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SCLA to Meet in Columbia

The South Carolina Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Columbia, October 28-29. Headquarters for the meeting will be the Columbia Hotel. Make your reservations early.

1955 ALA Conference

"Libraries in the Life of the Nation" was the theme of the 74th annual conference of the American Library Association held in Philadelphia, July 3-9. The Association heard addresses by George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary, U. S. Department of State; Victor Reuther, Assistant to the President and Director of International Affairs, CIO; and John A. Stevens, Vice-President, U. S. Steel Corporation.

One of the most important decisions taken by the council was approval of the recommendations of the Management Survey which was conducted by Cresap, McCormick and Paget, management consultants, analyzing the organization of the American Library Association. The reorganization plan will have a far reaching effect on the entire ALA organization from headquarters to the smallest section of the Association.

The ALA Council adopted the School Library Bill of Rights as presented by the American Association of School Librarians. Several state library associations received their redesignation as chapters of the ALA.

The Public Libraries Division devoted its major attention to the Division's major project, "Restatement of the Postwar Standards for Public Libraries" which was presented by Dean Lowell A. Martin of Rutgers University.

The Trustee Section, Public Libraries Division, heard an address by Mrs. George R. Wallace, President, Massachusetts Library Trustees Association, on the work of a state trustee organization. The trustees were urged by Roger McDonough, New Jersey State Librarian, to take a lead in working for regional libraries to strengthen the existing weak, independent units which are too poorly supported to be effective.

Prior to the conference, the National Association of State Libraries held a two-day meeting to complete the statement of principles relating to functions and duties of state libraries, a project upon which the Association has been working for two years. Dr. Lowell Martin, Chairman of the Library Standards Committee of the Public Library Division, pointed out to the group how their work fits into the new statement of library standards upon which his committee is now at work.

Charleston Plans Discussed

The plans for the new building of the Charleston County Library were presented by the Architecture Committee, Public Library Section of ALA for discussion at the Philadelphia meeting. Plans for the Charleston Library were presented by Miss Emily Sanders, librarian, and Mr. Marion Halsey, architect. Miss Sanders pointed out the special problems of housing a county library and the provisions in the plan which propose to solve these problems. At the close of Miss Sanders' explanation, Mr. Hoyt Galvin, librarian of the Charlotte Public Library, gave the criticism of the plans. At the close of Mr. Galvin's remarks, the meeting was thrown open for discussion from the floor and the plans were thoroughly gone over by librarians and architects who had had recent experience in public library building planning and construction.

In addition to Miss Sanders and Mr. Halsey, other Charleston representatives included Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch, chairman of the Charleston County Library Board, and Mr. J. Mitchell Graham, vice-chairman of the Charleston County Council, and Mrs. Graham.

Furman Library Building

Plans for the new library building at Furman University were discussed at the Sixth ACRL Library Building Plans Institute held at Rosemont College, Pennsylvania prior to the annual meeting of the ALA. The main criticism made of the plan was that the proposed building was too large to be serviced and supervised by the small library staff of Furman. As a result of the Institute's reception of the plans, the architect, Mr. Robert C. Dean of the firm of Perry, Shaw, Hepburn, and Dean of Boston, Massachusetts, has called in Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf of Harvard University Library as a consultant.

The building will be located on the highest point of the Furman campus. It will house a collection of 250,000 volumes and serve a student body of about 2,000. Modular construction will be employed. The building will consist of a full (day-lighted) basement, a first floor of some 27,000 square feet, and a second floor of about 10,300 square feet. One of the most interesting features will be a reading terrace, partly roofed-over, across the back of the building which will have a view across the lake to the Blue Ridge Mountains. The interior arrangement has not yet been established.

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School Library Bill of Rights

School libraries are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms and with the preservation of these freedoms through the development of

informed and responsible citizens. To this end the American Association of School Librarians reaffirms the **Library Bill of Rights** of the American Library Association and asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served.

To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

To provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgements in their daily life.

To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.

To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

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Book Week 1955

The 37th annual National Book Week will be celebrated November 13-19. Garth Williams, well known illustrator of the Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, designed the 1955 Book Week poster. This year's slogan will be "Let's Read More". A manual of suggestions for the celebration of Book Week may be obtained by writing to the Children's Book Council, 50 West 53rd Street, New York 19.

In connection with the celebration of National Book Week, public libraries in the state may wish to borrow for exhibit collections of books from the Publishers' Exhibit Collection at the South Carolina State Library Board. These books are available for exhibit in the library or for club meetings which help publicize the public library in the community.

The State Library Board also has a collection available for exhibit of children's books published abroad. The books are beautifully illustrated and will be interesting to both children and adults. Requests for either exhibit collection should be placed well in advance of the time the exhibit will be needed.

34th Annual Meeting of SCLA

The South Carolina Library Association will hold its thirty-fourth annual meeting in Columbia October 28-29 with headquarters at Columbia Hotel. The theme of the convention is "Our Libraries and Today's Challenges." Officers of the association are president, Miss

Nancy Burge, School of Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia; vice-president and president-elect, Robert C. Tucker, Furman University, Greenville; secretary, Mary Grey Withers, Wardlaw Junior High School, Columbia; treasurer, Charles Stowe, Greenville Public Library, Greenville. Mrs. William Foran is chairman of local arrangements. Watch the daily newspaper for further details of the program.

Friday, October 28, 1955

- 9:00 A. M. — Registration begins
 11:00 A. M. — General session
 12:30 P. M. — Trustee luncheon
 Mrs. W. L. Norton, Chairman
 2:30 P. M. — Section Meetings
 College — Alfred C. Rawlinson, Chairman
 Public — Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson
 School — Mrs. Winifred Poole, Chairman
 5:15-6:30 P. M. — Tea
 8:00 P. M. — Banquet
 Address: Dr. Donald Russell, President
 University of South Carolina

Saturday, October 29, 1955

- 9:00 A. M. — General session
 Reports from Section Meetings
 10:30 A. M. — Business Meeting
 12:30 P. M. — Luncheon
 Address: Our Libraries in the Total Program of Education
 Dr. Chester C. Travelstead
 University of South Carolina
 Adjournment

New Building for Spartanburg Library

A new building for Spartanburg Public Library which serves Spartanburg County may soon be constructed on Pine Street. Library trustees have signed a contract to purchase the new site which has a 351-foot frontage on Pine Street and 266 feet on both Otis Boulevard and Palmetto Street. The site is on a main thoroughfare. The County Board of Control has agreed to pay a price for the present library site to cover the cost of purchase of the new site.

The move to sell the present library started when plans were completed to build a new Courthouse. The county will purchase the land on which the library is now located on Magnolia Street as part of the Courthouse site. At a meeting on July 26, the library trustees agreed to sell the present building and lot provided the price paid was sufficient to pay for purchase of new land and that a new building will be constructed within a reasonable length of time.

No estimates have yet been made as to the cost of a building adequate to house the service of the Spartanburg Public Library.

Greenville Plans Building Improvement

Long range improvements to the Greenville Public Library have been outlined by the library's trustees following recommendations made by J. Russell Bailey, widely known library architect. Improvements will include complete interior renovation, new furniture, better lighting, more space for children's room, more attractive entrance, air conditioning, and the provision of more parking space. No estimates of the cost of the project are as yet available, but funds will be provided from the regular operating budget of the library.

Mr. Bailey, who designed the Converse College Library in Spartanburg, made a careful study of the present library facilities in Greenville and recommended that since the present building is not fireproof, or designed originally as a library, that no further expansion on the present site be undertaken.

Progress in Florence County

Lake City is planning the construction of a library building which will serve the town and will house the Florence County Library. Funds for the building are being raised from a Lake City two-mill tax, an appropriation from Florence County and from private donations.

The Florence County Library is now located in the Agricultural Building in Florence, and is giving county service only, the city of Florence being served by a municipal library. The new building will improve services to Lake City and will greatly improve the facilities and the services of the county library.

S. C. Libraries Win Awards

Two South Carolina libraries were recipients of John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards at the ALA Conference in Philadelphia. The Charleston County Free Library received a special award "for its practical approach to a successful bond issue campaign". The bond issue was for the construction of a new public library building to serve the county. The award was presented to Miss Emily Sanders, librarian of the Charleston County Library.

The Post Library at Ft. Jackson received honorable mention in the contest "for a comprehensive publicity program". The award was presented to Miss Maud Dowtin, post librarian.

New Mobile Library for Spartanburg

The Spartanburg Public Library has put into service a new \$7,000 mobile library. The unit will be used to supplement the existing county bookmobile service. The new mobile library is a complete library on wheels. It has a checkout desk, space for 3,000 volumes and its own power plant to operate lights and cooling fans. The 15-foot long body is mounted on a 2-ton truck chassis.

Before being placed in service, the new mobile library was on display in Spartanburg for a week.

Around the State

Sumter County recently defeated in a special election a bond issue for \$100,000 for the construction of a new county library building.

Plans for the new county library building in Colleton County are being completed and it is hoped that construction can begin early in the coming year.

Mrs. Joella S. Neel, librarian of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library, completed her work for a library degree at George Peabody College this summer.

Mrs. Caroline H. Ryan, until recently the head of the Circulation Department at the McKissick Library, University of South Carolina, will become head of the Circulation Department at the University of Portland, Oregon on September 15.

Mr. W. G. Tatum, Jr. (University of N. C.) of McColl is librarian of the St. John's High School Library, Darlington, S. C.

Miss Ella Gammage will be librarian at the elementary school in Darlington. Miss Gammage has been attending the library school at Emory during the summer.

Miss Viola Fitch, librarian of the Pontiac, Michigan Senior High School Library, was visiting professor of library science at Winthrop College this summer.

Miss Carolyn Hersey, formerly librarian of the Bishopville High School Library, is now librarian of the Winyah High School Library in Georgetown.

Miss Joan Davis (University of N. C.) has been appointed librarian of the Winthrop Training School Library in Rock Hill.

Miss Lois Barbare, assistant executive secretary of the State Library Board, has been appointed to the ALA Committee on Distinguished Books.

The Standards Committee of the Public Library Section of SCLA has completed a first draft of standards which will be submitted to the Section at its next meeting in Columbia in October.

The reading rooms of the Beaufort Township Library and the Greenwood City and County Library have been air conditioned this summer.

The Chester County Library is enlarging and improving its facilities for children and young people through the acquisition of additional space in the War Memorial Building.

Mrs. Martha S. Johnston has returned to South Carolina to become librarian of the Florence Public Library replacing Miss Elizabeth G. Freeman who resigned.

The Greenwood City and County Public Library is planning an extension and improvement of its rural bookmobile service and is being assisted by the State Library Board in making a thorough survey of rural Greenwood County in preparation for the initiation of the service.

Valuable Gift to Oconee County Library

A modernly-appointed two-story building, in which the Oconee County Library has operated for two years, has been presented as a gift to the library by the Chicopee Manufacturing Corporation.

The building formerly served as the textile plant's clinic building and contains four rooms on the ground floor and a large room which was originally a gymnasi-

um behind them. In addition, there is a large finished basement and four rooms on the second floor.

Since 1953 the Oconee County Library has occupied the first floor of the building, rent free, through the courtesy of the Chicopee Company. The company has beautified and landscaped the property and has donated a number of specially-made benches for Oconee County youngsters who attend the county library's regular story hour programs each Saturday morning.

The Oconee County Library Board is planning some minor changes in the building to make it even more suitable for library service.

Library's Pay Plan

"The Library's Pay Plan: A Statement of Principles," which was adopted by the Council of the American Library Association at the Philadelphia Conference, is now available and librarians are urged to make full use of it.

Explaining the usefulness of the statement, Hazel B. Timmerman, Executive Assistant of the Board on Personnel Administration, said:

"This statement, drafted by the Board, contains nine related tenets which are basic to the foundation of an equitable pay plan. The Board believes that these principles can be used by each library—large and small, public and college—in the formulation, promulgation, operation, and administration of its pay plan."

In an introduction to the nine points, the Statement says in part:

"The ALA believes that an important factor in establishing and maintaining good library service is adequate pay for library employees as exemplified in a well-constructed and well-administered pay plan. A knowledge of the principles on which sound salary administration is based must be the foundation of an equitable pay plan."

Copies of the statement, which is scheduled for publication in the October (1955) *ALA Bulletin* may be secured from the Office of Personnel Administration, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Mrs. Arnette Williams

Mrs. Arnette H. Williams, chairman of the Orangeburg County Library Commission since 1943, was killed in an automobile accident near Warrenton, N. C. on June 30.

Mrs. Williams had been interested in the Orangeburg County Library since its beginning as a W.P.A. project in the early part of 1936. For the past twelve years she had been the chairman of the Orangeburg County Library Board and had served as secretary of the newly appointed Building Commission since its organization in 1954. Mrs. Williams was a former secretary of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association. She had taken an active part in all public library affairs in her county and had supported the State Library Board's program of library extension and improvement throughout the state.

Mrs. Williams will be missed throughout South Carolina—especially by librarians and library trustees with whom she had worked closely on several different library improvement projects.