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WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 16-17, 1959, Hotel Fritchard, Huntington

ADVANCE PROGRAM

Thursday, October 15
7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting
9:00 PM Social hour honoring Exhibitors

Friday, October 16
9:00 AM Registration desk opens
Exhibit area opens
10:30 AM GENERAL SESSION
Business meeting
Committee reports
Program, Topic to be of special interest to Trustees and Public Librarians

12:30 PM LUNCHEON MEETING
Speaker: Mr. George Coen, Past President, Ohio Library Trustees Association
Topic: "Achieving Trustee Objectives Through Organized Activities"

2:30 PM SECTIONAL MEETINGS:
Public Library Section
College Library Section
Trustee Section

5:30 PM Exhibitors' reception and social hour

6:30 PM BANQUET MEETING
Speaker: Mr. John Ciardi, Poetry Editor, The Saturday Review

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Banquet will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Our speaker has another engagement which necessitates an early plane connection.
ADVANCE PROGRAM (Continued)

Saturday, October 17

9:00 AM  Registration
          Exhibit area opens

9:30 AM  GENERAL SESSION
          Speaker: Miss Mary V. Gaver, Past President,
                    American Assoc. of School Librarians, Chairman, AASL Standards
                    Committee
          Topic: Standards for school library service.

11:00 AM  SECTIONAL MEETING:
          School Library Section

12:00 Noon  LUNCHEON MEETING
          Speaker: Agnes Smith, author of "An Edge of the Forest"

2:00 PM  GENERAL SESSION
          Business meeting
          Speaker: Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Director
                    Science Library Program, American Association for the Advancement of
                    Science.
                    instruction through the use of books and libraries. Dr. Deason will discuss
                    in particular the science library program of the AAAS and its objectives.

          Other business
          Adjournment

          Brief meeting of new Executive Board

(See "From the President's Desk" on page 4 of this issue for highlights of the Con-
ference)
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear fellow members of WVLA:

Plans for the 1959 Annual Conference, to be held at the Hotel Prichard in Huntington on October 16th and 17th, are now virtually complete. I am told that the City of Huntington enjoys a good reputation as a convention city, with a warm welcome and fine shops and stores (Ladies: Better not tell your husbands this!) So, plan to be with us. We missed having a meeting in the State last year because of the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Conference, so we anticipate a good turnout.

Program emphasis this year is being given to topics which will be of interest to all of us but especially to Trustees of Public Libraries and to School Librarians.

Friday's programs will be of special interest to Trustees, with Mr. George Coen, of Lancaster, Ohio, as our special guest. Mr. Coen is a member of the Board of Ohio State Library, is Past President of the Ohio Library Trustees Association, is former Membership Chairman of the American Association of Library Trustees, and has contributed to periodicals and books in the field of trustee work including the newly-published revised edition of Marian Hanley Winsor's "A Handbook for Library Trustees." Mr. Coen will be our luncheon speaker on Friday and will work with us in formally organizing a Trustee Section of WVLA in the afternoon.

Our speaker at Friday evening's Banquet Session will be Mr. John Ciardi, Poetry Editor of The Saturday Review and Professor of English at Rutgers University. Mr. Ciardi is an outstanding literary critic, a fine, thought-provoking speaker and is one of our foremost contemporary American poets. He is involved in the book publishing business and is, incidentally, a real supporter of libraries. Last April, at the Humanities Center Conference on "What is a College For?" he commented that all that is really needed (at an educational institution) is a good library and that with a good library, if the people know how to use it, the only staff needed is a janitor to keep the place clean.

The Saturday general sessions, while of special interest to school librarians, are of import to all of us. They deal with the whole matter of quality in school libraries. We hope to explore ways of securing quality which are practical and workable rather than to merely voice the pious wish that we could have it. The morning sessions will treat of Standards for School Library Service generally and of the new AASL Standards in particular; these sessions deal with the overall level of quality. The afternoon sessions will deal with quality in the particular subject areas which are now so critical (Science, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, etc.) Our guest speakers are eminently qualified to speak in these areas.

Miss Mary V. Gevery has had a fine career in school library work. She is a present member of the Faculty of the School of Library Service at Rutgers University and is author of the booklet "Every Child Needs a School
Library" published by AIA for the First National Library Week observance. She is serving as Chairman of the AASL Standards Committee which has prepared the new school library Standards with the help of representatives of twenty education associations; these standards are to be published shortly. Miss never will work with our West Virginia school librarians in planning a program of implementation of the new standards in our state. There should be ample time on Saturday morning for much fruitful work.

Dr. Hilary J. Deson, Director of the Science Library Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has perhaps done more work with science libraries for schools in recent years than any other person. He has edited the "AAAS Science Book List" which has just been published by the AAAS and the National Science Foundation. This is the first good, usable bibliography of science books for junior and senior high school students, college students and nonspecialist adults, and is, indeed, perhaps the only really good one yet published. Dr. Deson will bring with him an exhibit of one of the Traveling Science Library sets; he will be available for consultation throughout the conference period.

These are just a few of the highlights of the Conference Program. Let me urge each of you to make your reservations early. It is especially important to make meal reservations in advance. We must know the number to be served at each meal 48 hours in advance, so reservations are important. (Cancellations, where necessary, must be made 48 hours in advance also.) A Registration Blank is included with this issue; please return it as soon as possible.

I will look forward to seeing each of you in Huntington on the 16th and 17th of October.

M. W. Apel, President
W. W. Library Association
CURRENT PRICES OF WEST VIRGINIA BOOKS

BY

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An increasing number of libraries and individuals in West Virginia are starting or developing already established collections of local and regional history. Some of these collections are well rooted, with holdings of most of the standard works that make up the literature of the State. Many other collections are less well along, but are acquiring materials as actively as budgets will permit.

Nets are being cast by public libraries over wide areas of West Virginia. The Benedum Library in Bridgeport, for example, is starting a West Virginia collection which may well become an outstanding repository of local history in one of the most beautiful library buildings in the state. Further south, the McDowell Public Library has announced a significant expansion of its local history and literature holdings. Coupled with this announcement is an appeal for contributions of books and other materials on the history of the Virginias.

In Charleston, the Kanawha County Public Library's holdings of state and local histories has become one of the important collections in the State. Even though the State Department of Archives and History and the University have been in the field for a somewhat longer time than other libraries in the State, neither is able yet to discard its desiderata lists in this area of collecting.
While it is a truism that "rare books are getting scarce," it is not impossible to bring together even at this late date a solid library of the most useful titles relating to West Virginia. Desirable books at comfortable prices are still turning up, and all indications are that more and more libraries and individuals will be after the lessening supply of out of print titles.

In all of this activity and interest in the acquisition of books about the State, an increasing number of inquiries have come to the University Library at Morgantown regarding the availability of specific titles, current prices, and sources of supply for out of print books. The Library does not appraise single titles or collections of books for owners or potential buyers. Pricing is one of the proper functions of booksellers, but not of librarians.

However, in the immediate past years the retail prices of many books of West Virginia interest have been listed for staff use in the Library's West Virginia Collection. These prices have been taken from current dealers' catalogs and from published lists of the going prices of out of print titles.

This list is now made available to readers interested in learning the retail value of books in their possession or the past sales records of books which they wish to purchase. No effort has been made to indicate condition, which is the important factor in the wide spread of some of the prices for the same title. These prices are as represented in dealers' catalogs of the past five years. At least two prices have been given for each title whenever possible. It should be understood that the
University Library does not in any way guarantee these prices as being correct or proper. This is simply a market report.

ALBACH, James R. Annals of the West. Pittsburgh: 1856. $15.00; 1858 $6.50

ALEX, F. Vernon. Aler's History of Martinsburg and Berkeley County. Hagerstown: 1888. $15.00 $5.50

ALLAN, William. The Army of Northern Virginia in 1862. Boston: 1892. $17.50


ALFORD, Clarence W. The First Explorations of the Trans-Allegheny Region by the Virginians, 1650-1674. Cleveland: 1912. $25.00 $17.50 $15.00

AMBLER, Charles H. Francis H. Pierpont. Chapel Hill: 1937. $4.00

AMBLER, Charles H. A History of Transportation in the Ohio Valley. Glendale: 1932. $7.50 $6.00

AMBLER, Charles H. The Makers of West Virginia and Their Work. Huntington: 1942. $5.00 (wrappers)

AMBLER, Charles H. sectionalism in Virginia, 1776-1861. Chicago: 1910. $7.50

ANDERSON, Osborne F. A Voice from Harper's Ferry. Boston: 1861. $11.50

ATKINSON, George W. Bench and Bar of West Virginia. Charleston: 1919. $4.50

ATKINSON, George W. Prominent Men of West Virginia. Wheeling: 1890. $7.50

ATKINSON, George W. The West Virginia Pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Wheeling: 1883. $4.50

ATLAS of Marion and Monongalia Counties. Phila.: 1886. $22.50

BARRE, Waitman T. In the Virginias. Akron: 1896. $12.50


BELTZHOUSER, George H. James Rumsey, the Inventor of the Steamboat. Charleston: 1900. $2.50 (wrappers)

BIOGRAPHICAL and Portrait Cyclopedia of Monongalia, Marion and Taylor Counties. Phila.: 1895. $22.50

BISHOP, William H. History of Roane County. Spencer: 1927. $12.50 $10.00; lacking port. $8.50 $5.00

THE BLACKWATER Chronicle, a Narrative of an Expedition into the Land of Canaan, in Randolph County, W. Y.: 1852. $25.00 $6.00

BOOTH, J. B. Wheeling Directory and Advertiser. Wheeling: 1839. $35.00

BROOKS, William E. Grant of Appomattox. H. Y.: 1947. $2.00
WILLIAM, William. The Mineral Springs of Western Virginia. 1842. $2.50

BUSHING, Millard K. A History of Jefferson County. Charles Town: 1941. $5.00 $4.50

BUTCHER, Bernard L. Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley. N. Y.: 1912. 3v. $22.50

CALLAHAN, James H. History of the Making of Morgantown. Morgantown: 1955. $7.50

CALLAHAN, James H. History of West Virginia. Chicago: 1923. 3v. $20.00

CALLAHAN, James H. Semi-Centennial History of West Virginia. Charles- ton: 1913. $10.00 $4.00 $3.50

CAMPBELL, Thomas K. Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants. Winchester: 1909. $15.00

CARR, John O. Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade. Guthrie: 1863. $50.00 $6.00; 1906 $50.00; 1951 $10.00 $8.50

CATALOGUE of the Centenary Exhibition of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail- road, 1827-1887. Baltimore: 1927. $2.00

CHALKLEY, Lyman. Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Vir- ginia. Roslyn: 1921. 3v. $45.00

CHITTWOOD, Oliver P. Justice in Colonial Virginia. Balt.: 1905. $5.00

COLE, J. R. History of Greenbrier County. Lewisburg: 1917. $27.50

COXLEY, Phil. Beacon Lights of West Virginia History. Charles- ton: 1939. $2.00 $2.00

COX, Roy Bird. Washington's Western Lands. Strasburg: 1930. $7.50

COXE, John Esten. Life of Stonewall Jackson. Richmond: 1866 1st ed. $35.00 $27.50

$22.50 $15.00; 1866 $7.50

COXE, John Esten. Survey of Eagle's Nest. Chicago: 1894. $7.50

CUTRIGHT, William B. History of Upshur County. 1907. $30.00

DAYTON, Ruth Woods. Samuel Woods and His Family. Charleston: 1939. $8.00

DEBAR, J. H. Diss. The West Virginia Hand-Book and Im- migrant's Guide. Parkers- burg: 1870. $45.00 $40.00 $25.00

DEHAG, Wills. History of the Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia. Wheeling: 1861. $50.00 $47.50 $27.50

DODDRIDGE, Joseph. Notes on the Settlement and Indian Wars of the Western Parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania from 1763 to 1783. Wellsburg: 1824; $75.00 $57.50 $45.00 $40.00;

1876 $15.00; 1912 $6.00;

1921 $22.50

DODGE, Jacob R. West Virginia: Its Farms and Forests, Mines and Oil- Wells. Phila.: 1865. $12.50 $5.00

DOE, William C. Moccasin Tracks, and Other Imprints. Charleston: 1915. $12.00


$7.50 $3.50
FAST, Richard E. The History and Government of West Virginia. Morgantown: 1901. $5.00

GORDON, Sarah Morgan. The History of the Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown. Ann Arbor: 1929. $16.50

HAL, John F. History and Mystery of the Kanawha Valley. Charleston: 1897. $3.00

HAL, John F. History of the Great Kanawha Valley. 1892. 2v. $75.00 $30.00

HALE, John P. Trans-Allegheny Pioneers. Cinc.: 1886. $15.00 $14.00; 1931 $7.50

HAL, Granville Davisson, Daughter of the Blm. 1899. 1st ed. $7.50

HAL, Granville D. Rending of Virginia, Chicago: 1902. $5.00 $2.00

H. L. HENDERSON & Co. Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. 1833. $75.00 $25.00; Greenbrier, Pendleton and Monroe Counties. 1837. $45.00

HARROD, B. F., Jr. The Renicks of Greenbrier. 1951. $6.00

HENDERSON, Harvey W. Old Grist Mills of Harrison County. 1945. $7.00

HARRIS, T. N. Assassination of Lincoln. Boston: 1892. $4.00

HAYGOOD, Henry. History of Harrison County. Morgantown: 1910. $27.50

HENDERSON, G. F. R. Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War. Lond. & N. Y.: 1900. 2v. $82.50 $7.50; 1911 $5.00 1913 $10.00 $4.00

HISTORY of the Upper Ohio Valley. Madison: 1890. 2v. $22.50 $17.50; 1891 (1v.) $27.50

JACOB, John G. Brooke County. Wellsburg: 1882. $50.00

JOHNSON, David E. A History of the Kanawha Valley. Huntington: 1905. $15.00 $12.50

JOHNSTON, David E. The Story of a Confederate Boy in the Civil War. Portland: 1914. $12.50

JUDY, Elvin L. History of Grant and Hardy Counties. Charleston: 1951. $10.00

KERCHEVAL, Samuel. History of the Kanawha Valley. Charleston: 1895. $45.00 $40.00 $27.50 $25.00; 1899 $45.00; 1899 $20.00; 1902 $17.50 $15.00; 1925 $7.50

KIRK, John U. Progressive West Virginians. Wheeling: 1923. $5.00

LAIDLAY, William S. History of Charleston and Kanawha County. Chicago: 1911. $22.50

LAMBERT, O. D. Pioneer Leaders of Western Virginia. Parkersburg: 1935. $2.00

LARS, Winthrop D. Civil War in West Virginia. N. Y.: 1921. $7.50 (wrappers)

LANG, Theodore F. Loyal West Virginians from 1861 to 1865. Baltimore: 1895. $20.00 $15.00

LEARY, Ethel C. Who's Who on the Ohio River. Cinc.: 1931. $25.00

LEWIS, Virgil A. History of the Battle of Point Pleasant. Charleston: 1905. $7.50 $6.00
LEWIS, Virgil A. History of West Virginia. Phila.: 1889. $7.00

LEWIS, Virgil A. How West Virginia Was Made. Charleston: 1909. $4.50 $3.00

LOUTHIER, Minnie K. Blennerhassett Island. Rutland: 1936. $4.50

LOUTHIER, Minnie K. History of Ritchie County. Wheeling: 1911. $30.00

McCLUNG, John A. Sketches of Western Adventure. 1847. $14.50; 1854 $5.00

MacCORMACK, William A. Recollections of Fifty Years of West Virginia. N. Y.: 1928. $5.00

MacCORMACK, William A. The White Sulphur Springs. N. Y.: 1916. $10.00 $6.50

MacGREGOR, James C. The Disruption of Virginia. N. Y.: 1922. $5.00 $4.00

McKNIGHT, Charles. Our Western Border. Phila.: 1876. $15.00 $10.50 $7.50. 1881 $8.50

McKUPER, L. V. Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia from 1783 to 1795. Hamilton, C.: 1915. $30.00 $25.00

MARION County in the Making. Fairmont: 1927. $6.00

MAURY, Matthew Fontaine. Resources of West Virginia. Wheeling: 1876. $7.50 (wrappers) $4.50

MAURY, Matthew Fontaine. The Resources of the Coal Field of the Upper Kanawha. Balt.: 1873. $6.50

MAUVELL, Bu. History of Hampshire County. Morgantown: 1897. $25.00 $22.50

MAUVELL, E. History of Tucker County. Kingwood: 1884. $25.00 $17.50

LEH of West Virginia. Chicago: 1903. 2v. $20.00

MILLER, James H. History of Summers County. 1908. $35.00

MILLER, Thomas C. West Virginia and Its People. N. Y.: 1913. $27.50 $20.00

HILTON, Charles J. Landmarks of Old Wheeling. Wheeling: 1913. $7.50

MOORHAN, J. J. Mineral Springs of Virginia. 1847. $2.50

MORTON, Oren F. History of Monroe County. Staunton: 1916. $30.00

MORTON, Oren F. History of Pendleton County. 1910. $15.00

NOTICES of Farmburg, Virginia, As It Is in 1860. Balt.: 1860. $45.00 (wrappers)

PILGRIM, C. F. Blennerhassett. Boston: 1901. $3.00

POTTS, Scott. History of Marshall County. 1925. $7.50

PUGH, Haud. Capon Valley. 1948. 2v. $15.00 $12.50

RAGLAND, Henry C. History of Logan County. Logan: 1949. $3.00

REVEES, James E. The Physical and Medical Topography, Including Vital, Manufacturing, and Other Statistics of the City of Wheeling. Wheeling: 1870. $20.00

REVERES, Percival. The Springs of Virginia. Chapel Hill: 1941. $5.00

BUCKLER, Hume. West Virginia, Her Land, Her People. H. Y.: 1930. $5.00 $1.50

SAFFORD, William N. The Life of Harman Blennerhassett. Chillicothe: 1850. $9.50; 1859 $4.50

SAGE, Clara M. Early Records, Hampshire County. Delran, N.J.: 1939. $15.00 $12.50

SHANKS, Henry T. The Secession Movement in Virginia. Richmond: 1934. $5.00 $2.50

SMITH, Edward C. A History of Lewis County. Weston: 1920. $22.50 $6.50 $20.00

SPIVAK, John L. The Devil's Brigade; the Story of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud. N. Y.: 1930. $13.50 $7.50

STROTHER, David H. Virginia Illustrated. N. Y.: 1871. $12.50

SUTTON, P. Pestus F. The Baltimore and Ohio in the Civil War. N. Y.: 1899. $7.50

SUTTON, J. J. History of the Second Regiment West Virginia Cavalry Volunteers. Portsmouth, Va.: 1852. $7.00

SUTTON, John D. History of Braxton County and Central West Virginia. Sutton: 1919. $22.50

TAYLOR, Oliver I. Directory of the City of Wheeling and Ohio County. Wheeling: 1851. $25.00

WALLACE, George S. Cabell County Annals and Families. Richmond: 1935. $10.50 $5.00

WALLACE, George S. Huntington Through Seventy-Five Years. Huntington: 1947. $12.00

WATSON, Richard. Christian Panoply; Containing an Apology for the Bible. Shepherd's-Town: 1897. $250.00 $50.00 $18.50

WAYLAND, John U. Historic Homes of Northern Virginia and the Eastern Fanhandle of West Virginia. Staunton: 1937. $50.00 $15.00

WITTSOROT, Charles A. The Oil-Well Driller. Hunnington: 1905. $25.00

WILEY, Samuel T. History of Preston County. Kingwood: 1882. $30.00

WINKERTER, Charles A. History of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity. Chicago: 1912. 2 v. $17.50

WITZELERS, Alexander J. Chronicles of Border Warfare. Clarksburg: 1831. $100.00 $50.00 $45.00 $35.00 $30.00 $11.50; 1895 $15.00 $7.50; 1908 $5.50; 1920 $15.00 $10.00
It now begins to appear that an index to West Virginia periodicals may be available within the next six months or so. This is a project which has interested State librarians for many years. We have all been acutely conscious of the time wasted in exasperating and all too often fruitless searches for information buried in unindexed journals. The increasing interest among the general public in local history—which will certainly grow as the Centennial approaches—makes the publication of an index seem especially urgent.

The March 1956 issue of WL contained a report on the indexing done to that date. Since then, a large number of journals have been indexed and added to the file. Equally important, much progress has been made in getting these thousands of cards in usable form. The editorial work involved in a project of this scope appears endless. Indeed, the Editor would never have started the project if he had known how vast it would be.

The "backbone" of the Index is the West Virginia Review. This journal appeared monthly from 1923 to 1943. It contained many articles on local and regional history. It also reported new developments in the business, industrial and educational life of the State. The journal was profusely illustrated, and provides a gold mine for pictures of people and places.

The other periodicals indexed are given below. They provide the best geographical, subject and chronological coverage available. All provide valuable sources of information, and none have indexes. Serious thought was given to the inclusion of West Virginia History. However, this journal has an excellent index of its own. Its inclusion would have made this Index so large that publication would be financially impossible.

The following journals are indexed:

- Davis & Elkiva Historical Magazine 1908-
- Jefferson County Historical Magazine 1935-
- Randolph County Historical Magazine 1920-
- Southern Historical Magazine v1- v1-2:2 1892
- Tableland Trials 1953-
- Transallegheny Historical Magazine v1-2 1901-1902
- West Virginia Historical Magazine v1-5:2 3a 1901-AP 1905
- West Virginia Historical Society. Proceedings. 1921-
- West Virginia Review 1923-1943
- West Virginia State Weekly 1910-1917
Some of the journals no longer being published are widely held; others are not. Fortunately, the most important single title—the West Virginia Review—is also the most common and the most easily obtainable. All of the titles listed above are in the University Library. The library would be glad to provide a modest cost photostat copies of any article which a reader might locate in the Index but which his local library did not hold. It would seem likely that those libraries with a reading machine might wish to obtain film copies of all the journals listed.

This Index would provide approximately 8,000 entries—that is, 8,000 approaches to material dealing with West Virginia not now available. The Index is in conventional dictionary form—including authors, titles and subjects. The subject headings and general form of the Wilson indexes have been followed as closely as possible. However, some expansions and departures were necessary to include local items. Liberal use has been made of "See" and "See Also" references.

The problems of publishing an index of this nature are, as might be imagined, many and varied. The limited resources of the Association make it necessary to seek the most economical form. This appears to be a book measuring 6 1/2 x 11 inches. The pages will be double-columned. The whole work will run approximately 125 pages.

The cost of publishing 250 copies of this Index will be approximately $875. This is not so formidable a figure as might at first appear. Our experience with Publication #2 (West Virginia Authors) has been such that there is every reason to expect that the Association would get back the original investment within a short time. Indeed, the Association has actually made a small profit on West Virginia Authors. Of course, these publications are issued as contributions to scholarship; not as profit-making ventures. Nevertheless, it is a pleasant thought that a few dollars can be earned.

The Index will be ready to go to press very shortly. The Executive Board is to vote on the project at its next meeting. A favorable vote will—assure the appearance of the Index.

CONFERENCE FOR TRUSTEES

All Public Library Trustees in West Virginia should hold November 20-21, open, and plan to come to Charleston that Friday and Saturday for the big Conference which the Library Commission is planning.

The tentative schedule includes: Open house and registration at the Commission Friday afternoon. An outstanding speaker for the banquet that evening. A panel discussion on "The Trustees role in effective library service." A general session on "Public Library Organisation and Finance," with time for everyone to ask questions about local situations. Discussion groups on: Library Policy; Extension of Service; Friends of the Library and Civic Organizations helping the Library.