The 1952 meeting of the West Virginia Library Association will be held at Potomac State College, Keyser, W. Va., on Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11. Edgar Hugh Behymer, Librarian of Bethany College, and George Moreland, a Maryland County librarian, will be the conference speakers.

Tentative Program

Friday, October 10, 1952
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Registration

Registration fee: $1.00
Membership dues payable: 2.00
Payment for two conference meals: 3.00

3:00 p.m.
Dinner: Science Hall $1.75
(The Executive Board of eight members will meet before dinner, hour to be arranged by President.)

Mr. Behymer will be the speaker for the dinner meeting, his theme will be "Australian Libraries and Librarians."

Saturday, October 11, 1952
Lunch: 12:00 or 12:30 $1.25
Speaker will be Mr. George Moreland.

College Section Meeting:
Theme: "Education for Librarianship in West Virginia."
Speaker: Mae Graham, Supervisor, School & Children's Libraries, Library

Extension Division, State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland.

Business Meeting: Curriculum Committee Report, Faculty Status Committee Report. Election of officers.

Editor's Note: As this paper goes to press it is impossible to give more complete information. Section Meetings will of course be held, special speakers will be included in their programs. Exhibits will be on display. Final details will be worked out when the acting president returns to his post at Bethany College on August 29th.

Overnight Accommodations

Corbin Hotel in Keyser

Single rooms - $3.50
Double rooms - $4.50 - $5.50
Tourist home rooms $2.50 - $4.00

Requests for reservations should be sent to Miss Mary Shippee, Librarian Potomac State School, Keyser, W. Va., not later than Oct. 14th. Reservations for meals should be sent with this same request. It is possible that Saturday morning breakfast will be served on the campus, too, but no reservations need be made for breakfast. Announcement for this will be made later.

Keyser is on route 220 seven miles north from route 50.

Keyser is 234 miles from Beckley, 262 miles from Bluefield, 215 miles from Charleston, 98 miles from Clarksburg, 85 miles from Elkton, 98 miles from Fairmont, 77 miles.
from Urbana, 290 miles from Huntington, 73 miles from Morgantown, 173 miles from Parkersburg, 197 miles from Wheeling and 177 miles from White Sulphur.

Keyser is located in the Potomac Valley 22 miles from Cumberland, Maryland and 27 miles from Romney, said by Romans to be the oldest town in the state. Both Cumberland and Romney have fine hotels for those who prefer to stay in either place.

Keyser is located on the main line of the & O. Railroad.

Officers of the association are:
President: Mr. Robert North, Jr. (Resigned in June to become second deputy director of the Erie County Public Library system of Buffalo, N. Y.)
Vice-President and President-elect: E. Hugh Behrmer. (Bill returned to his post at Bethany College from a Fulbright Fellowship speaking tour of Australia on August 29, 1952.)
Treasurer: Miss Rosa Oliver
Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Quarrier

Committees of M. W. L. A. are listed on pages one and two of the March 1952 issue of West Virginia Libraries.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION

The 82nd Congress ended its work July 7. Since it adjourned, it can be called back only by a Presidential order and this would have to be a special session of the 82nd Congress. There is no news as to whether this is likely or not.

A summary of action on the Library Services Bill and the status at adjournment time follows:

In the Senate, S.1552 was on the Calendar and ready for Floor action at any time. The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare favorably reported the bill in the fall of 1951. It was then placed on the Calendar. Because of an objection by two members, the bill would not go through on the Calendar. The Senate would not schedule the bill for Floor debate until the House has shown favorable interest since the Library Bill in 1950 had been defeated in the House by three votes. A move by the Senate sponsors would have been made for scheduling the bill for Senate Floor action immediately following a favorable report by the full House Education and Labor Committee.

In the House, H.R.5195 was pending in the Education and Labor Committee. Hearings had been held on April 1 and 2 by a subcommittee which favorably reported the bill on April 8 to the full committee. Several things happened to prevent action by the full committee on the Library legislation. The Easter recess lasted ten days. Almost immediately upon the return of the House, the steel seizure occurred and this brought forth a seige of labor legislation. One piece of this labor legislation, namely the Allen Resolution to investigate the Wage Stabilization Board, had hearings which lasted eight weeks. Because of the number of labor bills before the committee, legislation dealing with education was held up in committee. Thus the second session ended with the Library Service Bill still in committee.

Honor has it that there is a possibility that the President will call a special session of the Congress this fall. If this does happen, the Library Service Bill will be given one more chance before the end of this year. If a special session is not called, the A.L.A. Washington Office will begin immediately in January 1953 in the 83rd Congress to push for passage of a new Library Services Bill.

Now is the time to see your Congressman and Senators while they are at home. Express your disappointment and deep concern that the Library
Services Bill did not secure action this session. Try to secure a commitment from them for their continued support in the 83rd Congress. Please notify your ALA Washington Office when you secure a definite commitment of support for 1953. Work hard on those members of Congress who have not committed themselves previously. Remember that election time is the time to secure favorable commitments for the legislation of supreme interest to you.


PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Kanawha County Public Library

Robert North, Jr., former librarian of the Kanawha County Public Library, is now second deputy director of the Erie County Public Library system of Buffalo, N. Y. His new address is 36 St. James Place, Buffalo 22, N. Y.

Mr. Mark L. Crum, Jr., with his wife and daughter Faith, has arrived and begun his duties as new head librarian June 10.

Delegates to the ALA summer convention were Mrs. Mary Tattersall, head of the circulation department, Miss Frances Alderson, head of the extension department, and Mr. George Williams, head of the reference department.

Miss Ruth E. Figgatt, formerly stenographer at Fairmont College Library, began work in the extension department July 1. Temporary summer staff includes Miss Ruth Eberly, extension department, and Miss Hazel Fisher, librarian at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, who is working in the circulation department during the school vacation.

Boys and Girls: The summer reading club has used H. O. Welling's book Paddle-to-the-Sea as its theme this year. Several puppet shows have been given for the kindergarten of

Norris Harvey College, and several new puppets have been acquired.

—Harold Kramer, Reporter.

Ohio County Public Library

The Tarwood Branch Library is being staffed during the librarian's vacation by members of the Women's Club of that community. This arrangement has worked out satisfactorily since the opening of the Branch, 10 years ago. Not only are the women awarded "points" for their club work, but good friends are made for the library.

Circulation:

Over-all figures for the Library for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, show a total circulation of 165,764, indicating a gain of 13% over last year.

The film library rounded out its second full year, showing an 11% gain in use of the films over the first year. Over 44,000 people viewed the movies at 76 showings.

Statistics bear out the fact that the Music Department, too, is being used more than ever, the total circulation of books, scores and records being 18,764—this representing a 21% increase over last year. Classical composers whose works were played most frequently were: Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Mozart, Darm, and Schumann, in that order.

Gifts:

The Music Department has been most fortunate during the past several months in receiving some substantial gifts in the form of records.

On the day of her concert at Oglesby Park, Eleanor Stuber presented the Library with a complete set of her recordings with the promise of future releases. The presentation was made at a luncheon
attended by Robert Leo Boyd, Board Mem-
ber, and Nancy Matthews, Music Librar-
ian.

Twelve record albums were given in
memory of the late Mr. Sidney S. Good,
Jr., prominent citizen and music lover.

Books were also donated as memo-
rials to Mr. Good and Mr. Irvin Bevill.

Improvements:

Newly painted walls in the Librar-
ian's office and the Children's Room.
as well as new furnishings and equip-
ment in "Teen Corner" and the Reading
Room have added to the attractiveness
of the Library.

A recently installed "inter-com"
system is expediting the relaying
of messages between departments.

Personnel:

Mrs. Anne Schulte, assistant, and
Russell Jefferson, Bookmobile assistant,
resigned in August to accompany their
husbands to other cities.

Virginia Ebeling and Nancy Matthews
were both lucky to have escaped the
California earthquake, both having
spent vacations there recently. Miss
Matthews spent hers in and around Paso-
dena in May, and Miss Ebeling made a
tour including New Mexico and San
Francisco in June.

West Virginia Library Commission:

On June 21:

Governor W.V. L. C. Young appointed
Mrs. L. S. M. Oliver, Shurtleff, Fairmont,
and Mrs. Ada Wilson, Huntington, to the
West Virginia Library Commission for
terms ending in 1956.

Kenneth Brown of Richmond has
joined the staff of W.V.L.C.
Brown attended West Virginia Wesleyan
College, received his bachelor's degree
from Ohio University, Athens, O., and
his master's degree in Library Science
at Columbus University, June, 1952.
He will live in Spencer and do field
work in the commission's regional
demonstration program now under way
in Calhoun, Pocahontas, Jackson, Ritchie,
and Boone counties.

Prior to going to Columbus Uni-
versity, Brown held two positions in
West Virginia. He was with the State
Liquor Commission, and the William
Collins Coal Company.

Greenbrier County Library

At the annual meeting of the
Board of Commissioners held the first
Wednesday in July, the present offi-
cers of the Greenbrier County Library
and Museum were unanimously re-
lected to serve another year.

Mrs. Ruth Woods Dayton is
president of the organization. Dr.
John B. Montgomery is first Vice
President, Mrs. E. A. Tuckwiller, Sr.
sees as second Vice President and
H. A. Hall is Secretary-Treasurer.

The following chairman of standing committees were appointed:
Mrs. Henry Gwynn, Library; Mrs.
Florence Rothwell, Pocahontas; Alex
Turner, building and grounds; Dr. James
Baker of White Sulphur is chairman
of the historical committee.

The historical committee has
acquired a new steel filing cabinet
and to make it possible to locate
early documents, letters and other
original material, care for them, and
file them for reference...

An outstanding report of progress
was submitted by Mrs. Dayton cover-
ing the work of the past year. In
addition to a thorough cleaning of
the building with necessary in-
terior painting, the library books have
been cleaned and restocked.

Following the resignation last
May 15 of Mrs. G. E. Hamilton, who
served faithfully as librarian for
11 years, Mrs. L. A. Tuckwiller, Jr.
served until June 1 and Mrs. R. F. Bell took over the work for the period ending September 1. The executive committee will make selection of a new librarian during the month of July.

Raleigh County Library

Mr. C. H. Graham, Librarian, has announced that the Raleigh County Public Library has received 55 new volumes, 20 of these are non-books of general interest, 23 of fiction, and a dozen juvenile volumes.

This addition to the library makes its total of books well over the 15,000 mark.

Baker Va Center (Martinsburg, W. Va.)

Miss Lita Epstein has assumed the position of librarian at the Va Center. Miss Epstein is from Texas. (Welcome to W. Va. We hope to see you at Potomac State.)

Greenbrier College News

Rorida Harvey College

An announcement was made June 22 of the appointment of Frank L. Bedoger at Butte, Pa., as head librarian at Morris Harvey College. Dr. Leonard Eggleston, Morris Harvey President, said Bedoger, who is replacing Miss Elizabeth Quarrl, will begin his duties July 7.

Miss Quarrl, who resigned June 15, has been head of the college library staff since September 1948.

Bedoger is a graduate of public schools in Butte, and holds degrees from Clarion, Pa., State Teachers and George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn.

He is married and is a member of St. Andrews, a Presbyterian church.

Greenbrier College News

Mrs. Jeannita Goodhouse, Librarian of Greenbrier College has spent the summer in Nashville, Tennessee where she is working on her B.A. degree in library science at George Peabody College for Teachers.

She notes with interest that Mrs. Goodhouse has been elected social chairman for the West Virginia State Club for the summer.

West Virginia Institute of Technology

Mr. Veril J. Wyne, Librarian of West Virginia Tech, has resigned to take a position on the library staff of State Teachers College, Marscot, Minnesota. He will take up his duties there on the 10th of September.

At this time a replacement has not been secured to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Wyne.

Mrs. Margaret Bobbitt, Chairman of the College Section, W. V. L. A., has appointed Miss Eleanor Rose, assistant librarian, West Virginia Institute of Technology to fill out Mr. Wyne's unexpired term as Secretary of the College Section.

West Virginia University

Several recent gifts to the West Virginia Collection in the West Virginia University Library have been reported.

They include:

Major D. Boston Stewart Papers
123 items of letter and family papers of Major D. Boston Stewart, a Confederate veteran and prisoner of war from Monroe County, gift of Mrs. B. B. Hamond, Morgantown.

The time is drawing near when I must leave West Virginia. I shall take with me many memories. As a small lad I remember how eager I was to get my first library card at the Mercer County Public Library, in Princeton. Many happy hours were whiled away reading everything from Horace Alger, Jr., to Shakespeare. I always received a smile and guidance from the librarian in charge but was allowed complete freedom in choice of the contents of the library.

At fourteen, I moved from Princeton to Bluefield. It wasn't long until I had made acquaintance of Mrs. Scott. I spent most of my free time gathering knowledge in the Bluefield Public Library. This adequately supplemented my education at Beaver High School.

I entered Concord College as a Music Major. Somehow or other I seemed to just gravitate toward the Library and it wasn't long until my friend Miss Ora Peters had me interested in library work. I think I received the full treatment in library classes.

Since leaving Concord, I have received my Masters of Arts degree from George Peabody and been librarian for two years at West Virginia Institute of Technology. I have made many friends throughout the State and surely I will remember you with pleasure.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the friendly co-operation I have received as editor of your paper. Without your help I could never have succeeded in writing six pages four times a year.

I know that you will give the new editor the same cooperation you have given me. Best wishes for a better "West Virginia Libraries" Mr. Editor, whoever you may be.

Sincerely,

Virgil J. Wynne