S. C. L. A. Meeting at Myrtle Beach

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The 27th meeting of the South Carolina Library Association was held at Myrtle Beach at the Ocean Forest Hotel, September 24-25, 1948. 136 librarians and library trustees registered. The total membership is now approximately 290.

New officers elected for the coming year were: Mr. J. Mitchell Reames, President, Clemson; Miss Lila Grier, Vice-President, Columbia; Miss Winona Walker, Secretary, Greenwood; Miss Theodora Woods, Treasurer, Darlington.

Dr. John R. Morton, Director of Continuation Education at the University of Alabama, was the speaker for the first general session. In his address, "A Layman Looks at Libraries," Dr. Morton discussed the importance of the librarian's job in a community, pointing out that without libraries civilization would be unable to use the methods of science. He emphasized that the opportunities for any library serving a typical southern community are great. In order to take advantage of these opportunities libraries must determine their service by the needs of local agencies to be served. He urged that every possible effort be made to pool library resources in a locality or region.

After Dr. Morton’s address, an explanation of Visual-Aid films was given by Estellene P. Walker, then the following films were shown: "Books and People," "Libraries on Wheels" and "The Librarian." Sources of such films for use in South Carolina Libraries were listed.

A demonstration book discussion was held Friday night. "The Man in the Street; the Impact of American Public Opinion on Foreign Policy," by Thomas A. Bailey, Macmillan, 1948, was reviewed by Dr. Girdler B. Fitch of The Citadel faculty. Participating were Mrs. Thomas J. Tobias, Dr. J. K. Donahue and Mr. Samuel G. Stoney. Mr. Stoney made specific suggestions for making book discussions effective. Stoney's recipe for a Full-Flavored Book Discussion reads: "Select a place — any place, add one clergyman, remove lectern and substitute low table for speaker, limit time for speaker and call time on him when necessary, select moderator who considers himself a friend of the audience, announce title for next discussion and repeat as often as desired".

Section meetings were held at an informal breakfast on Saturday morning. Mr. Alfred Rawlinson presided over the college libraries section; Mrs. Maude Q. Kelsey presided over the county libraries section; Miss Madeleine Mosiman presided over the school libraries section. Miss Mary E. Frayser presided over the Trustees Section which was added to the Association at this meeting.

Mr. Robert Tucker, Librarian at Furman University, gave his impressions of A. L. A. and Atlantic City at the college libraries section. Miss Jane Flener, also of Furman, gave a report on a college library workshop which she attended at the University of North Carolina in July.

The following topics were discussed at the county libraries section: Service in Orangeburg Negro branch, by Mrs. Georgie Adams; Horry County library building, by Miss Mary Parham; Regional Service in Newberry and Saluda counties, by Miss Frances Gish; Barn-into-Library in Lexington County, by Miss Lorena Miller; and the Chester County Library radio programs by Mrs. Kelsey.

Miss Emily Sanders, President, presided at the business meeting Saturday morning. After reports were made by the various committee chairmen, Miss Ellen Perry, A. L. A. Councilor, gave a resume of the A. L. A. council meeting in Atlantic City. She requested that all members read the "Bill of Rights" before mid-winter meeting and that any comments be directed to her or to Miss Sanders.

Mr. Rawlinson explained the purpose of the T. V. L. C. reports. He expressed a hope that an over-all report would be available soon for those interested. He added that each member of the T. V. L. C. Committee had a copy of the South Carolina report and suggested that anyone interested in seeing this report contact the nearest committee member.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Ella Sue Smith for her faithful and diligent work as treasurer of the Association for the past two and one-half years.

The closing meeting of the Association was a luncheon at which time Miss Sanders introduced the officers for 1949. The speaker for this occasion was Dr. Louis B. Wright, Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D. C. His topic, "William Byrd of Westover, the First Southern Bibliophile," was cleverly presented and highly entertaining. Dr. Wright pointed out that William Byrd is of great interest to librarians inasmuch as he collected the greatest library in colonial America, a library which he made available to others.

Recruiting Committee at Work

The Recruiting Committee of the S. C. L. A. is working on a three-point program which members of the Committee hope will enlist the interest of more young people in South Carolina in library work as a career.

One aspect of the program is the publication of a folder which will call attention to the opportunities in various kinds of library work now available in South Carolina. The folder will also give information on the training required for librarianship, facts about colleges and universities in this region which offer graduate
the establishment of a speaker's bureau consisting of librarians, to make talks and show films all over the nation during the week of November in different parts of the state who will be available in celebration of Book Week which will be observed by librarians, and to vocational directors and counselors in high schools and colleges.

The second part of the recruiting program is the establishment of a speaker's bureau consisting of librarians in different parts of the state who will be available to make talks and show films on library work as a career to groups of high school and college students.

The third part of the program is the establishment of a student loan fund of $1,000 for graduate study in library science.

**Book Week**

"Books Tell the Story" is the theme for the 1948 celebration of Book Week which will be observed by libraries all over the nation during the week of November 14-20.

The October 1948 issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin contains many suggestions for the celebration of Book Week. Helpful material, including the Book Week poster by Marguerite de Angeli, can be obtained from The Children's Book Council, 62 West 45th Street, New York 19, New York.

**New Look for S. C. Bookmobiles**

Five different styles in new bookmobiles are now serving in as many different counties in South Carolina. The Oconee County Library, which serves a rural population and must travel mountain roads to reach its patrons, selected a one-half ton Chevrolet chassis on which the Rock Hill Body Company of Rock Hill, South Carolina, built a bookmobile body. This body has outside and inside shelving. It carries 800 books on its shelves. A unique feature of the body is that the inside shelves are built only in the front half, leaving the rear section for storage space. The body is of all-steel construction. The total cost was $2,163.50, including such extras as a heater and air-conditioning.

Darlington County Library has a bookmobile built by the Rock Hill Body Works. It is mounted on a three-quarter ton Ford chassis and has outside shelves, with glass paneled sides. There are no inside shelves on the Darlington bookmobile. The bookmobile carries 800 books. The total cost was $2,274.80, including delivery and some extras.

The Newberry-Saluda Regional Library bookmobile was built by the Baker Engineering Company, of Richmond, Virginia. It is mounted on a three-quarter ton Ford chassis. The body, which is all-steel and has inside and outside shelves, carries 1,600 books. Total cost of this bookmobile was $2,640.00, delivered, including extras.

The Richland County Library purchased a one-ton flat face cowl Dodge chassis on which the Rock Hill Body Works built a steel body. This bookmobile has inside and outside shelves. The outside shelves have glass panels. The total book capacity is 1,800 books. The body is tall enough so that a person of medium height can stand up in it. Total cost, including extras, was $2,518.55.

The Chester County Library has a new bookmobile which was built on an International chassis which weighs one and one-half tons. The body was built by the Baker Engineering Company. It has windows similar to the windows in a school bus; and all the shelving is inside. This bookmobile carries 1,500 books on its shelves. Total cost was $4,385.17.

**Bookmobile Chart**

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**South Carolina Citizens Committee on Children and Youth**

A survey outline prepared by the South Carolina Citizens Committee on Children and Youth has devoted a generous section to the study of library service and in every part of the outline calls attention to the public library as a source of information for county committees who are making the survey.

The purpose of the survey is a comprehensive study of the needs of children and youth in South Carolina. Subjects which will be covered by the county committees making the study in their respective counties are: general information, education, courts and law enforcement, recreation, library, social service, health, child labor and religion.

The Citizens Committee believes that cooperative study and planning will be an aid to further coordination and improvement of state-wide agencies which contribute to child welfare.

Oconee and Fairfield counties have completed their surveys. The library section of the Edgefield County Committee has voted to become a permanent organization and has as its goal the establishment of a county library in Edgefield.

Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board, was a member of the state committee which prepared the survey outline.
What Is Circulation?
1. Circulation is the number of books, pamphlets and magazines lent for home reading. It is not the number of books read in the library or the school.
2. Books which are renewed by request count as circulation. Automatic renewal of books is not counted.
3. Circulation is not to be estimated. The number of times a book is read within the home is not counted.
4. When books are lent to a school where there is no school librarian, each teacher keeps a record of the books lent for home reading. This record should not include books read in the classroom or books read aloud to the class. The record of circulation should be turned in to the bookmobile librarian on her periodic visits to the school.
5. When books are lent to a school library which is in charge of a librarian, the county library counts one for each book lent to the school. The school keeps and reports the circulation as part of the annual school report.
6. Circulation on books lent to book stations and Home Demonstration Clubs to be borrowed by the public may be counted as if lent from the main library.
7. Circulation of books from library branches is to be kept in the above manner.

Library Building Program in South Carolina

Activities in the library building program in South Carolina include the recent completion of two libraries, the planned erection of three libraries, and the renovation of the headquarters of two county libraries and one regional library.

The Pickens County Library, which has its headquarters in Easley, has moved into a new building, constructed at an estimated cost of $34,000. This library is a one-story brick structure of Doric architecture. It was designed by W. C. Freedman, Greenville architect. The floor plan includes a foyers, adult and children’s reading rooms, a club room, an office, and space for book stacks. A loading platform at the rear of the building facilitates the transfer of books to and from the bookmobile. Ben H. Martin is president of the building committee.

A building in Batesburg, known as the old Watson barn, has been completely remodeled and renovated and now serves as headquarters for the new Lexington County Library. Windows and doors were cut in the building, wall partitions removed or adjusted, a new floor was laid, the interior walls and ceiling were covered and painted, book shelves were constructed, and an attractive front entrance built. The outside of the building was covered with white asbestos shingles. The new library has a large reading room for adults, a small room for children, a store room and a work room for the staff. There is also attic space for storage. Skillfully planned changes and decorations have converted this erstwhile barn into an attractive and functional community library building. Cost of the conversion was about $4,000.

The City Council of Myrtle Beach has approved a proposal by the Chapin Foundation to grant a sum of $40,000 for the purpose of erecting a library building. It will be built on the southern end of the site of Myrtle Beach Memorial Park. An additional appropriation of $2,000 was approved for landscaping purposes. The new library, as designed by G. Thomas Harmon, Columbia architect, includes reading rooms for adults and children, an office, a terrace, a ladies lounge, and a club room. The plans provide for additional assembly and stack rooms.

A new library building will be erected in Whitmire. This library, which is a branch of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library will cost an estimated $40,000. The building site for the library and part of the funds for its construction were donated by the mill in Whitmire. Architects for the building are the firm of Lafaye, Lafaye and Fair of Columbia.

The Lee County legislative delegation and members of the Lee County Library Association have laid plans for the construction of a building to house the County Library. The new library will be constructed of brick and will cost from $10,000 to $15,000. Plans for the building will be drawn and construction will begin as soon as possible.

The Greenville Public Library, which serves Greenville city and county, has recently undergone extensive renovation. The complete interior of the main floor has been repainted and minor repairs made.

The headquarters of the Orangeburg County Library, located in Orangeburg, have been enlarged and modernized. A twenty by thirty foot annex has been added at the rear of the library. This annex houses a work-room, a conference room, and an office. The additional space made room for the construction of a walled-in reading room in the central part of the building. These improvements were made possible through a $5,000 appropriation by the county legislative delegation. Construction was done by the veterans’ carpentry class of Wilkinson high school, under the direction of J. H. Green, instructor of the class, who also estimated the materials needed.

Headquarters of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library, located in the old Court House in Newberry, are now being renovated. New heating, wiring, and lighting systems are being installed. The interior of the building is being repainted and additional space will be given to the library.

The new library buildings being constructed in Conway and Kershaw are rapidly nearing completion.

Plymouth Manufacturing Company Establishes Library for Employees

The Plymouth Manufacturing Company of McColl, South Carolina, is inaugurating a social and recreational program for its 800 employees and their families which will cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

The program includes such physical facilities as a large recreational building equipped with a library, a cafeteria, and an auditorium. Mr. G. W. Johnson, Vice-President and General Manager of the Plymouth Manufacturing Company, has had the assistance of the State Library Board in the selection of books and equipment for the library.

The company will have a member of its office personnel in charge of the library. The library, which occupies two adjoining rooms in the recreational building, will be open for several hours during the day as well as in the evening, so that employees on various work schedules will have an opportunity to use the reading room and to borrow books.
Music Programs Featured at Rock Hill Public Library
by Mrs. Nan Weller Carson, Librarian
Rock Hill Public Library

A valuable addition to the Music Collection of the Rock Hill Public Library was made about three months ago. At that time the Rock Hill Library Board purchased a Philco radio and record player with FM band, and even at this early date it is proving its value. Our record collection is very small and the records we own, together with others which have been lent, are played over and over.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights, when the library is open, a group of people listen to records or to music programs on the radio. The music does not seem to bother the readers; in fact, one man said he enjoyed hearing the music as he read. It is very interesting to see a group of people reading on one side of the room and on the other side a group absorbed in "The Nutcracker Suite" or "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

We also use our recordings for the Saturday morning Story Hour, giving the stories as told by the music. One Saturday we played "The Sorcerer's Apprentice". To make it more interesting to the group of rather young listeners, we gave the story from Walt Disney's "Fantasia" and, of course, showed the pictures. The next Saturday morning the children asked "What are you going to play this morning?" A youngster who had been present the Saturday before said, "Play that thing about Mickey Mouse". So much for Dukas's music as against Disney's Mouse!

It is one of our aims to have a large enough and a varied enough collection of records so that people may borrow them. So far we are limited; but already the album of Instruments of the Orchestra has gone out to a number of classes in music appreciation at Winthrop College. Two other albums have also been loaned to students interested in folk music.

The summer months were not the best in which to enjoy music indoors. For the winter, however, we are hoping to have regular listening groups at times other than our regular hours. We think people will enjoy the symphonies on Sundays and it might be worth while trying to open the library for special radio broadcasts. The possibilities seem endless and we have great hopes for the future of our Music Department.

Trusted Organize Permanent Section of S. C. L. A.

Library Trustees of South Carolina held a breakfast meeting at the annual convention of the S. C. L. A. at Myrtle Beach. Miss Mary E. Frayser presided over a round table discussion of the role of the trustee in library development. About twenty-five trustees were present. Mr. L. C. Berry of Chester County made a short talk on the value of tax support for county library service.

The trustees expressed a desire to become a section of the S. C. L. A. and were cordially welcomed by the membership of the association. A chairman of this section will be appointed by the President.

Charleston Library Society Appoints Librarian

Miss Virginia Rugheimer became librarian of the Charleston Library Society on October 1st. She succeeded Miss Ellen M. Fitzsimmons, who has retired and now serves as honorary librarian.

Miss Fitzsimmons was librarian of the Charleston Library Society for fifty years. Her services as librarian and as one who gave of herself and her abilities most generously to the many writers who used the resources of the library have been invaluable.

Miss Rugheimer has a B.S. degree from the College of Charleston and a B.S.L.S. degree from the School of Library Science, Columbia University. From 1932 to 1945 she was assistant librarian of the College of Charleston. For the last three years she has been librarian at Memminger High School. She has held summer library positions at Columbia University and the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Spain to U.S.C.L.A.

MRS. FRANCES LANDER SPAIN has resigned as Librarian and Head of the Library Science Department at Winthrop College, effective at the end of the calendar year, to become Assistant Director of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

A great loss to the library program in this state, she will be missed by librarians and educators alike, not only in South Carolina, but throughout the Southeast. Mrs. Spain, a descendant of an old South Carolina family, granddaughter of the founder of Lander College, has distinguished herself in the educational world. She is a graduate of Winthrop College, and of the Library School of Emory University, and holds a Master's degree and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago. Though we regret her leaving, wherever she goes she carries with her the best wishes of hosts of South Carolina librarians who have come to know and to admire her.

Manual on County Library Service

A manual on county library service is now being prepared by the State Library Board.

The manual will include suggestions for library routines and procedures. Some of the subjects covered are registration and circulation procedures, methods of keeping records and reports, methods of organizing and maintaining bookmobile service, publicity, outlines for the organization and by-laws of county and regional library boards, methods used in the establishment of deposit stations and branch libraries, and an explanation of the inter-library loan service maintained by the State Library Board.

These manuals will be sent to all county librarians and provisions made for the inclusion in them of additional material which will be sent out from the State Library Board from time to time.