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Annual Meeting of SCLA

The South Carolina Library Association held its annual meeting at the Hotel Columbia the last week end in October with 161 librarians and 14 library trustees present. The opening session of the convention began with a talk by Miss Louise Galloway, assistant professor of library science, Florida State University.

At the dinner meeting, Mr. Donald Russell, president of the University of South Carolina, spoke on the value of library science, Florida State University. He addressed the delegates on the subject "Our Libraries in the Total Program of Education."

At the meeting of the Public Library Section, a committee of ten librarians presented "Proposed Standards for Public Libraries in South Carolina", the results of a year's study on the needs in South Carolina's public libraries. With a few minor changes, the Standards were adopted as presented. The Standards give librarians, library trustees, and communities a goal for achievement towards which public library service in this State can develop.

Mr. Robert C. Tucker, librarian of Furman University Library, was elected president of the Association for the coming year. Other officers elected were: Charles E. Stow of Greenville Public Library, vice-president and president-elect; Mrs. Verona Thomas of Spartanburg Junior College Library, secretary; and James C. Milling, Jr. of Sumter Public Library, treasurer.

Another S. C. "First"

A marker has been erected by the Historical Commission of Charleston near the site of the old Mephamier High School on St. Philip Street. It marks the site of the first public lending library in the American Colonies. "The Provincial Library established in 1698 was in St. Philip's Church parsonage which stood on this site until 1858 when a girls' school was built thereon", the inscription says. The property was conveyed to St. Michael's Church in 1797 and by it to the City Board of School Commissioners in 1899.

It is interesting to note that the first lending library in the American Colonies was located on the same street on which the present Charleston County Free Library hopes to erect its new building.

U.S.C. Library to Be Renovated

Planning for the renovation of the University's Library is going ahead quickly. The architectural contract for the job has been let.

Dr. Keyes D. Metcalf is acting as consultant on the renovation.

Cost for the overall job will be about $750,000, according to Dr. W. H. Patterson, dean of administration at the University. He said work should get started around June 1 and should be completed by the following summer.

The renovated library will feature open stacks for the undergraduate students.

When work is begun the three wings projecting from the main part of the library will have the space in between filled in. This additional space will help take care of the expected volume increase of between 85 and 100 thousand.

All partitions on the first two floors will be removed and the check out position will be located in a central position, probably on the first floor.

Summer School

Library Science courses will be given during the summer session at Columbia College, the University of South Carolina and at Winthrop College. Winthrop courses will be given during the Six-week term, June 13-July 24, and the Three-week term, July 25-August 14 and will be taught by members of the regular faculty. At the University of South Carolina three courses will be offered for the entire term, June 11-August 11, and three others will be offered at intervals of three weeks each. The regular faculty will be assisted by visiting librarians, Miss Gertrude Coward, Director of Charlotte City School Libraries, and Miss Annie Graham Caldwell, Supervisor of Winston-Salem School Libraries. Columbia College will offer a diversified program for library science students during the summer session, June 15-August 10.

For more complete information about the courses, write directly to the registrar of the college or university.

Present enrollment in Library Science classes at Columbia College, Winthrop and University of South Carolina:

Columbia College .................................. 40
Winthrop ........................................... 40
University of South Carolina ..................... 27
of which 21 are in the Extension course which meets Saturday mornings.
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**One Million Library for Furman**

The contract for construction of 250,000 volume main library on Furman University’s new campus has been let for $1,081,428.

Preliminary construction is already under way on the new library which will be the fourth major building to be erected on the new Furman campus. It will be about a year before the library is completed.

The new library will be located on a knoll near the center of the new campus with other buildings grouped around it in a rectangle. The library will be equipped to hold three times the number of books housed in the present library. It will conform in style to other buildings on the campus, making use of a modified colonial architecture. The building will be an oblong, two story structure, plus a full basement. It will be flanked by two one story wings and will contain more than 65,000 square feet of floor space.

In addition to circulation and reference facilities, the library will have a music room with record collections and listening rooms; study quarters for graduate students; several special book collections; photographic dark room, and staff lounges.

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**Orangeburg Tells Its Story**

The Orangeburg County Free Library has prepared an illustrated program entitled “Story of a True Story” for presentation to organizations throughout the county.

Colored slides depict the many kinds of service rendered by the library, and the librarian gives a running commentary on the significance of each.

The story begins in the headquarters building and proceeds with visits to branch libraries, follows a bookmobile on regular runs and depicts story hours and reading clubs held throughout the library system.

The first presentation of “Story of a True Story” was made at a meeting of the Branchville Club and it will be carried to many other organizations throughout the county.

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**Mrs. Moody, 41 Years State Librarian, Dies**

Mrs. Virginia Green Moody, state librarian for the past 41 years, died suddenly on December 10. Mrs. Moody had worked in the Attorney General’s office until 1914 when a vacancy occurred in the State Library. She was a member of the South Carolina Library Association and of the National Association of State Librarians.

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**Libraries Receive Great Books**

The Old Dominion Foundation established in 1941 by Paul Mellon has financed the distribution of 29 sets of 54 volumes each of the Encyclopedia Britannica’s Great Books of the Western World to public and school libraries in South Carolina.

The celebrated 54-volume work, including the unique idea-index, the Syntopicon, was produced by Encyclopedia Britannica in collaboration with the University of Chicago. The set contains 54 volumes encompassing 443 works by 74 authors spanning Western thought from Homer and the Bible to the 20th century.

Among libraries receiving the set were the South Carolina State Library Board, the Georgetown County Memorial Library, the Darlington Public Library, the Horry County Memorial Library, the Lander College Library, Newberry College Library, Winthrop College Library, and high school libraries in Chesnee, Duncan, Gray Court, Ninety-Six, and Seneca.

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**State Hospital Libraries**

**By:** Ella B. Aiken, Librarian

The South Carolina State Hospital Library has recently begun operating in a new building, The Horger Library Building, at the Columbia Division, and in library quarters in the new Fisher Auditorium Building at the State Park Division.

These facilities would be a creditable addition to any town and will make possible more effective service to patients, staff and other personnel of the hospital.

The reading rooms for patients have a spacious appearance, are colorfully and comfortably furnished, and present a quiet and inviting atmosphere conducive to reading and browsing.

The Horger Library Building includes a club room with a seating capacity of one hundred. This will be used for the patients’ Library and Book Club, the showing of travel and educational films, other patient activity groups and for the hospital training program. There is also a medical library room.

In the early 30’s the hospital recognized the need for and value of library service to patients. At that time there was a collection of contributed books. For several years this was augmented by a deposit from the Rich­land County Library. The W.P.A. library project assisted by cataloging and processing the hospital collection. The hospital chaplain was in charge and books were circulated by a group of patients. A librarian, Mrs. Martin Young, was employed in 1941. For a period between 1942 and 1944, when the present librarian was
employed, there was not a librarian on duty. In 1954 a part time library assistant was employed. A group of three patient assistants has been trained to perform routine non-professional duties.

Though the professional staff is limited the patients have access to the reading rooms four hours a day. Since it is not practical for some patient readers to visit the library it is necessary to maintain a schedule for extending the service to certain wards in the hospital.

The library's function in the hospital is to furnish to patients reading material of a diversional, educational and inspirational nature and to promote certain group activities.

The State Library Board has been very generous in loans and gradually a book collection is being acquired through purchases and gifts.

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New Library Building for Colleton

The bid for the construction of the Colleton County Memorial Library Building has been let and construction has begun.

The new building will be constructed on Hampton Street on a lot purchased last summer by the library board. The new building has been planned to fit in with the colonial architecture in Walterboro, but is modern throughout. It includes a reference room, children's room, adequate work space, and a large meeting room or auditorium. The building will be completely air conditioned.

The Colleton County Library and the Walterboro Library Society, which is becoming a part of the county library, plan to move into the new building sometime around the first of September.

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Coker Book Tea

A Christmas book tea and sale initiated Yuletide activities at Coker College.

Hundreds of giftworthy volumes for readers of all ages were on sales-display in the college library. There was also a selection of outstanding prints.

The college library staff has conducted these book display sales for several years. The Gittman's Book Shop in Columbia supplies the consignment of books and Miss Roberta McKinnon, head librarian of Coker, and Mrs. H. A. C. Walker, assistant librarian, are in overall charge of the arrangements.

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Whitman Anniversary Marked

The Wofford College Library and the Winthrop College Library both celebrated the 100th anniversary of Whitman's Leaves of Grass with an exhibition of manuscript, letters, and associated items selected from the Whitman collection of Charles E. Feinberg, Detroit, Michigan.

Wofford College, through the courtesy of a local business man, was able to give a display of items connected with Carpetbaggers days in South Carolina. A feature of the exhibit was a letter written in 1860, the day before the Secession Convention.

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ALA to Miami

The 75th Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held in Miami Beach, June 17 to 23, with 3,500 librarians expected to participate in a program which has been streamlined to provide sufficient free time for enjoyment of the famous resort facilities of the area.

A Conference innovation will be programs at three of the five General Sessions which ALA is presenting jointly with various ALA Divisions.

Two sessions of the ALA Council and a Membership Meeting will deal largely with final steps in effecting ALA reorganization which was approved by Council action in previous meetings.

The Fontainebleau is the Headquarters Hotel, where ALA offices will be located and larger meetings accommodated. Exhibits will be housed in tents on the Fontainebleau grounds.

Here are some highlights of the Conference:

The Second General Session on Tuesday (June 19) afternoon, jointly sponsored by ALA with the Public Libraries Division, will be devoted to "A Case for Notable Books," discussed by a prominent author, publisher, critic, and librarian.

An unusual and lively ABC Party (Authors, Books, Conversation) will be held by PLD's Notable Books Council, just following the Tuesday General Session, at which top-ranking authors, publishers, and librarians will be hosts to small groups for informal conversation about the books which each host will have in hand.

The American Association of Library Trustees will top off its program with a dinner meeting on Thursday (June 21) evening. The speaker will be Hodding Carter, author, editor and publisher, Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss.

Conference reservations should be made by addressing the ALA Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 1511, Miami Beach, Florida. (The November 1955 ALA Bulletin carried a list of the Conference Hotels with rates.)

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Newbery Caldecott News — 1956

NEWBERRY AWARD

The Winner: Jean Lee Latham — Carry On, Mr. Bowditch — Houghton. Illustrated by John O'Hara Cosgrave.

Runners-up: Jennie Lindquist — Golden Name Day — Harper.

Margorie K. Rawlings — The Secret River — Scribner's.

Katherine B. Shippen — Men, Microscopes and Living Things — Viking.

CALDECOTT AWARD


Runners-up: Marie Hall Ets — Play With Me — Viking.

Taro Yashima — Crow Boy — Viking.

The announcements of the Newbery Caldecott awards were made March 5th, by Marian C. Young, Chairman of the Newbery Caldecott Award Committee, from the New York office of Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the medals. The formal presentation of the medals will be made at the Newbery Caldecott Banquet on June 19th, at the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami Beach during the ALA Conference.
Around the State

Mrs. J. G. Buford, member of the Greenville County Library Board since 1933, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Crier Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mr. John David Marshall, Reference Librarian at Clemson College since 1952, has resigned in order to accept a similar position at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Library in Auburn.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Williams has resigned her position as librarian of the Chester County Library and has returned to her home in West Virginia.

Mrs. Lera Randall is librarian of the new Gibbes Elementary-Junior High School in Columbia.

Mrs. Stephen Ackerman, formerly of the Ohio State University Library, has joined the staff of the Fort Jackson Libraries, Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKinney of Anderson have announced the birth of a son on December 1, 1955. Mrs. McKinney is the former Jean Brabham and former librarian of the Anderson Public Library.

The Charleston County Council has refused to approve the Bennett School site as a location for the new Charleston County Free Library Building. The property was purchased by the Council for $4,500 and was approved by the library's Board of Trustees as a suitable location for the proposed building. A $750,000 bond issue will finance the construction when a site is agreed upon.

Mrs. Ann Bajko is the new librarian of the Abbeville Public Library. Mrs. Bajko is a graduate of William and Mary College.

Miss Zhenya Gay, author and illustrator, read some of her stories to the children attending the story hour at the Greenville Public Library.

Mr. Henry Von Hasseln, a member of the faculty at Anderson College, has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Anderson Public Library.

The Oconee County Library is holding a series of art exhibits at the headquarters library in Walhalla. The exhibits are sponsored by the Studio Guild of New York and are free to the public.

Miss Faye Mitchell has joined the staff of the Clemson College Library as acquisitions librarian.

Miss Nancy C. Blair, librarian of the Spartanburg Public Library since 1946, has resigned that position and returned to her home in Columbia.

Miss Susie McKeown and Mrs. Sara Bird of the Winthrop College Library staff plan to return to the University of Michigan this summer to complete their Masters' degrees in Library Science.

Miss Annette Shimm, Circulation and Reference Librarian at Winthrop, has been granted a leave of absence for first semester 1956-57 to work on her second year Masters at Emory.

Anderson Gets New Librarian

Mrs. Bettie Wall Daly, former librarian at the Free Public Library of Cranford, New Jersey, is the new librarian of the Anderson Public Library. Mrs. Daly succeeds Mrs. Jean Brabham McKinney who resigned more than a year ago.

Mrs. Daly is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of the Library School at William and Mary. She has had experience in many large northern libraries.

UN Program

Approximately 200 persons took part in appropriate exercises in celebration of United Nations day at the Laura M. Towne Library on the grounds of Penn Community Services, St. Helena Island. An impressive feature of the program was the planting of an evergreen magnolia tree dedicated to the United Nations. Spiritual singing was participated in by the audience who also joined in the United Nations prayer and song. Following the program, tea was served in the library building under the direction of Mrs. Y. W. Bailey, librarian.

Anderson College Library

Work is now underway on construction of a $100,000 Library for Anderson College, Baptist Junior College for girls in Anderson. Miss Nancy Divver, Librarian, worked with architects in planning the building.

The building, designed along modernized colonial lines and in keeping with present campus architecture, will be of brick with buff limestone. Special features include a music listening room and provision for air conditioning.

The Library Building is the first to be constructed in Anderson College's building program.

Return Those Books

Public, school and college libraries in Greenville and Greenville County cooperated in a project to get lost, strayed and stolen books returned. Boxes were provided throughout the city for the return of the books or they could be returned directly to the library with no questions asked.

Newspapers in Greenville gave the project their full support with the result that news of the book amnesty reached every point in the city and county.

Missouri Warns Us . . .

"Experience in the libraries over Missouri has shown that libraries and library boards run grave dangers when they leave uncommitted or unmarked cash balances in the library treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

The public, city councils or county courts very legitimately ask the question: 'If the library has not spent all of its funds, then why do they have need for all the money collected for their use?' Some libraries have suffered reductions in funds from the hands of their officials because good reasons were not forthcoming.

Scheduled balances in library funds, saved for a few years to finance a new costly piece of equipment - such as a bookmobile - should be earmarked and explained to interested officials.

Any library would do well to consider why its program of service does not include the closely scheduled expenditure of all funds for service to the public.