminster branch is located in the business district. It is open to the public each Tuesday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock and on Saturday morning from 9 to 12. The opening of the Westminster Library was observed by an informal tea which was sponsored by the civic organizations of the town. Mrs. Frances Witherspoon is serving as branch librarian.

The newest branch of the Horry County Memorial Library was opened in Aynor on June 15. A room in the Masonic building was remodeled and painted to house the branch library. The county bookmobile will visit the Aynor library on the second Tuesday of each month

during library hours which are from 4 to 6 P. M. on Tuesday and Saturday. Mrs. W. M. Gerald is branch librarian. The local library committee is made up of representatives from various civic organizations and other groups of the community.

## Library Service Abroad

The ALA Round Table on Library Service Abroad is revising its 1944 ALA Roster of Librarians for Library Service Abroad.

The objectives of the Round Table are "to provide an opportunity for the general membership of the American Library Association to discuss the problems involved, to participate in activities that will strengthen library service in the international field, and to offer to the International Relations Board the assistance of an organized group of experienced librarians interested in and willing to work toward the extension and improvement of libraries outside the United States as well as within its borders".

In order to fully assist in the fulfillment of these objectives a complete list of all librarians interested is needed. Contact Mr. Verner Clapp, Acting Chairman of the Round Table's Exchange of Personnel and Publications. Mr. Clapp's address is Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Membership dues to the Round Table are \$1.00 for all ALA members.

## Professional Reading for Librarians and Trustees

You can't afford **not** to read these:

Berelson, Bernard — *The Library's Public*. 1949. Columbia University Press. \$3.00. An organized summary of all that is now scientifically known about the use of 7,400 public libraries in the United States. Its aim is to report as precisely as possible what public libraries actually do.

Garceau, Oliver — *Public Library in the Political Process . . . A Report of the Public Library Inquiry*. 1949. Columbia University Press. \$3.75. The public library is a part of the government and the author advocates more active participation of librarians in the political process. He analyzes the structure of the A.L.A. and discusses the unit of government for library service that promises the best results.

Hall, Anna Gertrude — *Library trustee*, prepared for the Trustees section of the American Library Association. 1937. A.L.A., \$2.35. This book is based on the practical problems and questions which are faced by every conscientious citizen when he first becomes a library trustee. Presented in the form of questions, each followed by a detailed analysis. Planned for medium sized libraries (up to 100,000 population) and useful for librarians as well as trustees.

Leigh, R. D. — *The Public Library in the United States; the General Report of the Public Library Inquiry*. 1950. Columbia University Press. \$3.75. Following a brief description of the purpose of the Inquiry itself, this study presents a discussion of the many factors influencing public library service in the United States.



It concludes with a broad survey of probable directions of development.

Loizeaux, Marie D. — *Publicity Primer*; An A. B. C. of "Telling All" About the Public Library. 3rd ed. rev. 1945. Wilson, H. W., \$1.00. Contents: Publicity; what and what for; Publicity begins at home; But who's going to do it; Planning the program; Publicity angles; Publicity records; Say it with pictures; Bibliography.

Moshier, Louise — *The Small Public Library: Organization, Administration, Service*. 1942. A. L. A., \$1.50. A practical guide to the fundamentals of library administration. The procedure for organizing the library is presented simply and concisely, step by step together with expert advice on technical and mechanical processes and the daily routines of the average small public library. An invaluable "manual" for a person in charge of a small library.

Rural Library Service — *Farmer's Bulletin No. 1847*. U. S. Department of Agriculture. 1949. Sup't. of Documents, U. S. Gov't. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., 15 cents. A brief but excellent survey of rural library service, its methods, its aims and accomplishments.

If these books are not available in your local library, they can be borrowed from the S. C. State Library Board, 1207 Calhoun St., Columbia, South Carolina.

## South Carolina Bibliographies, No. 2

In October of last year the Historical Commission issued the first number in a series of publications known as **South Carolina Bibliographies**. The Commission now has the pleasure of announcing the second number in this series for publication in August.

Number one of **South Carolina Bibliographies** is entitled "A Guide to the Study and Reading of South Carolina History: Topical Lists". It presents an outline of the subject and under each major division of this outline lists all pertinent readings. It may therefore be made to serve the purposes of the teacher who faces the problem of organizing a course covering either the whole, or a particular unit in, the field. It will also be found to be useful by those who desire to pursue independently a systematic plan of reading in state history.

The second number of **South Carolina Bibliographies** is designed to form part two of the Guide. As its title — "A Guide to the Study and Reading of South Carolina History: A General Classified Bibliography", suggests, it is an attempt, in fact the first attempt that has ever been made, to assemble in one book the titles of all printed materials relating to South Carolina history. A complete index of authors and subjects will conclude the volume.

Many months have been devoted to the compilation of the "General Classified Bibliography". The catalogues of the Library of Congress, the South Caroliniana Library, the Charleston Library Society, and the College of Charleston Library have been exhaustively examined. The leading national and state bibliographies have been carefully searched, and the principal journals containing articles on South Carolina have been thoroughly analyzed. The result is an inventory which should not only facilitate the use of the materials that are already available for the study of South Carolina history but al-

so serve to point out the subjects that are still in need of investigation.

Copies may be obtained at \$2.00 from the Historical Commission of South Carolina, World War Memorial, Columbia 1, South Carolina.

## Personals

MISS ELIZABETH L. PORCHER is the new librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library. She received her A.B. degree from the College of Charleston and her degree in Library Science from Columbia University. Miss Porcher came to Greenwood from Denver, Colorado, where she has been head of the circulation department of the library at the University of Denver for the past four years.

MISS THEODORA W. WOODS, Librarian of the Darlington County Library, has resigned and was married in July to Mr. Leslie Newman of New York City.

MISS MARTHA JENKINS of Summerville graduated from the Library School of the University of South Carolina in June and has accepted a position at the Lawson McGhee Library in Knoxville, Tennessee.

MISS ALICE ANNE SPRINGS of Myrtle Beach received her degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina in June and has accepted a position at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, Maryland.

MISS LURA DEANE MANNING, a recent graduate of Columbia College, has accepted the position of children's librarian at the Chester County Library, Chester.

MISS ANN ELLISON has been appointed librarian of the Rosewood Elementary School Library in Columbia.

MISS ANNETTE CRAWFORD, a graduate of Columbia College, has been appointed librarian of the Manning High School Library.

## Books Given to Greenville Library

The Greenville chapter of the National Office Management Association presented a collection of some thirty books to the Greenville Public Library.

These books cover aspects of office functions including management, personnel and public relations.

A book plate bearing the inscription and the seal of the organization has been placed in each book. The local chapter plans to add to the collection each year.

## Nancy Blair Elected

Miss Nancy C. Blair, Librarian of the Spartanburg County Library, has been elected Chairman of the County and Regional Section, Extension Division, American Library Association. Miss Blair's election to this office is not only a compliment to her fine work in library extension, but is also a reflection of the prestige South Carolina now holds in county and regional work.

Miss Blair will serve on the temporary Board of the new Association of Public Libraries. Before the next meeting of the ALA this board will choose a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer for the Association of Public Libraries.