ASSOCIATION MEETING AT KEYSBURG

The West Virginia Library Association held its 1929 annual conference at Keyser, West Virginia, on October 10, 11, 1929. Miss Mary Singleton, 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 served dinner at Glen Ashmore, home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Church, president of Potomac State School. The people at the speaker’s table were introduced by Miss Singleton. Mr. E. E. Church, president of Potomac State School, welcomed the W.V.L.A. very warmly. A group of the speakers included Mrs. E. E. Church and Mr. Leonard Nickerson, head of the Music Department, were very pleasing.

Mr. E. Hugh Behnken, 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 Doris Ruth Parks, the meeting adjourned for the afternoon conference. At the request of the College and Public Library sections, Miss May Huffman, 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 1928-29 are: President, E. Hugh Behnken; Vice-President and President-elect, Mrs. E. E. Church; 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 Tannenbaum, the election of officers for the coming year was held. Mr. Mark Cram of Kanawha County Public Library was elected chairman, and Nancy L. 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 words 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. Cram as chairman.

Other subjects brought up for discussion by Mr. Cram and Miss Green were "summer" libraries to labor groups and provision of a training program for untrained library personnel.

Although the proposed 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 1935

A regional library meeting has been scheduled for October 1935 at Atlantic City, New Jersey, for librarians belonging to the group that includes 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 SECTION MEETING

The College Library Section convened following the general session of the conference on 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 WVA College Presidents. So reply has been received to the letter. The committee is being continued.

Miss Florence Rose, Dept. of Library Science, WVaU., 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 schools. 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 - 3 hrs. (including techniques, cataloging & 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 Critton, 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. (Cont'd. on p.8)
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

From February through August of 1932 I spent touring a country which is largely without library service of any kind. In only the large cities of Australia can one find libraries and they are generally inadequate. The assumption of the part of all Australians was that here in the United States free public libraries were a part of the landscape and were as numerous as filling stations and better supported. It came as a shock when I had to describe the conditions which are prevalent in our state of West Virginia.

I cannot now as I have insisted for many years that the responsibility for the extension of library service lies with librarians. It is our responsibility to see that libraries are a part of our state program. It is our responsibility to see that they are well organized, properly run, and that they occupy a position of leadership in the community. If librarians are not interested in promoting library service, then to whom can the community look? Badly enough they have had to look to other agencies and librarians may be said to have dropped the ball and lost the advantageous position they might have occupied.

Each librarian in the State of West Virginia should immediately find out what can be done to promote libraries in this state: (1) The West Virginia Library Commission should see that each librarian is informed as to just what each of us can do; (2) We must make ourselves Committee-of-One to talk library extension; (3) We must get in touch with all the service clubs (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Business and Professional Women), with the American Legion, with the various lodges, with the Orange, and urge them to support a sound library program; (4) We should do more in the way of newspaper and radio publicity, urging the newspapers and the radio stations to carry more library news. There are many things we can do. We should get in touch with our local state representatives, with our local school boards and local councils and talk libraries and the need for libraries in this state.

We must realize that "The Community with a Free Public Lending Library is a Better Community than the One Which has no Library."

— R. Hugh Bogner, President.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS BEGIN THIRD YEAR OF SERVICE

Although editors of WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES have changed several times since January 1931 the editorial assistants appointed then still continue to gather and report news for their readers (cont. on p.3)
Kanawha County Public Library

Conventions

Kanawha County was well represented at the W.V.L.A. meeting in Keyser. Conventionists included Mark Cron, head librarian; George Williams and Charles Eades, referees; Frances Alderson, extension; Marcella Kramer, assistant cataloguer, all from Kanawha County Public Library; Eleanor Rowe of West Virginia Tech.; and Elizabeth Quarrill of St. Albans.

The annual convention of the West Virginia Education Association was held in Charleston, Oct. 11-18. Miss Joan G. Moos, supervisor of the youth department, Cleveland Public Library, addressed the school librarian's section on the subject "Reading Patterns." Among the local people attending were Wilma Brown and Frances Alderson of Kanawha County Public Library; Mrs. Helen Miller, South Charleston Public Library; Elizabeth Quarrill, St. Albans Library; Eleanor Rowe, acting librarian to Kanawha County Public Library; Mrs. Helen Mill, South Charleston Public Library; Elizabeth Quarrill, St. Albans Library; Eleanor Rowe, acting librarian of West Virginia Institute of Technology and Mrs. Tom Davis, manager of the Diamond Bookshop.

Displays:

In connection with the publishing of the new revised standard version of the Bible, the circulation department featured a collection of pages of famous manuscripts and early printed Bibles, which were borrowed from a local collector. Currently, the United Nations theme is being used. Members of the library staff have worked with several organizations of the city in planning programs and displays on the United Nations.

Have you seen the Christmas cards put out by the Children's Emergency Fund of the United Nations? They're very attractive, and the buyer has the added pleasure of knowing he is helping to feed a destitute child somewhere in the world. Ten for a dollar.

Staff Room Opened:

A ground-floor room, formerly used for storage, has been converted into a cheerful, inviting staff room. With the generous help of local business firms and of individuals both on and off the staff, the basic furniture and equipment has been secured. A refrigerator and two hot plates are included, making it possible for staff members to prepare hot lunches if they wish.

Young Ideas:

Miss Wilma Brown reports that preparations are underway for a birthday celebration honoring Beatrix Potter's 'Peter Rabbit,' who is fifty years old this year. The children are working on birthday cards to be exchanged with their adopted library overseas. By the way, you'll want to read Miss Brown's article on this adopted library, which is coming in the LIBRARY JOURNAL soon. (Oct. 13, 1956, p.1755-5—Editor).

Puppet shows have been very popular this winter. Currently, the puppet theater is showing "The Elves and the Shoemaker." "Three Billy Goats Gruff" is scheduled as one of the next productions. Puppets of the big bad troll and the three billy goats are being made by Marcella Kramer of the catalog department staff.

Personal News:

Dorothy Tissell, formerly assistant in the Boys and Girls department, is now employed at the Morris Harvey College Library. Another former assistant, Lillian Thompson, is teaching a second grade at Coronado, California.

Wanda Lee Adkins, typist in the cataloging department, resigned November 1st to marry Guy Ball. They will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.
(cont'd.)

Isabelle Glenn, clerk in the extension department, became Mrs. Edward Taubert on October 23rd. She will continue in her present position while her husband is in the Navy.

Huntington Public Library

Oscar A. Bacon, who assumed the duties of head librarian on May 31st, comes to West Virginia directly from the University of Illinois Library School where he completed his sixth year's Master's thesis earlier this spring. Other academic work includes an A.B. from Wisconsin State College and a B.S. in Education from George Peabody College for Teachers.

For five years Mr. Bacon was librarian of the South Dakota Teachers College, Springfield, South Dakota, and his last position previous to attending the University of Illinois was librarianship of the Watertown, South Dakota, Public Library, which he held for three years. In 1939-40 he was president of the South Dakota Library Association. During World War II he served as aeronautical technician with the Army Air Forces.

Mr. Bacon's wife is also a University of Illinois Library School graduate; until they came to West Virginia she worked in the acquisitions department of the university library. The Bacons have one son, born July 31st. Their Huntington address is 806 6th St.

The circulation system has been modified for a simpler and faster service to the public. The previous "call number" system was streamlined by having the borrower's card become merely an identification card.

The paper-bound book collection is now in process of expansion. Four display racks holding approximately 200 titles are now available to the public.

Use is being made of dirty shipping bags to facilitate service to patrons. Requests not filled by the bookmobile in the rural areas are sent by mail. The bags are also used to send books to shut-ins and to patrons who have reserved titles in great demand.

The Huntington Public Library celebrated its Golden Anniversary during Book Week, November 16-22. The library was initially opened April 7, 1926, and not until 1929 did it occupy its present building. The Friends of the Library sponsored a tea for the official opening of the new addition on Sunday, and an Open House on Tuesday for the general public. The Women's Club sponsored a series of book reviews. The Garden Club provided floral decorations; the Junior League provided a puppet show; and the Junior Story Tellers League gave a series of children's story hours. The Milton Branch had a tea and children's party. Milton Branch had an open house. The bookmobile, freshly painted in black and yellow, was on display in front of the library part of the week.

The Milton Branch was newly decorated in green and cream. A green patterned carpet title floor was installed and new venetian blinds placed on the windows.

The main library's public meeting room has been equipped with lightproof shades for daytime showing of films.

A new library policy now enables translators, such as saloonmen, to use their home library identification card in lieu of a cash deposit.

St. Albans Library

A new member of the Kanawha County Library family arrived June 30th, when the St. Albans Public Library first began service after a formal opening on June 8th. This is a community pro-
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From, planned and supported by local individuals and organizations, and staffed partly by volunteers, Mrs. John L. Koonen, a graduate librarian, is in charge, with Elizabeth Quarrier, formerly Morris Harvey College librarian, on duty two days a week. In addition to its own bookstock, which was donated, the new library receives deposits from the Kanawha County library, and also has catalo- ging services from that library. At present, the new library replaces one county bookmobile stop, although more will be discontinued as the library becomes able to handle the work. The library is open from 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-9:00 on Monday and Thursday, 10:00-1:00 and 6:00-9:00 on Saturday. Saturday after-hours have become so popular that the children have to be divided into two groups.

Local persons serving on the library board during the planning and establishment were Mrs. Glenn Morris, chairman, Cyril Reich, vice-chairman, Mrs. R. S. Hurrick, secretary-treasurer, and Col. Walter C. Phillips and David C. Hall, board members. Present board officers are Cyril Reich, chairman, Mrs. John Koonen, vice-chairman and librarian, and Mrs. Suzanne Robinson, secretary-treasurer.

COLLEGE LIB. SEC. (cont.):

Miss Mae Graham, Supervisor of School and Children’s Libraries, Maryland, based her speech about education for librarianship in W. Va. on the Southern Association’s 18 hour program for school library training and the E. L. Standards. She emphasized the point that principles and philosophy of librarianship should permeate the entire training program.

College Library Section officers during the past year are Virgil Harris of Davis & Elkina, chairman, and Roselia R. Baker, Fairmont St., Coll., sec.

Ohio County Public Library

Children’s Department:

For Book Week the department planned a Book Exhibit featuring the books of Beatrix Potter, in celebration of “Peter Rabbit’s” 50th anniversary. An open house was held on Thursday night, November 18th, to which Parent—Teacher Association members were invited. All teachers in the county were invited to bring their classes for library visits during the week.

Projected Books:

As a result of the recent polio epidemic, the library’s projected book order, purchased by the Lion’s Club, has been in constant use during the past month. Since many of the users were patients in one hospital and a second machine was borrowed from the Scobieville, Ohio, Public Library for home users, fifteen new ‘named stories’ have been ordered by the Lions Club to supplement the original collection of fifty books.

Community Activities:

Adult education groups are making more and more use of the library’s facilities for meetings. This year a college course in music appreciation, a Spanish language course, and a study group of the Thursday Music Club are meeting regularly in the music listening room. The room lends itself particularly well to these activities because of its soundproofing, large seating capacity, and attractive atmosphere.

W.V.L.A. Meeting:

Two members of the staff, Louise Kimmons and Nancy Matthews, attended the October meeting of the W.Va. Library Association in Keyser.
BETHANY ANNOUNCES PRO-PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LIBRARIANSHIP

Bethany College announces a new program for those students who are planning to enter the profession of librarianship. This new program is called "Pro-Librarianship" and is planned along the same lines as "Pro-Medicine" and "Pro-Law." Students who elect this field of concentration will be under the direction of E. Hugh Behrens, librarian of Bethany College. They will be given three courses in Library Science to prepare them for graduate library school and they will elect a subject field in which they must take the minimum requirements. Both French and German will be required, as well as courses in Economics, Personnel Administration, Art, Home, History, Education, and Sociology. In addition all students will, of course, have to meet the lower division requirements set by the College for graduation.

These students will take a comprehensive examination at the end of the four-year period which, together with the Graduate Record Examination, which all Bethany graduates must take and pass, will entitle them to enter library school with no qualifying examinations. All students who have graduated from Bethany during the past ten years and who have applied for admission to library school have been accepted. Students have gone to Carnegie Tech, Syracuse, Columbia, North Carolina, Drew, and Catholic University.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

Miss Helen E. Robinson, University High School, Morgantown, is chairman of the School Librarians Section of the West Virginia Education Association this year; and Miss Henrietta Groover, Olney Junior High School, Huntington, is secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 80 school librarians attended the Section meeting in Charleston in October to hear Miss Joan C. Roos, supervisor of the youth department, Cleveland Public Library, speak on "Patterns in Reading."

Miss Clarice Ballew, librarian, South Charleston High School, is the new president of the Kanawha County Library Association.

HENRY FORD ARCHIVES EXHIBIT

When Henry Ford was a struggling mechanic in 1901, his son Edsel—then nine—pointed out in a letter to Santa Claus that he hadn't had a Christmas tree for four years. Furthermore, young Edsel that year also petitioned St. Nick for a pair of roller skates and a book.

The original letter Edsel painstakingly wrote on a piece of notebook paper is one of several selections from the Ford Motor Company Archives which were on exhibit in connection with the 67th annual meeting of the American Historical Association meeting in Washington D.C., Dec. 28-30.

The Company's archives consist of some five million items which are being made available to scholars and historians at Fair Lane, the former Ford estate at Dearborn, Mich. The house has been turned into the firm's archives building and will be dedicated next spring.

In addition to personal and business papers, oral moments of Ford associates are included in the archives. The taped voices of Margaret Ford Biddix, sister of the company's founder; Charles H. Bennett, the only surviving original stockholder in the company; W. L. Hughson, the first Ford dealer, and others are part of the collection. —Wash. Post.
West Virginia Librarians are represented on the A. L. A. Council for 1955-56 by Mrs. R. Hugh Bohmier of Bethany College. Though some oversight his name was omitted from the December issue of the A.L.A. Bulletin in which the Council members were listed.

In pursuing the aforementioned issue is was noted that Mr. George Williams of Kanawha County Public Library represents West Virginia on the A.L.A. Membership Committee. We hope for a report from George some time in the future on West Virginia membership in A. L. A. If you have not already renewed your membership for another year write Mr. Williams requesting him to "get you on the ball."

Others representing West Virginia on A. L. A. Committees are Mrs. Mae C. Runkle, Weirton Public Library, on the membership committee of the Library Education Division; Susanne Ross, Stonewall Jackson High School, Charleston, on the membership committee of the American Association of School Librarians. With so many West Virginia librarians getting experience along this line the membership total in W.V.L.A. would increase 20% another year if their combined efforts were channeled to that end.

Miss Florence Rose, Dept. of Library Services, W.V.U., is the W.V.L.A. representative on the A.L.A. Committee on Library Work as a Career.

Twelve W. Va. librarians are members of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People. Of these "Top of the Nose" (Oct. 1956) reports one as belonging to the Division; 3 as members of the Children's Library Association; and 6 as members of the Association of Young People's Librarians. Barbara Moody, Children's Librarian, Louisville Public Library, Louisville, Kentucky, is the regional reporter to whom West Virginia members of the D.I.C. & Y.P. should send news of their activities for publication in "Top of the Nose."

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS (cont.)

respective sections of the W. V. L. A. Nancy A. Matthew, Ohio County Public Library; Mary Shippee, Potomac State School; and Hazel Fisher, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School, Charleston, are to be congratulated for their deep sense of responsibility in gathering news for our publication. The present editor appreciates the fact that they have consented to continue their activities for another year.

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