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Recipe: Take four-hundred and some librarians, mix together in a lively port city with excellent speakers, challenging workshops, and hot topics; spice liberally with a boat ride, fire engines, "alien meat", good food, and sundry extraconventional activities. Let simmer for three or so days. Results: one of the better conventions to hit the state in some time.

It probably has been some time since so much library activity has hit any one city in South Carolina at one time. During the week of October 8, three major library-oriented activities took place in Charleston: an Antiquarian Book Fair, a Material Preservation Workshop, and, of course, SCLA's annual get-together. Herewith, some highlights:

DR. JOANNE HARRAR, formerly Director of Libraries at Winthrop College and now Director of Libraries at the University of Maryland, approached the convention theme of looking to the 1980's with an examination of just where the library in America is at this point in its development. Speaking from the standpoint that in order to know where you're going you have to know where you've been and where you are now, Dr. Harrar outlined some of the developments of the past ten or 15 years. Dr. Harrar said she was particularly pleased by some of the major projects that had been successfully undertaken, such as the automated data bases, and that such activities proved that libraries can make great leaps forward.

DR. FRANK L. SCHICK, Chief of the Learning Resource Branch of the National Center for Educational Statistics, HEW, addressed the College Library Section on the statistics collected every other year on the HEGIS reports. Dr. Schick explained that library surveys were started late in the last century in an attempt to judge the cultural development of various nations, and have since developed as guidelines for legislation, etc. Dr. Schick pointed out rather strongly that the contents of the HEGIS questionnaires are very dependent on input from professionals in the field, and were not arbitrarily decided upon by HEW. Dr. Schick said that input from professionals is more than welcome, and would be happy to hear from South Carolina Librarians.

THE TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION met Friday at 9:00 a.m. to address itself to the topic of AACR2. A panel representing librarians who had attended the Pre-Conference on AACR2 in Dallas presented reports on the activities and aims of the Pre-Conference.
Bud Walton displayed overhead projections of typical AACR1 and AACR2 heading. Elspeth Pope discussed some of the implications of existing catalogs of the new code and suggested several ways of handling the changes to be introduced. Reasons for the draftings of the catalog code were enumerated, including the desire for fuller conformity in this country to the Paris Principles of 1961, the widespread implementation of automated cataloging systems, and the perennial desire to meet user needs and expectations more adequately. There was some discussion as to whether or not a SOLINET users subcommittee should be formed within the Section.

In addition to its announced topics of discussion — how library educators can keep abreast of new developments and what employers expect in recent graduates — the LIBRARY EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE also discussed how professionals already in the field might keep their information and skills up-to-date. The panelists presented very divergent points of view on the adequate preparation of new librarians. Belknap said that she looks for basic skills in a recent graduate that would enable him/her to be placed immediately in positions of active service. Nath's informal pool of colleagues at the Citadel left the impression that experienced librarians' expectations of new librarians are low indeed. Barron indicated that the USC College of Librarianship has made the choice to neglect thorough preparation of the student for the first year's work in favor of the development of a professional outlook that would continue to be valuable after the lapse of many years.

On the question of practicing librarians keeping their skills up-to-date, Nath found little help either in library literature or conventions, the latter often being too distant and too expensive. Belknap pointed out that public libraries often hold more professional library literature than many practitioners expect to find. Barron said that he felt attendance at state conventions and the reporting of local research and practice are two helpful means for librarians to continue to educate themselves.

Barron said that library educators can help themselves as well as students and patrons by becoming more visible to their communities. Nath opined that students help keep educators abreast of new developments. Both Nath and Belknap questioned the educational and career value of practical field work in the library education curriculum. Barron said he thought the experience they provided might be significant to a prospective employer and also indicated to the student what his own strengths and weaknesses were.

The GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE held its business meeting before the guest speaker, LeRoy C. Schwarzkopf, gave his address. A report was submitted on the unsuccessful attempt to pass state legislation establishing a state document depository system. Also the roundtable was informed of the success of its Workshop on Legal Reference Materials which drew almost three times more people than were expected.

After a brief discussion of the implementation of the legislation to establish a new Department of Education and a report on the GPO's current work on depository library profiles, Schwarzkopf discussed in detail the National Publications Act of 1979. The bill would rename the Government Printing Office the National Publications Agency and would place it in the executive branch. Thereby the Superintendent of Documents would become the Director of Distribution and the Public Printer would be named Director of Production. Because of a provision permitting the new agency to distribute non-print and near-print publications issuing from various government
agencies, Schwarzkopf maintained that depository libraries might expect to find the number of items and the number of publications in each item greatly to increase. He said that fuller information on the bill can be found in the Congressional Record September 27, 1979, p. H8646-H8652.

Terry Mills of the State Library presided at the Bibliotherapy Interest Group meeting on Friday at 4:00 p.m. She reported briefly on the workshop on Bibliotherapy held at the Carolina Inn last spring. A panel consisting of two public librarians and two institutional librarians reported on their applications of bibliotherapeutic techniques in their various locales. Mills stated that the S. C. State Library has recently bought a number of works on bibliotherapy which are available to other librarians who are interested. The Group decided to meet four times a year, the next meeting to be held at the Cayce Branch of the Lexington County Library in Cayce, S.C.

The CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE met in an open discussion with Barbara Conroy, and questioned Ms. Conroy on possible ways of coordinating the increasing number of workshop activities taking place in the state. It became apparent that the past year has been particularly fruitful for such activities in South Carolina, and in order to avoid conflicting activities in the future some coordinating center needs to be established to maintain a calendar on a continuing basis. Ms. Conroy stated that a number of methods are utilized in different states: coordination through the state library, appointment of a coordinator within the state professional organizations, etc. No final decision was reached, but concern was voiced that if the high level of quality and activity was to be maintained, some decision would be needed in the not too distant future.

American Libraries editor ART PLOTNIK delighted awards banquet attendees on Friday evening, cataloguing the various and sundry things about contemporary libraries that make him "mad as hell," from a $9.50 tab for "a cold slab of alien meat" at banquets to those who insist that everything in a library must be "on line." "Off line," Plotnik insists, "is a perfectly natural state of affairs." Plotnik finds particularly annoying those librarians who have more convulsions than inspirations.

West Virginia State Librarian FRED GLAZER battled the Charleston Fire Department for top billing at the Fourth General Session on Saturday morning. The Fire Department seemingly wandering around downtown Charleston looking for fires to put out, provided "siren song" accompaniment to Glazer's presentation. Once Glazer made it clear that he would not be outblasted by a fire engine, he set about describing the various means he used to publicize his "Great Information Show" in West Virginia recently. Glazer's position is that librarians should feel no qualms about using the same techniques as commercial advertisers to put the library before the public eye. "From posters to tee shirts, balloons to endorsements by celebrities, they're all fair game."

(Actually, reports have it that the Charleston Fire Department and other local units were celebrating National Fire Prevention Week with a parade through the downtown area. We just happened to be scheduled at the same time.)

The College of Charleston's PRESERVATION WORKSHOP, October 10-12, was to have been limited to a total of 100 participants. The workshop attracted all those and then some for what Ellis Hodgin describes as an "extremely successful" series of lectures, discussions, and demonstrations by George Cunha, Director Emeritus of the New England
Document Conservation Center. One of the better-liked features, according to one source, was the "hands-on" nature of the workshop. Books recommended for further information on preservation and conservation were Cunha's two volume Conservation of Library Materials (Scarecrow Press, 1971), and the 1969 edition of Carolyn Horton's Cleaning and Preserving Bindings and Related Materials, published by the Library Technology Program of ALA.

Ellis Hodgin also reports that the ANTIQUARIAN BOOKFAIR sponsored by the Library Associates (the College of Charleston's "library friends" organization) was very successful, having attracted some 47 dealers to the event. Dealers from California, Oregon, and Connecticut were on hand, giving the bookfair a much more national flavor than had been anticipated. Encouraged by the success of this year's event, the Library Associates are making plans for a similar gathering next year.

Finally, some 45 marine science library specialists gathered in Charleston November 7-9 for the 5th annual conference of the International Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers. In attendance were representatives from most of the major marine science institutes. The group is relatively new, but while much time was spent in organizational activities, attendees report a considerable exchange of data. Among projects planned by the Association is the establishment of a network for the exchange of marine science data.

Complete and detailed minutes of the SCLA Convention will be published in the forthcoming issue of South Carolina Librarian.

SCLA ELECTED OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1980
(* Member of Executive Board)

*President—John Landrum, South Carolina State Library, Columbia
*Vice-President and President-Elect – F. William Summers, USC College of Librarianship, Columbia
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Vice-Chairman – Barbara Williams, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg
Secretary – Thomas L. Johnson, South Caroliniana Library, Columbia

PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Chairman – Carl Stone, Anderson County Library, Anderson
Vice Chairman – Carol Duggan, Richland County Public Library, Columbia
Secretary – George Needham, Charleston County Library, Charleston
SCHOOL LIBRARY
*Chairman - Drucilla Reeves, Keenan High School, Columbia
Vice-Chairman - Mattie Hemingway, Choppée High School, Georgetown
Secretary - (to be chosen by chairman)

SPECIAL LIBRARY
*Chairman - Daniel K. Festa, School of Medicine Library, USC, Columbia
Vice-Chairman and Secretary to be elected by mail ballot.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
*Chairman - Mary Aiken, Greenville County Library, Pickens
Vice-Chairman - Sophire Wilson, Garrett High School, Charleston Heights
Secretary - Jo Spivey

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*Chairman - Jeff Rippel, Greenville County Library, Greenville
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*Chairman - Trish Ridgeway, Winthrop College, Rock Hill
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Chairman - Cerise Oberman-Soroka, College of Charleston, Charleston
Vice-Chairman - Donna Nance
Secretary - Nancy Davidson, Winthrop College, Rock Hill

(Sub-Section) ONLINE USERS INTEREST GROUP
Chairman - Sarah Clark, Richland County Public Library, Columbia
Vice-Chairman - Kenneth Murr, Clemson University, Seneca
Secretary - Shannon Clever, USC School of Medicine, Columbia

TECHNICAL SERVICES
*Chairman - Betty Williams, Lander College, Greenwood
Vice-Chairman - Jane W. Mason, Richland County Public Library, Columbia
Secretary - Mary L. Smalls, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg

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Vice-Chairman - Edwina Tripp, Simpsonville
Secretary - Mrs. William S. Dowis, Jr., Florence County Library, Florence

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JMRT Chairman - Daniel D. Koenig, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood
LERT Chairman - Charles C. Curran, College of Librarianship, USC, Columbia

Also, not an official member of the Executive Board who is usually included in this listing, the Editor of News & Views of SCLA, John Sukovich, Wessels Library, Newberry College, Newberry.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the business meeting on October 13, Marty Pautz, SCLA President, reported that five major objectives had been established last January. These were:

1. To obtain IRS tax-free status as a non-profit organization.
2. To maintain the membership at about the 1978 level.
3. To publish a bi-monthly informal newsletter.
4. To increase activities within SCLA.
5. To obtain financial stability.

Tax-Free Status - The Association finally was awarded tax-free status as a non-profit organization - an achievement comparable to crossing the Atlantic in a balloon. In addition to the honor, this new status has some practical application. Bulk mail, for example, can be mailed at 3.1¢ instead of 8.3¢ each. In addition, donations to the Association are now tax deductible (dues and registration fees for members have been deductible in the past because we have always been a professional organization).

Under this new status, not more than 5% of our total income, time, or effort can be expended on social, legislative, or personal activities. We conduct social activities as a part of the annual convention and have supported certain legislative programs. We may now have to reduce some of our social activities, increase our income, or do both.

Maintain Membership - Last year there were 955 members, 843 of whom were personal members; our total this year (November 2) is 920 members, 805 of whom are personal. One hundred and eighty-five new members joined the organization; however, 148 of last year's membership did not renew.

Informal Newsletter - News and Views, this publication is the bi-monthly informal newsletter. As of the convention, four issues had been published, with a fifth scheduled to follow at the end of November and a final issue late in December. News and Views has been very well received and has provided much closer communications within the Association.

Increase Activity - The new organization and the new dues structure provided an opportunity for the sections to carry out additional activities. At least four highly-successful workshops were held - the Public Service Section had a workshop on "Library Signs"; Technical Services on "Automated Acquisitions"; the Public Library and Library Administration combined for a workshop on "Library Management"; Government Documents Round Table put on a workshop on "Legal Reference". These workshops, all of which were of excellent quality, provided the types of professional activities for which the Association was formed. We hope there will be even more activity in 1980.

Financial Stability - Throughout this year, we have been watching the fiscal results of our new organization. Of the $10 dues, $2 goes to each of the two sections and $6 to the Association. In addition to the administrative costs, the Association has major expenses including publications and the costs associated with the Executive Secretary. The $6 allocation is not sufficient to cover these operating expenses. As had been expected, we will have to use a part of our surplus to meet this year's commitment. To help achieve financial stability for future years, a committee has been formed to examine this problem in greater detail.

All in all, the President stated that he felt this current year had been a very successful one for the Association.
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Fourteen South Carolinians will join more than 1,100 people from across the country to help form a national information policy during the first White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Set for November 15-19 in Washington, D.C., the Conference will recommend to the President policies and programs to deal with the future of libraries and information services through the 1980's and beyond.

The state group is composed of five professional librarians and nine lay people who were elected at the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services held last March in Columbia.

Resolutions with national implications that were passed at the Governor's Conference will be carried by the delegation to the White House Conference. It will be the first national forum to address the diverse library and information needs of people throughout the country in light of the technological revolution that has brought heavy demands on all informational resources. Under the umbrella theme "Bringing Information to People," the Conference's five theme areas will concentrate on Library and Information Services for: personal needs; life-long learning; business and the professions; governing society and international cooperation and understanding. An important issue that will run through all theme areas will be the right to privacy versus freedom of information.

South Carolina's delegation includes: Mary McAfee, Dr. William F. Summers, Kathy J. Roe, and Betty E. Callaham, Columbia; Ronald L. Copsey, Greenville; Lynn Hornsby, Rock Hill; Samuel B. Hudson, Georgetown; Randy M. LaCross, Lamar; Catherine H. Lewis, Conway; James R. Martin, Union; Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, Edgefield; Hugh Rogers, Lexington, and Floyd L. Wilcox, Sr., Central.

Two new South Carolina delegates have been appointed to attend the White House Conference. Mr. James Braswell, originally an alternate delegate from Newberry County, has been appointed an official delegate, replacing Mrs. Almeta DeLaine who died in September. Mr. Braswell, a dairy farmer, is very active in community affairs. Included among the agencies in which he has been involved are the Newberry County Council, the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council, the Midlands Community Action Agency, and the Midlands Human Resources Development Commission.

Mrs. B. E. Nicholson of Edgefield County will fill the alternate delegate slot vacated by Mr. Braswell. A former teacher, Mrs. Nicholson is a full-time homemaker. She is active in church affairs and contributes book reviews to the local paper and The State. She served on the planning committee for the Region II pre-conference.

The entire South Carolina delegation to the White House Conference met at the Carolina Inn in Columbia on October 19 for an orientation and review session.

WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES & SUCH

December 8, 1979: SCLA Executive Board Meeting. Richland County Public Library, Main Branch
January 8, 1980: South Carolina Bibliotherapy Group. For further information, contact Neta Murray Wall, Irmo Branch, Lexington County Public Library; 798-4611.


May 2, 1980: "Past Imperfect; Future Conditional." A one-day conference at the University of Alabama Continuing Education Center. Sponsored by the Graduate School of Library Service and the University of Alabama Libraries, the conference will focus on information services and resources. A state-of-the-art assessment by Dr. Kay Murray, Associate Professor in the School of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will lead off the morning session. Dr. Charles Bunge, Director of the Library School at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, will follow with a discussion of the measurement and evaluation of reference service. Afternoon sessions will concern reference referral, the economics of databases, collection development of reference materials, and public relations for reference librarians. A final paper on future research needs will be presented by Dr. James Benson, Associate Professor at the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Science. Conference registration: $25.00. For further information contact Dean James D. Ramer, Graduate School of Library Service, University of Alabama.

Indeterminate date (as yet): Lea Walsh, Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the State Library, reports that the Public Services Section is planning an Interlibrary Loan Conference for some time next Spring. Dates and speakers are not yet established. Persons interested in participating or helping with the conference are urged to contact Lea Walsh at the State Library, 758-3181.

Also, Carl Stone reports that the Executive Committee of the Public Library Section met November 7 to make plans for the next year's activities. Volunteers are needed and urged to contact Carl Stone at Anderson County Library, 202 E. Greenville St., Anderson; 225-1429.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Mrs. Almeta L. Delaine, who died in September. Mrs. Delaine, a retired school teacher, was elected an official delegate to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. She had been very active in professional, charitable and community organizations, as well as in her support of libraries.

FOR SALE

Presbyterian College has an almost new walnut C. B. I. table for sale to the first taker who'll pick it up. Cost was $569.00 five years ago; PC will take $250.00 for it.
ETC.

JAMES B. JOHNSON, JR., has been appointed Deputy Director of the State Library of South Carolina. Mr. Johnson succeeds Betty Callaham, who recently became Director of the State Library. Mr. Johnson was formerly Director of the State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

CAROL DUGGAN of Richland County Public Library has been appointed SCLA representative to the ALA Membership Promotion Task Force. Ms. Duggan will serve a two-year appointment, 1980-81. Persons interested in ALA and its activities should contact Ms. Duggan.

Five pieces by Presbyterian College Librarian LENNART PEARSON were included in an unusual and highly successful exhibit at the P. C. Library in October entitled, "Calligraphy: The Art of Letter Forms." While most of the items on display were done by members of the Carolina Lettering Arts Society, the show also included pieces by internationally known calligraphers such as Peter Thornton and Tom Gourdie. As a spin-off from the show, two interviews with Dr. Pearson on the subject of calligraphy were aired on WEPR (Greenville) as a feature of "P.M.", a nightly program on music and the arts hosted by Jim Barnhill of Clemson University. A slightly different version of the same exhibit is featured by the Silver Eye Studio in Greenville during the month of December.

Lennart Pearson also wishes to report that the essay, "Archbishop Pechan's Sermons and Collations," in Studies in Medieval History presented to Frederick Maurice Powicke, ed. by R. W. Hunt (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1948), was written by Decima Douie.

Thanks, Lennart...

ALA announces that the Louise Giles Minority Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who is a member of a principal minority group (American Indian or Alaskan native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black or Hispanic). The student must be entering a fifth year master's level program in library science accredited by ALA. The scholarship is a $3,000 cash award. For application forms write:

Staff Liaison
ALA Louise Giles Minority Scholarship
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Deadline is January 15, 1980.

Columbia College Librarian HELEN JORDAN reports the availability of Columbia College: the Arian Era, a history of the College through 1977. The book was published the last week of September, and was edited by Dr. Jerold Savory, Chairman of the College's English Department. Copies may be obtained through the Alumnae Office at the College.

Be sure to catch the CHUCK AND DAN SHOW, which played late Friday evening at a little joint down the street from the Francis Marion Hotel during SCLA Convention, and now playing wherever a crowd will gather. (Best place to catch it from is the next county.)

How many librarians can fit in a Volvo?
Our nomination for Best Reference Librarian of the Year Award: Mary Toll, for finding a restaurant open after midnight in Charleston.

LEAST, BUT NOT LAST

Baptist College of Charleston reports that Least Terns are again nesting atop the College's L. Mendel Rivers Library Building. The Least Tern is listed as an endangered species in South Carolina. This is the third year the birds have nested on Baptist College campus.

Seven rooftops in Charleston County were used by the Least Terns this year for nesting. There are also seven natural beaches in Charleston County where the birds nest, but the largest number chose to nest on rooftops. So far, the Least Tern has nested on the type of rooftop such as is at Baptist College and elsewhere in Charleston. Researchers are not quite certain why, but Baptist College is glad to know the birds are nesting there.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

Please renew your membership in SCLA. Attached to Page 1 is the membership renewal form for 1980. If you send this in with your dues, the Association will be saved the expense and you the trouble of a first follow-up, a second follow-up, a third follow-up, etc. Also the sections which you select will know early how many members they have, and, therefore, what funds they can expect for their 1980 budget.

Please invite librarians new to the State or the profession to join the Association, and encourage those who did not renew their membership in 1979, or those who have never joined the Association to complete a membership application. An additional membership form is on Page 11 for this purpose.

1979 was a great year for SCLA - 1980 will be even better.
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