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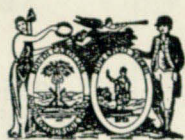
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S. C. L. A. Convention

The 31st annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association was held at the Ocean Forest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, on April 18th and 19th. An interesting and informative program, combined with perfect April beach weather, made the occasion a memorable one. Mr. Herbert Hucks, President, presided at the general meetings.

The American Heritage Project was the subject of the April 18th afternoon meeting and was presented by Miss Sarah E. Maret, Director, Athens Regional Library, Athens, Georgia, and Prof. Louis T. Griffith of the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, University of Georgia. Miss Maret outlined the project as it operates on a national scale, explaining the selection of areas, the American Library Association's responsibility and the local community's part. Mr. Griffith described the groups operating in the Athens area. Both were enthusiastic as to the success of the project and explained that it could be started in other sections on a local or statewide basis.

The banquet meeting at 8:00 P. M. heard Prof. Lewis P. Jones of the Wofford College History Department on the subject **The Gonzales Brothers - Carolinians and Cubans**. Due to the wealth of information Prof. Jones has on his subject, most of his time was devoted to N. G. Gonzales, first editor of the State Newspaper. Special recognition was given Miss Ellen Perry, Librarian of the Greenville Public Library who retired April 30th after many years of service to her library and to the Association. Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, Librarian, Greenwood City and County Library, was congratulated on the award she received under the National Greenwood Plan.

Breakfast meetings were held by school, college, public and trustee groups on the morning of April 19th, followed by the annual business meeting at 10:00. The business meeting heard reports from committee chairmen and accepted Miss Mary E. Frayser's offer of the \$205.00 from the old Citizen's Library Association for the student loan fund. Officers elected for 1952 are: president, Miss Desmond Koster, Medical College of South Carolina; vice-president, Miss Lois Barbare, S. C. State Library Board; secretary, Mr. Karl Koopman, the Citadel Library; and treasurer, Mr. John Goodman, Clemson College Library. Mr. J. Mitchell Reames of the Clemson College Library was elected American Library Association Councilor.

Members who expected to sleep through the luncheon speech on the subject **Government Documents - the Terror of Librarians** were alert throughout the meeting. Mr. Roy B. Eastin, Jr., Superintendent of Documents,

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S. C. L. A. Student Loan Fund

The South Carolina Library Association has established a Student Loan Fund which will be used to assist in graduate library study. All life membership dues (\$50) will go into this fund. The largest contribution to date has been \$208.54 from the old Citizens' Library Association which was turned over to the State Library Association by Miss Mary E. Frayser. It is hoped that with such a good beginning many interested persons will take out life memberships in S. C. L. A. and thus help build the fund up to the initial goal of \$1,000.

All librarians, trustees and interested citizens are urged to make a contribution to the Student Loan Fund. Trustees will be interested in action taken by the members of a local board of education in Sharonsville, Ohio. The members of this board voted to give the \$36 each receives for attending 12 meetings a year to a student loan fund. At the end of their terms the fund would be \$720.00 - enough to send a student to college for one year. This action is commendable, and though it is not usual for library trustees to receive payment for their service on the board, a contribution from each library board in the state would be of great help in reaching the goal for the Student Loan Fund.

Trustees

Trustees attending the meeting of the South Carolina Library Association at Myrtle Beach voted to become a section of the Association and to organize in order to promote interest among trustees throughout the state. Mrs. C. A. Dufford of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library Board was elected chairman for the coming year, and Mrs. E. V. Hinton of the Cherokee County Library Board was elected secretary. A membership committee was elected composed of Mrs. H. H. Harris, Greenville Public Library Board, and Mrs. Arnette H. Williams, Orangeburg County Library Commission.

The group plans to encourage all trustees to become members of the association and will work for attendance at meetings of at least one member of each library board in the state. Officers will meet at a later date to make further plans for the organization.

Miss Ellen Perry Retires

Miss Ellen Perry has retired on May 19th, as librarian of the Greenville Public Library. Mr. Charles E. Stow has been appointed as her successor.

Miss Perry has spent many years in school and library work. She was a pioneer in developing county library service. She came to the Greenville Public Library in

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1924 as an assistant to Miss Annie Porter. She became children's librarian in 1927 and served in that capacity until she became acting librarian in 1940. About 1941 she was made librarian.

Under Miss Perry's able direction the Greenville Public Library has made steady progress. Miss Perry has represented the S. C. Library Association on the Council of the American Library Association. She has held various offices in the S.C.L.A. and has served on many committees.

Mr. Charles E. Stow is a graduate of the Columbia University Library School. His previous public library experience has been in the New York Public Library and he has had much experience in school and college libraries.

Miss Perry Honored At Tea

The Staff of the Greenville Public Library entertained in honor of Miss Ellen Perry, retiring librarian, at a Tea held on Tuesday afternoon, April 29th.

The Staff presented Miss Perry with a bound volume containing letters of appreciation from present and former staff members. The volume also contains the library's report for 1940-51, and several pictures and newspaper clippings showing the progress of the library under Miss Perry's administration.

The South Carolina Library Association presented Miss Perry with a silver dish appropriately inscribed. The presentation was made by Mr. Herbert Hucks, President of the S.C.L.A., and Associate Librarian, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Washington, D. C. gave much helpful information on the Government Printing Office and pointed out ways in which librarians can benefit most from its services. Mr. Eastin said that people are reading more government publications than ever before, due in part to the efforts of librarians to get the many valuable publications to the public.

Interesting exhibits arranged by binderies, booksellers and publishers added much to the success of the meeting. The S. C. State Library Board exhibited materials of special interest to public librarians and people planning recruiting programs.

Modern Offices for State Library Board

The South Carolina State Library Board, which has occupied rented offices since 1943, has recently moved into an especially designed and constructed suite of offices and workrooms in a new State Office Building.

The Board's new quarters occupy a section on the first floor and comprise offices for the librarians, a large workroom, stack room and bookmobile area. The workroom, which is well supplied with shelving, built-in cabinets and storage closets, opens onto the stack area and onto a loading platform in the bookmobile area. The stack room occupies two floors. Steel stacks are used throughout. The stack room opens into the workroom and into the first level of the bookmobile area. The bookmobile enters the building from the street through a sliding door. Shelving is built around the bookmobile area.

The new building is completely air-conditioned. Fluorescent lighting is used throughout. The floors are asphalt tile and the ceilings are sound absorbing acoustical tile. Walls are painted a pale green with woodwork and shelving in a deeper shade.

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(statistics furnished by A.L.A.)

1949	1950	1951
177	161	158

Community Facilities in Critical Defense Areas

On Tuesday, April 22, the Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill, H. R. 6947, passed the Senate with amendments. The bill is now before a conference committee which is working out the differences between the House version and the Senate version. None of the changes will affect libraries.

The ALA testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 27th asking that some money be earmarked for library facilities in the designated critical areas.

When the bill was reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 11th, it was very similar to the bill as it passed the House. Action started on the Senate Floor April 16th. There were a few committee amendments offered at the time the bill was presented. One of these was an amendment to earmark \$543,000 for library facilities. All of the amendments were ordered to lie on the table and be printed. The amendment to earmark money for library facilities was never taken from the table for a vote.

Fearing that no amendment might be offered, or that if offered, not voted upon, an effort was made to secure the assistance of some interested Senators in getting into the record the "intent of Congress" that some of the money within the Housing and Home Finance Agency be used for library facilities. Senator Hill and Senator Maybank undertook an interchange of words on the Senate Floor on April 17th regarding public libraries in the designated critical areas. If you care to read this in the Congressional Record for April 17th, it is on pages 4134-4136. Senator Maybank ably presented the needs of public libraries in the defense areas.

As the bill passed the Senate, no money was earmarked under the Housing and Home Finance Agency budget for defense community facilities and services. There is an over-all amount of over \$9 million for community facilities and services.

Books for Exhibit

BOOKS ON EXHIBIT, a new service to bring the best in current library books for children directly to schools and libraries, has just been launched under the joint sponsorship of several leading publishers. BOOKS ON EXHIBIT is directed by Mr. E. G. Wood of New Rochelle, New York. An exhibit of 280 books, both fiction and non-fiction, is currently available to school systems in cities of 75,000 population or more in some twenty states. Another exhibit of jackets and portfolios is available to smaller communities. The books cover a variety of subjects, for all grades from kindergarten through high school.

The exhibit makes it possible for teachers and librarians to examine the books at first hand and thereby order more accurately those which meet their particular needs. The display is usually set up in a school or other building accessible to all schools in the system, and runs from two to five days. No expense or obligation is incurred in having the exhibit, and inquiries from school and public library administrators are invited. Those interested should contact Mr. Wood at 219 Clinton Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

The Library Services Bill

At last the record of the hearings on the Library Services Bill before a subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee on April 1 and 2 are available. Copies can be secured by writing to your Congressman. At the time that you request a copy or copies, it would be excellent for you to again express your interest in the Library Services Bill, H. R. 5195, and urge the active support of your Congressman.

The Library Services Bill, H. R. 5195, was reported favorably by the subcommittee on April 8, too late to secure action by the full House Education and Labor Committee before the Easter Recess. The committee is now busy with hearings on the Wage Stabilization Board. Every effort should be made by librarians and non-librarians to secure the favorable action of the full committee as soon as possible. Letters should go to the Chairman of the committee, Congressman Graham A. Barden, the Chairman of the subcommittee, Congressman Boyd Tackett, and the Congressman from your district urging early and favorable action by the Education and Labor Committee. Time is passing very rapidly and we must secure floor action soon or we will not secure it at all this session.

Letters are essential! You cannot expect a favorable vote from members of Congress if you do not let them know that **you want** and that **your state needs** this piece of legislation. They will support the bill if you make your interest and endorsement known.

ALA to Meet in New York

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will be one of the principal speakers at The American Library Association's 71st Annual Conference to be held in New York (at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel) June 29 to July 5.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who cabled her acceptance from India to ALA Headquarters in Chicago, will speak on the subject of books as bridges to international understanding, at the third general session of the Conference at 2 P. M. on July 3.

"Books Are Basic" is the Conference theme. Three other general sessions will relate books to culture, technology and industry, and to freedom of inquiry.

More than 5,000 librarians from all parts of the country are expected to attend the Conference which annually is one of the largest of the nation's professional gatherings. ALA President, Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Michigan State Librarian, will preside at the general sessions. In addition, there will be more than 150 business and program meetings covering all phases of librarianship. At the final session, the President-elect, Robert Bingham Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Libraries and of the Library School, Urbana, Illinois, will be installed as president. Conference chairman is Francis R. St. John, Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Public Library.

During the Conference week, seven divisions of the ALA will be in special sessions. They are: American Association of School Librarians, Association of College and Reference Libraries, Division of Cataloging and Classification, Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, Hospital Libraries Division, Library Education Division, and Public Libraries Division.

Around the State

The Aiken County Library is looking forward to having a new building soon. Plans have been completed and construction will begin in the near future.

Mrs. Isabel Patterson, Chairman of the Allendale County Library Board and a member of the regional board was the author of the lead story on Allendale County which appeared in the April issue of the South Carolina Magazine.

Colleton County Library has added additional shelving to take care of an increased book collection.

Miss Lucile White, Librarian of the Hartsville Township Library is proud of completely renovated and expanded library quarters. The bulletin boards in this library are well located and offer a series of attractive displays on topics of interest to Hartsville people.

Construction has begun on the new building of the Georgetown County Library. This library has one of the most attractive plans in the state. It should be completed by January of 1953.

The Greenville Public Library has a new bookmobile which replaces a 1933 Chevrolet. The new vehicle has a custom built body which carries 1,300 books. Greenville operates two bookmobiles which serve suburban and rural areas of Greenville County.

Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, Librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library has left for a month's stay in Europe on a trip which she won in the Greenwood Plan Contest.

Mrs. C. D. Joyner, Librarian of the Marion Public Library supplied the S.C.L.A. Convention at Myrtle Beach with interesting pamphlets on Marion County.

Mrs. Blanche G. Hamer, for many years librarian of the Marlboro County Library is retiring on June 1st.

The Liberty Branch of the Pickens County Library has been completely renovated and painted in attractive colors.

The Spartanburg Public Library has opened a new branch at Inman.

Chester County Library has a new custom-built bookmobile which was designed by Mr. L. C. Berry, Chairman of the Board. This is one of the largest bookmobiles in the state and is outstanding in the utility and attractiveness of the design.

The Headquarters of the Union County Library has been doubled in size.

Mrs. Jimmie B. Watson is the new librarian of the Kingstree Library in Williamsburg County. Mrs. Watson is reorganizing the library with the help of the Pilot Club and a group of interested High School students.

The Rock Hill Public Library has taken a leading roll in the preparation for the celebration of the Rock Hill Centennial.

Newbery — Caldecott Awards

Eleanor Estes' *Ginger Pie* has won the 31st annual Newbery Award and Nicholas Mordvinoff's *Finders Keepers* has won the 15th annual Caldecott Award.

The official presentation of the awards will be made at the Newbery-Caldecott Dinner, to be held at the Waldorf Astoria during the American Library Association meeting in New York, July, 1952.

Eleanor Estes is the wife of Rice Estes who is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

Clemson Gives Autographing Tea

Mr. J. M. Eleazer, author of *Dutch Fork Farm Boy* recently published by the University of South Carolina press, was honored at a tea given at the Clemson College Library on March 20th.

Mr. Eleazer was kept busy as about 200 guests bought copies of his book and asked for his autograph. The first 25 copies and two subsequent ones were bought by Mr. W. P. Camp of Bakersfield, California, a classmate of Mr. Eleazer at Clemson in 1916. Mr. Camp is known as "America's number 1 farmer".

Greenville to Have New Negro Branch Library Building

The Greenville Public Library has purchased for \$27,500 a building on East McBee Avenue which will be used to house the Negro branch library. The branch is at present housed in the Phyllis Wheatley building. The new building is ideally located for public library service. It is near other Negro offices, churches and residences and within a short distance of public transportation.

Anthology of Palmetto Short Stories

"South Carolina in the Short Story", an anthology of recent stories by South Carolina authors, edited by Mary Verner Schlaefer of Columbia and Katherine M. Jones, a librarian at Winthrop College, was published by the University of South Carolina press on April 10th.

The collection provides a cross-section of the state and covers a period from the 1st World War to the present. Sixteen South Carolina writers are included. Brief biographical sketches of the authors are given. The stories range from nature stories to tales of the supernatural. In most cases South Carolina furnishes the background for the stories.

New Blacksburg Library

The Blacksburg Library, a branch of the Cherokee County Library, is now occupying its new building. The new library is of brick construction throughout in colonial style and cost approximately \$8,500. Attractive library furniture has been ordered and a formal opening will be held sometime in the future.

The garden clubs of Blacksburg will assist in landscaping the grounds which are to be graded by the county. Mrs. E. V. Hinton is the chairman of the County Library Board and Mrs. A. R. Fortenbary is the librarian of the Blacksburg branch.

American Heritage Project, ALA

The American Library Association is sponsoring the **American Heritage Project**, a continuing program of adult community discussions, conducted through public libraries. Libraries interested in the project should ask to be put on the mailing list for the **Heritage News Letter** by writing to Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Director of the project, ALA Headquarters, Chicago.

The South Carolina Clubwoman, April 1952, carries an article on the Heritage project. Club women in the state will be interested in this project as a basis for club programs.