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ASSOCIATION MEETING AT KEYSER

The West Virginia Library Association held its 38th annual conference at Keyser, West Virginia, on October 10, 11, 1952. Miss Mary Shipper, librarian of Potomac State School, was a gracious hostess, and the new science building of the school was a most adequate place for the meetings.

The Executive Committee met in the afternoon on Friday while other members of the Association were served cider and Shenandoah Valley apples in the Home Economics apartment of the science building. Attractive exhibits were displayed by A.L.A., Bro-Dart Industries, Gaylord Brothers, George A. Flohr Co., Collier's Encyclopedia, Remington-Rand, and the West Virginia Library Commission.

At the banquet that evening, Miss Rosa Oliver, Acting Vice-President, presided. After the invocation by Dean K.S. McKee, Potomac State School, the people at the speaker's table were introduced by Miss Oliver. Dr. E. E. Church, President of Potomac State School, welcomed the W. V. L. A. very warmly. A group of two piano numbers by Mrs. E. E. Church and Mr. Leonard Withers, Head of the Music Department, were very pleasing.

Mr. E. Hugh Behymer, Librarian, Bethany College, was the speaker. He brought Australia much closer to us by describing the country and the people and presenting their library problems.

The general meeting began promptly at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. After the reading of the minutes and the report of the West Virginia Library

Commission by Miss Dora Ruth Parks the meeting adjourned for the convening of the College and Public Library sections. Miss Mae Graham, Supervisor of School and Children's Libraries, Library Extension Division, State Department of Education, Maryland, talked to the college group on the general subject of education for librarianship and what might be done in West Virginia.

Mr. George Moreland, Director of Public Libraries for Maryland, spoke at the luncheon meeting. He described the development of library work in Montgomery County, Maryland, which was used as a demonstration county for the Maryland program.

In a brief business session in the afternoon, the Association voted to join in the regional meeting next Fall and empowered the Executive Board to call a meeting of the Association in the following Spring if a quorum were not present at the Regional meeting.

Officers elected for 1952-53 are: President, E. Hugh Behymer; Vice-President and President-elect, Mrs. Lila G. Adams; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Woolery; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Loudermilk.

This was the first time the Association had met in the easternmost part of the state, a fact noted by Dr. E.E. Church in his welcoming address.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTIONAL MEETING

The Public Libraries Section of the W.V.L.A. met Saturday morning at the conclusion of the general session.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. E. Hugh Behymer presided during the election of officers for the coming year. Mr. Mark Crum of Kanawha County Public Library was elected chairman and Nancy A. Matthews of Ohio County Public Library was elected secretary.

Due to the absence of the expected speaker an informal discussion on state library legislation and other library problems was held. Miss Parks outlined methods used for securing legislation favorable to the Commission and reviewed past activities in this field. Her remarks and those of other librarians present were interesting and highly suggestive. An outcome of the discussion was the appointment of a legislative committee with Mr. Crum as chairman.

Other subjects brought up for discussion by Mr. Crum and Miss Green were "selling" libraries to labor groups and provision of a training program at future meetings for untrained library personnel.

Although the planned program did not materialize the members present agreed that the meeting had been most stimulating and thought provoking.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY ANNOUNCED FOR OCTOBER 1953

A regional library meeting has been scheduled for October 1953 at Atlantic City. States belonging to the group include Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Plans are already underway for the sessions to be held at that time. It is hoped that every librarian in the state of West Virginia will plan to attend this conference. The Baltimore meeting held several years ago was an outstanding success, and it is expected that this one will be as good.

COLLEGE LIBRARY SECTIONAL MEETING

The College Library Section convened following the general session Saturday morning. A report was made by the Committee on Faculty Status for College Librarians. A letter of resolution relative to granting faculty status to professional librarians had been sent to the Council of W.Va. College Presidents. No reply has been received to the letter. The committee is being continued.

Miss Florence Reese, Dept. of Library Science, W.V.U., reported on the activity of the Library Science Curriculum Committee. The aim of the committee was to prepare a basic curriculum of courses for the training of school librarians so that they would be effectively prepared to do the work demanded of them, and which also would serve as a basic course for students interested in entering graduate library school. The basic course outlined by the committee included: Reference & Bibliography - 3 hrs., Materials - 6 hrs. (3 hrs. each for Children's and Young People's literature), Organization & Administration - 6hrs. (including techniques, cataloguing & classification, audio-visual, philosophy, public relations, etc.), and Field Work - 3 hrs. The proposed core course is based on the curriculum of the Southern Association and the A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship's "Standards for Library Science Programs in Teacher Education Institutions."

Miss Carrie Britton, Librarian, Davis & Elkins College, suggested that college librarians undertake the establishment of an organization of high school student assistant librarians on a state-wide basis. It was decided for the present that such activity would be carried on individually by each college librarian in their own region of the state. (Con't. on p.6)

