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Held at Clemson

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The theme of the 30th annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association which met in Clemson on May 4 and 5 was Libraries and the National Emergency. The attractive new Clemson House was headquarters for the many activities connected with this event.

A pre-conference workshop for public librarians was held on Thursday afternoon and evening and again on Friday morning. Miss Estellene Walker, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board, was in charge of these sessions, which proved to be quite profitable for those who attended.

The first general session, held in the Browsing Room of the College Library, opened with a discussion of the recent library developments in South Carolina, led by Miss Walker. She said the H-bomb project was the leading item on this list and has wide implications for libraries in our state.

Representatives from Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Anderson told about the Great Books Discussion groups that had been organized in these centers. There is a total of eight such groups in the state.

Mrs. Margie S. Malmberg, Director of the ALA Washington Office, spoke on current legislation and trends affecting libraries. She outlined the present Library Service Bill, emphasizing the benefits and responsibilities that each state shares in the passage of this Bill.

Immediately following these discussions those present were invited to be guests at a tea served by the College Library Staff and the wives of the members of the College Library Committee. In the late afternoon tours were taken to the interesting spots on the campus.

The Saber Room of the Clemson House was the scene of the annual dinner meeting. Dr. Poole, President of Clemson College, welcomed the members of the S.C.L.A. to Clemson and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. C. R. Graham, Librarian of the Louisville Free Public Library and President of the American Library Association.

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who announced his resignation at the recent ALA Midwinter Conference.

Mr. Clift was appointed Yale's Associate Librarian in 1945, after release from the Army where he had served since 1942. In 1945 he went to Germany as a member of the Library of Congress mission to seek books in enemy countries for American research libraries and later served as its deputy chief. In 1937 Mr. Clift was appointed assistant to the director of libraries at Columbia University, New York. He had previously been reference assistant in the New York Public Library since 1931.

Mr. Clift was born in Mason County, Kentucky, June 16, 1907. He received his B.S. at the University of Kentucky in 1930 and his B.S. from Columbia University School of Library Service in 1931.

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**Carnival of Books Rebroadcast by WIS Columbia**

The first rebroadcast of a weekly radio feature known as "The Carnival of Books" was presented by WIS Columbia at 3 o'clock on Sunday, June 17 and will be rebroadcast each Sunday afternoon at 3 if interest in the program justifies its continuation.

The "Carnival of Books" is a radio Book of the Week Club for Children which has been broadcast over Station WMAQ of Chicago since 1946. The program is now being rebroadcast over the network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The program features Mrs. Ruth Harshaw, creator of "Carnival of Books" and a successful author in her own right, who presents children's writers from all over the world. Jack Lester, versatile dialectician, narrates dramatic excerpts from the book reviewed. The guest author is present during the broadcast period and answers questions concerning the book in a panel discussion with appropriate-age school children.

"Carnival of Books" stimulates the interest of children, parents and teachers in good literature and entertains while it educates.

Current and best children's books are selected by a committee of school librarians in cooperation with Mrs. Harshaw. A copy of the book to be reviewed is sent to children selected in advance to appear on the program. "Carnival of Books" is officially recognized by the Chicago Board of Education, the American Library Association and other educational groups.

School and public librarians who live within the radius of WIS, Columbia, can assure the success of the rebroadcast in South Carolina by giving the program wide publicity and by encouraging all listeners to inform WIS of their interest in the program.
Historical Commission Publishes Colonial Records

The Historical Commission of South Carolina has published the first volume in the new series "The Colonial Records of South Carolina" edited by Dr. J. H. Easterby, Director of the Commission.

The published volume is entitled "The Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, 1736-1739". A second volume will be issued before the end of the year. Later volumes will be announced as they are published.

The price of the first volume is $12.50. That of the later volumes will be the same unless an increase in the cost of printing compels a change. In view of the fact that this price is actually less than the cost of manufacture, the customary library discount cannot be allowed.

South Carolina High School Library Association

The high school library assistants held their annual meeting at Winthrop April 6 and 7. Approximately 250 members of the association were present.

The program included recreational activities and a panel discussion centered around Hot Rod by Henry Gregor Felsen. The group adopted a constitution and a state pin.

Officers elected for next year are: President, Jimmie O'Hear, Rivers High School, Charleston; Vice-President, Barbara Helderman, Pauline; Secretary, Barbara Kerr, Bishopville; Treasurer, Elizabeth Coggeshall, Darlington; Reporter, Bobbie Mealing, North Augusta.

School Librarians

The school librarians held a luncheon meeting at the annual conference of the South Carolina Education Association in March. The librarians invited their principals and superintendents as guests for this meeting. Reports on committee activities of the year were made by the chairmen. Miss Irene Marshall of Charleston reported on the work of the student library assistants, Miss Leonora Long of Greenville told of the work of the Committee on State Aid, and Miss Mary Berry reported on the work of the Committee studying the role of the librarian in the Guidance Program. This committee is preparing a brochure on guidance which it hopes to distribute to all school librarians in the fall.

After the reports, Mrs. Harvey Stephens, the president, turned the meeting over to Miss Nancy Jane Day, Supervisor of Library Services, State Department of Education, who served as moderator for a panel discussion, "The School Administrator Looks At the Library".

Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Ida E. Wylie, Librarian, Chester High School, President; Miss Irene Marshall, Librarian, Rivers High School, Charleston, Vice-President; and Miss Myra Boozer, Librarian, Newberry High School, Secretary.

State Library Board Gets Increased Appropriation

The State Library Board received an appropriation of $79,917 for the fiscal year 1951-52. $55,500 was appropriated for State Aid in books and by direct allotments to county and regional libraries. State Aid will continue to be given on a matching basis of dollar for dollar up to $1,000 of funds locally appropriated for the purchase of books.

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obligation of librarians to stimulate their clientele in thinking soberly in this time of national crisis.

Informal discussions were held in connection with the breakfast meetings on Saturday morning. Miss Jane Flener presided at the college section; Mrs. Georgie Adams at the public library section; Mrs. Ambrose Wylie, Jr. at the school library section and Mrs. C. A. Dufford at the trustee section.

Miss Nancy Blair, president of the South Carolina Library Association, presided at the business meeting. The adoption of a new constitution was the highlight of this session. Mr. Mitchell Reames, chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution, presented the proposed changes. He explained that the idea of the committee who worked on this was to provide a legal framework for the Association as it is now operating.

Miss Naomi Derrick, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1952:

President - Mr. Herbert Hucks, Jr., Associate Librarian, Wofford College Library
Vice-President - Miss Desmond Koster, Librarian, Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Charleston
Secretary - Miss Margaret Wright, Librarian, Orangeburg High School, Orangeburg
Treasurer - Mr. John Goodman, Assistant Librarian, Clemson College Library, Clemson

Mr. Carl Julien was guest speaker at the luncheon. In his address he disclosed some secrets in publishing a pictorial history. He also described in an entertaining way how he first began his career in photography and some of the unique experiences he had in securing photographs for his two books, BENEATH SO KIND A SKY and NINETY SIX.

Mr. H. L. Watson of the Greenwood Index-Journal, in a paper read by Mr. Herbert Hucks, expressed his deep concern over the fact that some of our rare and valuable Caroliniana is being lost to us through purchases by other states. He urged librarians to do whatever they could to keep this sort of material in our own libraries. He told of his long-time interest in collecting data used in writing the introduction to NINETY SIX.

It seems that everything—the weather and the season of the year included—conspired to make this meeting a very happy and successful affair.
Library Board Members, Correspondence Course

The Home-Study Department of the University of Chicago with the assistance of the American Library Association is offering a course of approximately 10 lessons for library board members. The course is designed to help board members carry out their responsibilities more effectively. The course will be suitable for an individual or as a basis of a group discussion by an entire library board. The tuition fee is $25.00 including all required reading, the syllabus and complete instructional service. A certificate of completion will be awarded to each individual who completes the course, which carries no formal academic credit. Registrations will be accepted, starting in September, 1951 by the Home-Study Department, University of Chicago, 1375 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Personals

MISS JEAN BRABHAM, a graduate of the University of North Carolina Library School, who has been employed at the Enoch Pratt Library until recently, has been appointed librarian of the Anderson Library and will assume her new duties on the 10th.

MR. JAMES B. WATTS, Director of the Sumter Carnegie Library since the past January, has been recalled to the Army Air Force. He will leave Sumter on July 9 to report for duty.

MRS. ELIZABETH B. GREENE, Librarian of the Oconee County Library, is attending the summer session of the graduate library school at Emory University.

MISS LORENA MILLER, Librarian of the Lexington County Library, will continue her library studies at the summer school of Western Carolina Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina.

MISS LURA DEANE MANNING, Children's Librarian of the Chester County Library, has been accepted in the graduate school at Emory University which she will enter in September.

For Immediate Action!

Are you having a hard time stretching the “library dollar” to meet current needs for books and services? If the Postal Bill (H. R. 2952) now before the House passes without amendment, your dollar is going to be even less elastic. Book postage will go up and the penny postal will jump to 2c plus a 10% surcharge on government cards in lots of 100 or more. The time to do something about this is now. Write to your own member of the House of Representatives immediately urging his support of the Murray Amendment which freezes the book rate at the current level and the amendment which will eliminate the 10% surcharge on purchase of postal cards in lots of 100 or more by non-profit institutions.

IN THE SENATE

The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee will take final action on the Postal Rate Bill after July 10th. In the Senate, libraries want parity for books with the reading matter in second class. There is discrimination in the rate on books. Write to Senator Olin D. Johnston, Chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee right now. Urge his support of an Amendment to give books parity with reading matter in the second class.

Write yourself! And get your trustees and other people interested in libraries to write. Don't put this off! Tomorrow will be too late!

S. C. Library Association
Federal Relations Committee

A.L.A. 75th Conference

Among South Carolina librarians who will participate in the 75th Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago, July 8th to 14th are Mrs. Virginia Moody, State Librarian; Nancy Jane Day, State School Library Supervisor; Gladys Smith, Librarian, Winthrop College; Nancy C. Blair, Librarian, Spartanburg Public Library; Ellen Perry, Librarian, Greenville Public Library; Mrs. E. V. Hinton, Chairman of the Cherokee County Library Board; and Estellene Walker, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board. More than 5,000 librarians are expected to attend the annual meeting which will launch a year-long nationwide program to stimulate public study and discussion of “The Heritage of the U. S. A. in Times of Crisis”.

Southeastern Needs Your Support

The Southeastern Library Association needs your support. This association which is concerned with the problems of libraries in the Southeastern area was reorganized in October 1950. All Trustees, librarians and staff members in South Carolina are eligible for membership upon payment of dues. Annual dues are as follows: $2.00 for members of SCLA or ALA; $3.00 for persons not members of either state or national library association. Pay your dues immediately so that you will have a vote for the South Carolina representative on the Southeastern Library Association's Executive Committee.

State Board to Get New Offices

The Caughman building located on the corner of Lower Main and Pendleton Streets is being completely remodeled to house several state agencies now occupying rented quarters. The State Library Board will be one of the agencies accommodated in this building.

The State Library Board will occupy a section of the building on the Pendleton Street side. The offices are being carefully planned to house the work of the Board. Bookmobiles will be able to drive into the building where special loading platforms will facilitate the loading and unloading of books. A stack section will furnish shelving for 25,000 books. A large work room, planned to speed up the preparation of books, is a feature of the plan. Office space for the professional staff adjoins the stack area and the workroom. The offices will be completely air-conditioned. The renovation is in charge of the architectural firm of Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff.