The Middle Atlantic Regional Conference is being held in Atlantic City on October 14, 15, 16. The program, as planned, promises to be one of the outstanding events in library activities. It has been designed to give librarians an opportunity to listen to and get advice from outstanding men in the field of business and industry. For too long, librarians have viewed their profession subjectively. Now we are being given an opportunity to see our profession objectively.

The Conference is divided into several sections. The first session will deal with the subject “Business Advises Librarians.” The second session is entitled “Business Looks at Management.” The third and fourth sessions are “Business Looks at Public Relations” and “Business Looks at Personnel.” The final session is “Business Looks at the Library Building.” Following each of these main sessions at which an outstanding speaker will present his ideas, there will be a series of discussion groups under the direction of a librarian of outstanding ability and a speaker who will enlarge upon the topics under discussion and who will be prepared to answer questions.

In addition there will be a “Leadership Institute,” a luncheon for Friends of the Library, and a meeting for Trustees.

On Saturday morning there will be a meeting of the West Virginia Library Association at which reports of the year’s activities will be presented, election of officers, and the trans-
FILM COUNCIL OF AMERICA OFFERS LIBRARIES A NEW EDUCATIONAL MEDIUM: OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT NON-THEATRICAL FILMS

Being aware that organizations would make greater use of non-theatrical films if program chairmen knew what was available and where and how to obtain films, the Film Council of America inaugurated a Film Preview Project in 1932. The Council intends to establish some 500 Film Preview Centers throughout the country. Some 100 agencies are now participating in the Project. In West Virginia, the public libraries in Charleston and Huntington are extending this service to community leaders this year.

A film library is maintained at the Evanston, Ill., headquarters of the Film Council of America from which films, selected carefully after previewing by panels of librarians and subject specialists, are packaged in subject groups of ten films each and sent to participating preview centers for a period of two weeks. The participating center is informed well in advance what films are being sent and is provided with promotional material for the project. The films are for preview purposes only, and are not for program use in the community.

Further information about the Film Preview Project can be obtained by writing to the Film Council of America, 600 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois. (Ed.—An article about the activity is in LIBRARY JOURNAL, Aug. 1933, p.1218-19.)

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75,800 were books circulated to juvenile borrowers, and 15,931 were phonograph recordings. Adult educational activities reported for the year were: A series of six recorded broadcasts of Book talks by Gilbert Highet over station WMBM; Special booklets made for continuation courses at West Liberty State College and West Virginia University; other booklets were made for the "Design for Living" program of the G & P Telephone Co., employees, for a regional Presbyterian youth conference; for churches at Christmas; for Farm Women of Ohio County.

The approach to the library has been beautified by the planting of row homes, rhododendrons, azaleas, and native ferns on the front lawn.

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level of stimulation far beyond our state meetings.

What will it cost?

Registration,....................3.00
Saturday Night Banquet..........4.00
Hotels & Motels,.............10.00 to 2.00

How shall we go? Atlantic City is 64 miles beyond Philadelphia. The best way to travel will be by car on a shared-expenditure basis. If you plan to drive you are urged to arrange for a load to go with you. If you need a ride or can take a passenger, contact Mr. (name blank), Librarian, Huntington Public Library.
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LIBRARY SERVICES BILL STILL ACTIVE

The thirteen identical bills introduced in the House of Representatives were pending in the House Education and Labor Committee at the end of the first session of the 81st Congress. While the Senate Bill, S.1568, was pending in the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, since bills introduced into the first session of Congress remain in the second session, there is still time for West Virginia Library Association members and friends, individually, to contact their congressman. Every West Virginia Congressman should be made aware of what the Library Services Bill means to his state.

In the House two West Virginia Congressmen were sponsors of Library Service Bills. H.R. 4130 was introduced by Congressman Elizabeth Kez; H.R. 2027 was introduced by Congressman Cleveland Rakey. Although the bills were introduced by West Virginia, you must take action to insure their further support by West Virginia Congressman and Senators. Make certain that your Congressman and your Senator understand the meaning of the Library Services Bill to West Virginians. Write to them now!

NEWS AND NOTES

Miss Betty Jane Wade, high school librarian at Shady Spring, completed work for and received the degree of M.S. in L.S. from the School of Library Science, University of Illinois, this August. Miss Wade has spent her summers during the past five years at the University of Illinois in order to obtain the master's degree.

Mrs. Edna G. Adams, field worker with the West Virginia Library Commission and President-elect of the West Virginia Library Association this year, resigned her position during the summer. Mrs. Adams has taken a similar position in Maryland. Her work with the five-county demonstration activity of the Library Commission has been taken over by R.N. Brown.

The Association of College and Research Libraries are planning to organize a Tri-State Chapter of ACRL in this area. The meeting is to include college and research librarians from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The organization meeting is to take place in Pittsburgh on Nov. 7.

The West Virginia Library Commission moved from Morgantown to Charleston during September. Headquarters is now in a residence building near the Capitol. With the change of location several staff changes occurred and new services planned. Mr. Ben Cheatham has been added in from Fairmont to work at headquarters.
The annual report reveals the conclusion of a successful year. The circulation reached an all-time high with a gain of 32% above 1961/62. The registered borrowers increased 19% during the year. The Reference Department answered 58% more questions than in the previous year. A record number of books were added to the collection.

Mrs. Mattie C. Bull, head librarian at Milton, retired July 15 after eight years with the Huntington Public Library. She was with the Milton woman's library before it was reactivated and made a part of the system. The vacant position has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. John Niles as head librarian.

The Huntington Public Library has been selected as a film preview center by the Film Council of America beginning this fall. Films sent to the library will be shown to club representatives.

Two library-sponsored radio programs over station WVTM are running this summer. The first, called "The Universe is Yours," is the interview type with librarians and staff members as participants. Each program includes the weekly schedule of the Bookmobile. The other program is using the Enrichment Records, adaptations from the Landmark books, to reach juvenile local listeners.

Kanawha County Public Library.

The annual report has been redesigned this year, using only essential information and making the printed booklet more attractive by illustrations and photos. Seven hundred and fifty copies have been mailed. A budget of $84,189 has been approved for the coming year. Charles A. Williamson, an advertising man, is the new member of the library board.

The Kanawha County Public Library is making arrangements to serve as a film preview center during the coming year. Under the Library Preview Center Project of the Film Council of America, groups of films are sent once a month to participating libraries. The library provides showings of the films to representatives of local groups and organizations and helps them arrange for showing of their choice to the groups they represent.

A second Great Books discussion group is being organized this year. The library is also planning, in collaboration with the Kanawha County Board of Education, a series of discussions of the American heritage, a progress planning conference is being scheduled for sometime in September to aid local organizations in planning activities and materials for United Nations week, October 15-21.

Three staff members attended the A.L.A. convention in Los Angeles: Jane Book, catalog department; Joanne Grooms, circulation; George Williams, reference. They report a very interesting trip, a lot of new ideas.

Mark Grun, librarian, attended the Workshop in Library Management held by the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, July 8-24, under the direction of Ralph Shaw, Librarian, of the United States Department of Agriculture. Twenty-eight persons from various parts of the United States attended.

School, now closed, and a baby have removed six of the clerical staff during the past month. Circulation and boys and girls departments have had two changes each; the catalog department has had one. Mrs. Joan Harrison, assistant in the librarian's office, has accepted a position as secretary to Doris Flatt Parks of the State Library Commission.

Juliette Bryson, head of the Extension department of the Topeka, Kan-
m. Public Library became head of the Circulation Department, effective July 17. Miss Bryson is a native of Ashland, Ky., a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of Illinois Library School. She has previously done branch work at the Youngstown, Ohio, Public Library, children's work at Dearborn, Michigan, and bookmobile work in the same city, and has been Research Assistant at the University of Illinois Library School.

Mrs. Margaret Millard was acting head of the circulation department between the resignation of Mrs. Mary Patterson on June 15 and the arrival of Miss Bryson.

E. Leonard White, formerly assistant librarian, is now Director of Libraries for Schenectady County Public Library in New York State. Isabel Lynch, former acting librarian, is executive assistant at Enid Pratt.

Since its arrival in June, the drive-up book return has proved very popular with people who cannot easily climb steps, cannot find parking space, or who must return books after hours. So far, there has been only one dissatisfied voter. On the day, as we walked by, there was a small boy standing at the return pulling the handle, examining the tray, and pulling the handle again with a mope and more bewildered expression on his face with each pull. Finally he turned to us and asked, "Don't you get any books?"

The new music room has been scheduled for a formal opening September 1. A former storage room has been cleared and is being painted and refurnished as a listening room. Paint, a record player, and several collections of records, plus miscellaneous articles of furniture, have been donated by interested individuals and business establishments. A local painter is planning and installing an acoustical ceiling and new lighting fixtures. Joanne Greenup, audio-visual librarian, is working with the catalog department in drawing up a cataloging scheme for records, probably one based on library numbers for audio and visual rather than the Dewey and Cutter outlines used for books.

Ohio Co. Public Library.

An effort is made to reach boys and girls in vacation through their organized recreational activities. This is done by sending selected collections of books on story-telling, games, crafts, and nature study to such places as Fresh Air Farm and Oglebay Park Boy Camp.

New playground steps arranged on the bookmobile's summer schedule bring the total seven playgrounds visited each week this summer.

A vacation reading club for children has also been organized. Built around the Bookmobile's Reading Records, made from Landmark Books, it has American History as its theme. Programs are conducted weekly at which time one record of the series is played. Boys and girls will be awarded diplomas for attendance and prizes for the reading of a specified number of American historical books. A party is to terminate the project, at which time awards will be made and refreshments served.

Margaret Smith has been appointed Reference Librarian, filling the position left vacant by Carolyn Hasson, who accepted a similar job with the Oak Park, Illinois, Public Library. Miss Smith comes to Wheeling from Illinois Wesleyan University, where she was a member of the library staff. A native West Virginian, she now resides in Moundsville.

Reflecting the current trend toward combination, the annual report has been streamlined, and this year appears as a handy folder. It shows that 165,184 books, pamphlets, and recordings were borrowed for home use. A breakdown indicates that of these

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