

# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

THE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM launched by the University of Tennessee in 1959 has resulted in gifts amounting to approximately twenty-five thousand dollars in cash, as well as nine thousand books, manuscripts, and other materials received from fifteen hundred individuals and organizations. The immediate goal is to increase the number of volumes from the present 650,000 to 1,000,000.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LIBRARY will receive the personal library of Prof. C. Judson Herrick, famous neurologist who died in 1960. The materials include published and unpublished manuscripts, and an extensive correspondence covering the period from 1899 to 1960. The Herrick papers contain pertinent material relating to the founding of psychobiology. They will afford an opportunity for those interested in the history of neurology to obtain first hand information concerning Professor Herrick's contributions and his associations with leading world figures in this new field.

A GRANT of nearly seven thousand dollars has been received by the University of British Columbia for the purchase of books in the history of medicine and science. The grant comes from the Wellcome Trust of Great Britain; this will give UBC \$1,390 a year for five years toward establishing a research library in this field.

The Men's Canadian Club of Vancouver has made a fourth annual gift of \$500 to the library for the purchase of books on Canadian history.

THE LIBRARY of Northwestern University has recently acquired two important manuscript collections, the journal for 1809 of the French novelist Etienne-Leon de Lamoignon-Langon, and a sizeable correspondence of the French critic and novelist Jules Janin. Extensive daily entries of the journal detail the author's life as a literary figure and give a lively picture of Parisian social life among the lesser nobility of the Empire. The Janin letters dating from the second half of the

19th century contain information about his literary relations and his critical activities, and give extended judgments of several authors.

THE ALDERMAN LIBRARY at the University of Virginia has received a 10,000 volume collection of Chinese classics from the Ellen Bayard Weedon Foundation. The collection constituted the library of Ma Kiam, who, at the time of his death in 1959, was a professor at the University of Hong Kong.

## BUILDINGS

CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY recently dedicated its new library building. The six story structure contains 83,345 square feet, and cost \$2,800,000. Donors included the Leonard C. Hanna, Jr. Fund, the Kresge Foundation of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Ingalls, the Kulas Foundation, and the Harris-Intertype Corporation. While the present book stock is one hundred and sixty thousand, the building has been designed for an ultimate two hundred and fifty thousand books. Study space is available for 446 students, about 30 per cent of the present undergraduate student body at Case. The building will provide housing not only for Case's technical and scientific library, but also space for listening to music and for the display of art. The second floor will consist of archives, documents on the history of Case Institute, microfilm readers, a conference room, the Kulas Hall of Music, and the Kulas music library. The Ingalls Study Lounge on the third floor will be available to students in the early morning as well as late evening hours when the library is closed. The fourth floor will provide space for a display of art, and classrooms for use of departments of the humanities, social studies, and mathematics.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS is planning a major addition to the Watson Library, and bids will be let early in 1962. Construction will begin in March 1962. The result will be space for 1,200 additional readers, and 850,000 more volumes than the present library.

THE LIBRARY at Pacific University, Forest

Grove, Oregon, will have a new addition, costing \$500,000 when the ten year expansion plan for the university gets under way.

## PUBLICATIONS

A SPECIAL PUBLICATION, *Earl Gregg Swem, A Bibliography; Compiled by James A. Servies*, has been issued by the College of William and Mary to honor Dr. Swem, former librarian of the college, who occupied that position for a quarter of a century and was responsible for the library's spectacular progress.

GALE RESEARCH COMPANY, Detroit, Mich., will publish some time this year a *Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers*. The directory will supply detailed data on all type of information units in business and industrial organizations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, research institutes, and trade and professional associations. A detailed subject index will be provided to facilitate the location of collections, libraries and information services in specific fields.

*The Foundation Directory*, prepared by the Foundation Library Center, and published by Russell Sage Foundation, New York, is the first edition of a comprehensive list describing 5,202 American foundations. The editors are Ann D. Walton and F. Emerson Andrews. For each foundation the directory includes corporate name and address; date of organization; name of donor or donors; general purpose and activities, together with any special limitations; the assets expenditures, and grants for the most recent available year; and names of officers and trustees. The price is \$10.

*Transatom Bulletin* is a monthly journal prepared jointly by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, and the European Atomic Energy Community. Its purpose is to further the dissemination of scientific and technical information in the form of translations. Published in English, it lists translations covering nuclear literature, and in particular, publications edited in languages unfamiliar to the Western reader, such as Russian and Japanese. The Bulletin is available on a subscription basis from Transatom, c/o

Euratom, 51 rue Belliard, Brussels, Belgium, at \$8 a year (air mail \$16).

*Television for Children and Youth* by Paul Witty, a printed pamphlet is, available from Television Information Office, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y. It gives some of the results of investigations evaluating charges made against TV. It contains tables showing programs preferred by children, by high school students, by parents, and by teachers. The amount of time spent in listening to TV has been studied, and the time spent on other leisure pursuits has been considered. The study concludes that, despite the limitations of TV, there are many desirable features and potentialities, and it recommends a constructive program of guidance for children and young people. Parents and teachers alike have opportunity to encourage development of better TV programs and to help curb the present tendency of excessive use of Western and crime presentations. It states that parents and teachers can aid by encouraging children to select programs with discrimination and to evaluate them with discernment, and that by utilizing TV wisely, many benefits may be realized.

THE TENTH EDITION of the *Directory of Libraries and Information Sources in the Philadelphia Area*, is now available. All entries have been brought up to date, and new libraries in the Philadelphia area have been added. The directory contains information about libraries in Metropolitan Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del., as well as selected ones within a 200-mile radius of Philadelphia. Copies may be ordered from Jean M. Steever, chairman of the directory committee and librarian, Radio Corporation of America, RCA Defense Electronic Products Library, Front and Cooper Streets, Camden 2, N. J. The price is \$3.00 (\$2.50 to members of the Special Libraries Council of Philadelphia and listees).

AN ESSAY, "In Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Admission of Kansas into the Union," by James C. Malin, traces the political history of the state of Kansas. This essay accompanied the exhibition of the Kansas Statehood Centennial held at the University of Kansas Library at Lawrence during April.

NUMBER NINE (NSF 61-12; 5 cents) of the series of reports on *Scientific Information Activities of Federal Agencies* by the National Science Foundation is on the Federal Communications Commission. The series describes policies and practices of Federal agencies relative to their scientific and technical information activities. Reports may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY LIBRARY has a revised edition of *Astronautics*, Special Bibliography Series No. 5, January 1961. This 22-page pamphlet represents a selected portion of the holdings of the Air Force Academy Library on this subject. Single copies are available to interested persons and libraries. Requests should be addressed to the director of the library at Colorado Springs, Colo.

*Manual of Information for Biological Libraries*, by Ardis Engle, is the first comprehensive work of its kind. It includes lists of abstract journals, bibliographies, associations, publishers, manuals and hand books, statistics, public health reports, drug information, government officials and agencies, biographical sources and addresses, dates and publishers where indicated. Lists of addresses and information about laboratories and biological stations, doctoral dissertations, drug discoveries, audio-visual aids, nuclear and radiation information and diseases are also contained in the publication.

*The Copyright Office of the United States of America, What It Is, and What It Does*, 3d edition, revised 1961, has been issued by the Library of Congress. The 29-page pamphlet describes the various divisions of the copyright office and the work they do, and includes answers to twenty common questions about copyright. In addition, publications of the Copyright Office are listed.

*Guides to Newer Educational Media* by Margaret I. Rufsvold and Carolyn Guss is available at \$1.50 a copy from the ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill. While based on the April 20, 1960 reports of the authors to the U. S. Office of Education, entitled *Sources of Information about Newer Educa-*

*tional Media for Elementary and Secondary Education (1950-1960)*, this publication includes revisions and additions to the original annotated catalogs and lists through Feb. 1, 1961.

*The Papers of General William Starke Rosecrans, and the Rosecrans Family*, by James V. Mink, (UCLA Library Occasional Paper Number 12, University of California Library, Los Angeles) is an index to the papers of General Rosecrans, some 25 to 30,000 pieces, available at the University of California Library, Los Angeles. The papers are a rich source of material for students of the American Civil War, mining and railroad activities in Mexico and Western United States, and California land problems, and for biographers of General Rosecrans and many of his distinguished correspondents.

*Russian Journals of Mathematics*, a 19-page survey and checklist, is available from the publishers, The New York Public Library, at 50 cents. It contains three lists. The first one covers 51 journals that published more than 20 mathematical papers during the years 1955-57 or 1956-58; the second one covers 68 journals that contained 7 to 20 papers; and the last one covers 131 journals that published 3 to 6 papers each. A Russian-English glossary is included in the pamphlet.

## MISCELLANEOUS

WILLIAM B. READY, director of the Marquette Library, was awarded the one thousand dollar Clarence Day Award at the Cleveland ALA conference. The award was in recognition of "outstanding work in encouraging the love of books and reading." The first award was given last year to Lawrence Clark Powell.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES at Los Angeles and Berkeley have been designated depositories for foundation reports and related reference materials by the Foundation Library Center in New York. They will be reference centers for information about foundations organized to support charitable, scientific, literary, or educational programs. The materials will be made freely available for reference to all who are concerned with philanthropy in these fields of interest.

ON A PILOT BASIS the Center for Documentation and Communication Research of Western Reserve University will establish a retrieval system for educational information. The U. S. Office of Education is supporting the development of this service. Questions are needed to pre-test the system on the basis of user requirements. Readers of this announcement may have questions that represent specific types of information they would like to receive regularly in their fields to keep them currently informed. If so, such questions may be sent to Allen Kent, Associate Director, Center for Documentation and Communication Research, School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio. The questions will be searched and results will be made available to the sender for evaluation.

THE UCLA LIBRARY has become a selective depository for Canadian government publications, in return for which the National Library of Canada will receive publications of the University of California which fall within that Library's fields of interest.

A STUDY of catalog card reproduction is being made by the Library Technology Project of ALA with financial support of the Council on Library Resources, Inc. The study is divided into two phases. In the first one, current catalog card production will be analyzed; in the second, design and production of new equipment for card production, based on first-phase findings, will be investigated. Joseph H. Treyz, Jr., assistant head of the cataloging department at Yale University Library, will work full time with George Fry & Associates of Chicago, in carrying out the systems study. An advisory committee will participate in the study.

A THREE-DAY INSTITUTE on library education in the Southeast will be held at the University of Tennessee October 12-14. The purpose of the institute is to develop course outlines for a basic core of library science courses to provide a foundation for graduate and undergraduate programs in the southeast. Inquiries may be addressed to Dorothy E. Ryan, Chairman, Institute on Library Education in the Southeast, 308 Claxton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 16.

## New Periodicals of 1961

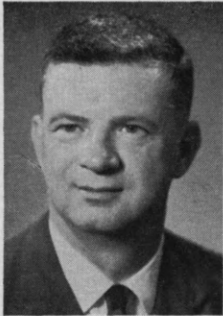
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- Schiff und Strom.* Transpress VEB Verlag für Verkehrswesen, Französische Strasse 13/14, Berlin W8, Germany. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Monthly. 1,-DM per issue.
- Seeverkehr.* Transpress VEB Verlag für Verkehrswesen, Französische Strasse 13/14, Berlin W8, Germany. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Monthly. 2,-DM per issue.
- Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME. Journal.* Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME, 6300 North Central Expressway, Dallas 6, Tex. v. 1, no. 1, March 1961. Quarterly. \$15.00 (\$5.00 to public libraries)
- Stamp World.* Stamp World, Inc., P. O. Box 89, Brooklyn 36, N. Y. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Monthly. \$5.00.
- Steamboats and Modern Steam Launches.* Howell-North Books, 1050 Parker Street, Berkeley 10, Calif. v. 1, no. 1, January/February 1961. Bimonthly. \$3.00.
- Studi Internazionali di Economia Finanziaria.* Edizione Lessona, Via L. Spallanzani, 15, Rome, Italy. 1-2, January-February 1961. Frequency not given. \$12.50.
- Training Research Abstracts.* American Society of Training Directors, 2020 University Avenue, Madison 5, Wis. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Frequency not given. \$2.00 per issue.
- Transfusion.* J. B. Lippincott Company, Publication Office, East Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa. v. 1, no. 1, January/February 1961. Bimonthly. \$8.00.
- Union of International Associations. Bibliographie Courante des Documents, Comptes Rendus et Actes des Réunions Internationales.* Palais d'Egmont, Brussels 1, Belgium. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Monthly. \$3.00.
- The Urbanite.* The Urbanite Publishing Co., Inc., 147 East 50th Street, New York 22, N. Y. v. 1, no. 1, March 1961. Monthly. \$3.50.
- Watersport.* Watersport, 159 Praed Street, London W.2 v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Monthly. 2s. per issue.
- Wisconsin Continuing Legal Education.* Callaghan & Company, 165 North Archer Avenue, Mundelein, Ill. v. 1, no. 1, January 1961. Quarterly. \$20.00.



# Personnel

RICHARD HARWELL became librarian of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. on September 1, 1961, a position once held by another man of noted literary abilities, the American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. After a period of more than four years at ALA Headquarters, Harwell has left to resume working in a library. Happily for Bowdoin College, this genial gentleman from Georgia has elected to go there. His talents for achieving visibility in a library situation and bringing developmental measures to bear are well known, and without doubt they will be applied vigorously and imaginatively in his present post.



Richard Harwell

Mr. Harwell has just completed with commendable distinction a fruitful period of service for ALA, whose Headquarters staff he joined in 1957 when he succeeded Arthur T. Hamlin, now librarian of the University of Cincinnati, as Executive Secretary of ACRL after a brief time between the two appointments during which Samray Smith, Editor of the *ALA Bulletin*, served ably as interim executive secretary. In just and timely recognition of his skill and effectiveness in working at Headquarters and with the ACRL membership, Mr. Harwell was handed an additional hat to wear in 1958 which bore the label of Associate Executive Director of ALA, thus greatly expanding the scope of his activities and responsibilities. In this latter capacity he acted for a time as interim executive secretary of the Library Administration Division and of the Reference Services Division.

Graduating from Emory University, Atlanta, in 1937, Mr. Harwell stayed on another year in order to complete that institution's course in Library Science. Following this training he accepted an appointment at Duke University as Assistant to the Director

of the George Washington Flowers Memorial Collection of Southern Americana. In 1940 his Alma Mater called him back to work with special collections in the Library, especially with the organization of the Keith M. Read Confederate Collection. His activities at Duke and Emory turned his avocational interests in a direction which has since won for him widespread recognition as an author, reviewer, and collector in the now popular field of Civil War literature.

The first of his two leaves of absence from Emory was for the purpose of serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II, when he commanded a minesweeper in the Western Pacific. After being separated in 1946 as lieutenant he returned to Emory to stay until he resigned in 1955 as assistant librarian. Prior to his resignation he was already on a leave of absence as executive secretary of the Georgia-Florida Committee for Planning Research Library Cooperation, a project which was continued under his direction as the Southeastern Interlibrary Research Facility. In this post he compiled *A Union List of Serial Holdings in Chemistry and Allied Fields* and *Research Resources in the Georgia-Florida Libraries of SIRF*. Immediately before moving to Chicago he was director of publications for the Virginia State Library, Richmond. Other activities in which Mr. Harwell has engaged include serving as bibliographical consultant to the Boston Athenaeum and to the University of Virginia and as a research fellow at the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif. Since 1953 he has also found time to be a consultant in archival problems to the Coca-Cola Company.

As an author, Mr. Harwell's record to date adds up to an astounding output of more than forty books and pamphlets, a prodigious effort which he has been able to accomplish with deceptive ease because of his subject knowledge and his ability to write rapidly and well. His first work, published in 1941, bore the title *Confederate Belles-Lettres*. This was followed by *Confederate Music* (1950) and by *Songs of the Confederacy* (1951). Two of his more recent works are the

anthologies *The Confederate Reader* (1957) and *The Union Reader* (1958), which were republished last year in a single volume as *The War They Fought*. Due for publication this September is a major effort, a one-volume condensation of Douglas Southall Freeman's four-volume *R. E. Lee, a Biography*. To various historical quarterlies, library journals, general magazines, and other serials, the indefatigable Mr. Harwell has contributed over two dozen articles and more than five hundred reviews in recent years. As an editor, his record is equally impressive. He has prepared new editions of a number of Civil War narratives (both Federal and Confederate) and of two colonial Virginia items, has been on the editorial board of *The Journal of Civil War History* since its inception, and has worked closely with the editing and production of *CRL* during his service at Headquarters.—*Robert W. Orr.*

NEAL R. HARLOW has taken up his new duties as dean of the Graduate School of Library Service at Rutgers, following a decade of distinguished service as librarian of the University of British Columbia. He brings a rich background of administrative experience, scholarly research, publication, and professional leadership to the deanship, which happily will also include teaching.



Neal R. Harlow

Following conferral of his bachelor's degree in 1932 at the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, Mr. Harlow moved to the Berkeley campus where he earned the graduate Certificate in Librarianship in 1933. A few years later, in 1949, he was awarded the advanced M.A. by the Berkeley School of Librarianship, a degree discontinued since the M.L.S.—Ph.D. programs were installed. Meanwhile he had entered the practice of librarianship and begun his research in western and California history, first as a member of the Bancroft Library staff and then as a senior librarian at the California State

Library. In 1945 Larry Powell induced Harlow to return to UCLA, first to take charge of the gifts and exchange division, then to organize and head the department of special collections in 1947 to 50, and finally to serve as assistant university librarian with responsibility throughout for planning the spectacular postwar library building expansion. As a university library building expert Harlow served as a consultant to the Riverside campus of the University of California, the University of Kansas, and UCLA, after he had moved to British Columbia. In these California years he edited the *California Library Bulletin* (1947-49), made a survey and proposed a plan for the conservation of California newspaper resources which was published as a report and then republished as an article, published articles on the Mexican period of California history as well as on California cartography, wrote introductions to books, contributed reviews and articles to professional journals, and served as consultant on map collections to the California State Library. His book, *Maps of San Francisco Bay from the Spanish Discovery in 1769 to the American Occupation*, published by the Grabhorns for the Book Club of California in 1950, is considered one of the most important and handsome products of a distinguished press. In Los Angeles Mr. Harlow participated enthusiastically in the affairs of the Rounce & Coffin Club as well as in the more sedate Zamorano Club and its scion the WFW Society.

As university librarian at British Columbia Neal Harlow, in the ten years following 1951, succeeded in acquiring notable new special research collections, enriching these and older ones, expanding the general collection to a volume count of notable size, introducing administrative improvements, establishing a library bindery, and planning to completion first a new book stack in 1957 and then an entire new building wing in 1961. His library and library friends publications immediately benefited from Harlow gifts and skill—lucid and polished prose, with a subtle touch of fun, presented typographically in sparkling good taste. In his published professional articles, Mr. Harlow has turned increasingly to bibliography, documentation, and library administration but without loss of freshness in viewpoint and sensitive interpretation, qualities nicely dis-

played in "Every Idle Silence," his inaugural address as president of the Canadian Library Association delivered at the 1960 joint CLA-ALA Conference in Montreal. Harlow served a three-year term as chairman of the board of managers of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center in 1954-57; for the past five years has been secretary of the projects committee of the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation; member, since 1958, of Canada's National Research Council Associate Committee on Scientific Information; member, since 1959, of the Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges Library Survey Committee. He is also a member of the AAUP, the Canadian Association of University Teachers, and the Canadian Bibliographical Society. During his residence in Canada, Mr. Harlow became more and more North American because with all his immersion in Canadian affairs he never forsook his interest in Mexican history, California librarianship, and the ALA. Among his ALA activities a few must be noted: Executive Board, 1959-63; Committee on Accreditation, 1959-63; International Relations Committee, 1960-62; Joint ALA/CLA Committee; ALA UNESCO Panel; Member-at-large of the ACRL Board of Directors; Representative of CLA on ALA Council; voting representative of the BCLA to ALA.

Rutgers' Ralph Shaw misses very little in library affairs, and apparently he noticed that in recent years Neal Harlow has taken a serious interest in the professional education of librarians. For five or six years Harlow has been a member of the Board of Certification for Professional Librarians, British Columbia Department of Education. It is generally known that he also provided much of the impetus behind the establishment of a new graduate library school at British Columbia, now opening under the directorship of Sam Rothstein, Harlow's former assistant university librarian. Although Harlow is modestly listed as an advisor in the *Report of the Special Committee on Library Education in British Columbia*; actually he was the Committee's domineering sire.

The record is sufficient recommendation; but Rutgers has also enlisted into the field of library education a man whose humanity matches his competence—truly international in his attitude, independent and critical in

his thinking, precise and articulate in speech or writing, warm and constant in friendships which span this continent south to north and west to east.—*Andrew H. Horn.*

WARREN S. OWENS has been appointed director of libraries at Temple University. For this appointment Temple has chosen a man who has a deep concern for humanistic values and has demonstrated a high degree of administrative talent. Mr. Owens received his A.B. from Kalamazoo College in 1943, his M.A. in English at the University of Chicago in 1947, and his A.M.L.S. at the University of Michigan in 1953. He



*Warren S. Owens*

taught English as a lecturer at Indiana University Calumet Center 1947-49 and was an instructor in English at the University of North Dakota, 1950-52. His library career has been entirely with The University of Michigan since 1952, where he has served successively as engineering librarian, personnel and budget officer, and as the chief divisional librarian responsible for the administration of more than 20 branch libraries. He has been active in the Michigan Library Association as a district chairman, chairman of the College Section, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and chairman of the Planning Committee. He has also been active in the Library Administration Division of the A.L.A.

During his years at The University of Michigan Library Mr. Owens has made an important contribution to the development of personnel policy, to fiscal management, and to the library's organization. His experience in improving several divisional library installations will stand him in good stead at Temple where his first concern will be with plans for a new library building. He brings to his new assignment an engaging personality, humor, a talent for diplomacy, a concern for staff welfare, and dedication to the work of librarianship. He will be greatly missed at The University of Michigan.—*Frederick H. Wagman.*

JIM GOVAN, the new librarian of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, is a tall, courteous, personable young man with wide



James F. Govan

interests and an incisive mind. Although he believes deeply in libraries he is capable of talking about them lightly. This will probably be good for recruitment.

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was lucky enough to grow up in a bookish family. Christine Noble Govan, his mother, is the author of short stories and of several children's books. She is also noted for her wit and warmth of personality. His father, Gilbert Govan, is librarian of the University of Chattanooga. Competent historians say that Mr. Govan has forgotten more than most people ever know. Judging by the comments of the exceptional young men whom he has influenced to become librarians he is a man of wide learning and rare understanding of the significance of books. Mr. Govan is an author and once served as associate editor of the *Sewanee Review*.

All of this warmth and bookishness is a part of Jim Govan. He has a keen sense of fun. His love of reading and of books is soundly rooted in human relations and in the communication between writers, readers and other readers which so widens our knowledge and deepens our sympathies.

His slow, almost lazy, humorous manner is belied by considerable energy. A graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, he pursued his doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins. In 1960 he received his Ph.D. in English History. Although his studies at the Emory University Division of Librarianship were interrupted by a period of service with the army in Korea, he received his M.A. in 1955. The "History of the Chattanooga Public Library", his thesis, reflects a continuing interest in history. Jim was one of those rare students who respond with pleasure to questions to which nobody now has answers, who weigh evidence, and push teachers to their limits.

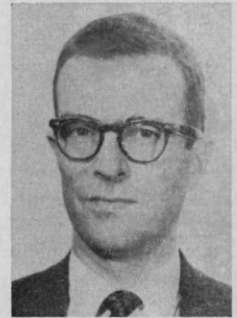
Since graduation he has completed his doctoral dissertation and served as head of the circulation department in the library of the University of Alabama.

He is married to the former Ann Bright of Chattanooga. They have four children. The Govan family will be a delightful addition to Trinity University and to San Antonio.

Jim will make a fine administrator. Bookish and technically competent, he cares about important things like people, book collections, knowledge and the free flow of ideas. His staff will function in the atmosphere of acceptance and appreciation of individuals which frees people to develop to their full potentialities. Working with him will be fun. —*Evaline P. Jackson.*

DAVID W. HERON. Early in its current period of revivification, the University of Nevada, at Reno, is fortunate to have acquired

David W. Heron as its director of libraries. Mr. Heron has come to Nevada from a year in Okinawa as special library adviser to the University of the Ryukyus, under the Michigan State University Advisory Group. He has been on leave from Stanford University. Mr. Heron has had a better than



David W. Heron

normal variety of experiences in university and special libraries in this country and abroad, in both staff and administrative capacities. In the years from 1955 to 1960 he held posts at Stanford, most recently as assistant director of libraries, and earlier as acting associate director and special assistant to the director, and for a year he was associate librarian of the Hoover Institution. He had left UCLA in 1955, following six years in the University Library there, to assist Stanford's director of libraries Raynard Swank during the absence of assistant director Elmer Grieder. UCLA had 'lent' him to Stanford for two years, but the loan developed into a more extended period of fruitful service to the Stanford libraries.

In employing such an uncommon device as 'lending' a staff member to another uni-



versity, Librarian Powell of UCLA was making clear his desire to have the man back. He suspected that Mr. Heron's abilities would be as quickly recognized there as they had been in Los Angeles. They were.

After receiving his B.L.S. from the School of Librarianship of the University of California, in 1948, Mr. Heron joined the Reference Department of the UCLA Library, and served there until 1951. He was the librarian in charge of the Periodicals Room for a year. In 1951-52 he was the librarian of the American Embassy in Tokyo. He returned to UCLA and served for a year as special projects librarian and for a year as librarian of the Graduate Reading Room.

Mr. Heron is a native of Los Angeles, received his B.A. from Pomona College in English, in 1942, and his M.A. from UCLA in Political Science, in 1951. He was an officer in the Infantry in World War II.

In seeking the reasons for David Heron's being 'wanted' by both UCLA and Stanford, his remarkably agreeable and personable nature, his readiness to understand others' viewpoints, his deceptively quiet energy, and his downright efficiency of action all come to mind. To those who have worked most closely with him, though, it is his knack for giving a problem (or perhaps a mere fact of life) a sly and irreverent gaze, which betrays an unwillingness to be beaten or depressed by it. Solemn mysteries of librarianship and documentation have failed to awe him. Once he wrote that "The tidal wave of a new science is sweeping over and around the old library, and bits of foam and small floating generic concepts are apt to stick to its technical processes and catch on its service points. The library's books, bulky and buoyant, may

well be washed out to sea, and if they are, librarians had better be prepared to explain to their constituents what happened to them." Such were his introductory words in commenting on a new publication on documentation.

Mr. Heron is equally as gentle and patient with people as with processes and problems, and may seem therefore to be insufficiently demanding. Be that as it may, people *like* to perform well for him, and he has a good many friends in quite a number of libraries who will attest to that.—*Everett T. Moore*

ASA STEPHEN PICKETT is the new librarian at Sonoma State College.

Mr. Pickett has been associated with the San Francisco State College for the past seven years where he was acquisition librarian and later administrative assistant to the librarian. For the past five years his duties have included supervisory duties of the Santa Rosa Center of San Francisco College. He is a graduate of the University of California in Berkeley where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Library Science degrees.

Prior to his work in the San Francisco State College library Mr. Pickett had a number of years of experience with wholesale book dealers and in the publishing and printing business. He has served on various committees of ALA and of the California Library Association. He has been a frequent contributor to library and educational journals both here and abroad. He is a member of the California Historical Society, American Association of University Professors, California State Employees Association, and Association of State College Professors and is an associate editor of *Union Review*.

## Appointments

LESTER ASHEIM, dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, has been appointed director of the ALA International Relations Office.

HENRY BIRNBAUM is chief librarian of Pace College, New York City.

CYNTHIA BURHANS, assistant humanities librarian, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., is now a cataloger at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

W. ROYCE BUTLER, formerly head of the order department, Honnold Library, Claremont, California, is now chief, acquisitions division, Boston University Libraries.

SHIRLEY SHUEH LAU CHEN is assistant librarian in the central serial record department, Cornell University.

ARTHUR C. FLANDREAU is the librarian of Concord College, Athens, W. Va.

DONALD FOSTER is an assistant in the catalog department, University of Illinois, Urbana.

FRED W. HANES, director of libraries at Indiana State College, Terre Haute, Ind., has received a faculty appointment with Indiana University, in contract with I. C. A., at the University of Punjab, Lahore, West Pakistan.

MARGARET HARPER is serials cataloger, Boston University Libraries.

WALTER HAUSDORFER, formerly librarian, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., is now library advisor and professor of bibliography.

MORRISON HAVILAND, formerly director of libraries, University of Vermont, is now chief of reader services, Air University Library, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

MARY DARRAH HERRICK, formerly assistant librarian, Cheney Library, Boston University, is now assistant director for technical services, Boston University Libraries.

CARL W. HINTZ, university librarian, University of Oregon, Eugene, will serve as Fulbright lecturer-consultant in library science at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India from September 1 to December 31, 1961.

ELIZABETH HOFAS is documents assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana.

HSIEN-FENG HSIEH is serials department assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana.

JOHN KENNEDY is commerce and sociology library assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana.

DAVID J. LEE, formerly assistant in the social sciences division, University of Georgia Library, is now assistant serials librarian, University of South Florida, Tampa.

VLADIMIR MICUDA is assistant librarian in the catalog and reference division, Mann Library, Cornell University.

OSCAR J. MILLER, formerly circulation librarian at the University of Michigan Law Library, is now associate librarian in charge of circulation and reference, Cornell University Law Library.

ROBERT JOHN OLSON, formerly assistant reference librarian, Yale University, is now head of the order department.

GEORGE J. RAUSCH is acquisitions assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana.

MRS. VIRGINIA HAFNER REID is assistant reference librarian, Cornell University.

RETA RIDINGS, formerly assistant librarian, Vassar College, is now assistant librarian, The Colorado College, Colorado Springs.

MRS. ELIZABETH RODELL, formerly head of the catalog department, Rice University, is now executive secretary of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the ALA.

MRS. HELEN SCHMIDT, formerly assistant director of MILC, is now executive secretary of the Medical Library Association.

DOROTHY M. SCHULLIAN, formerly chief of the history of medicine division, National Library of Medicine in Cleveland, will become curator of the history of science collections, Cornell University Libraries in October.

JOAN SHINEW, formerly reference librarian, The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, is now assistant librarian for research and service.

ERIC SIMMS is assistant catalog librarian, Industrial and Labor Relations Library, Cornell University, where he will be a part of the ICA Chilean program of Cornell and the University of Chile.

DONALD T. SMITH, formerly administrative assistant to the director of libraries, Boston University, is now assistant director for reader services.

IRMA SMITH is assistant librarian in the acquisitions division, Mann Library, Cornell University.

BETTY STEINMAN, formerly assistant cataloger at the Evanston Public Library, Ill., has been appointed cataloger at the University of Dubuque College Library, Dubuque, Iowa.

YUKIHISA SUZUKI, formerly a staff member of the East Asiatic Library, University of California, Berkeley, is now head of the Asia Library, University of Michigan.

MORTIMER TAUBE has been elected chairman of the board and chief scientific advisor of Documentation Incorporated, Washington, D. C.

ROBERT L. UNDERBRINK, formerly a staff member of the reference and acquisitions department, University of Iowa Library, is now order librarian, University of South Florida, Tampa.

IRVING A. VERSCHOOR, formerly director of the library extension division in the New York State Education Department, is now director of education (librarianship), State University of New York, College of Education, Albany.

SIMONE VINCEN is a staff member of the rare book department, Cornell University.

LOUISE WARD, formerly a staff member of the reference department, Emory University

Library, is now serials librarian, University of South Florida, Tampa.

RUTH E. WINN, formerly assistant engineering librarian, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now librarian, acquisitions division, Boston University.

FLORENCE YOUNG is acquisitions librarian, Moon Memorial Library, State University of New York College of Forestry, Syracuse University.

## Retirements

LOUISE O. BERCAW, assistant director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library, retired June 30, 1961 after thirty-seven years of service in the Department.

MARIAN A. BROOKS, assistant head in charge of cataloging documents in the English language section, Library of Congress, retired May 31, 1961 after forty-two years of service.

MRS. GERTRUDE CRANE, assistant librarian in charge of reference, Moon Memorial Library, State University of New York College of Forestry, Syracuse University, retired June 1, 1961.

ANNE BANKS CRIDLEBAUGH, librarian, Montclair (New Jersey) State College, re-

tired in June 1961 after thirty-two years of service.

ORA PETERS, librarian of Concord College, Athens, W. Va., retired July 1 after forty-one years of library service to Concord College.

MILES O. PRICE, law librarian and professor emeritus of law, Columbia University, retired June 30, 1961, after almost thirty-two years of service to the University.

ALTHA M. TERRY, head of the cataloging department, Columbia University Libraries, retired June 30, 1961, completing forty-five years of service to the University.

MRS. FRANCES VROMAN WILKINS, librarian of Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y., retired this summer after serving since 1944.

## Necrology

MRS. MARIE SMART ALFONSO, former member of the staffs of the University of Washington Library and the School of Librarianship, Seattle, Wash., died June 26.

LEO P. LINK, a staff member of the acquisitions department, University of Wisconsin, until his retirement in 1956, died May 19.

MARGARET L. POTTER, assistant librarian

emerita, Lane Medical Library, Stanford University, died May 23.

HELEN LAWRENCE SCANLON, assistant librarian of the Joint Library of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, died June 9.

ERNEST A. THOMAS, head librarian of Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn., died this summer.

## Foreign Libraries

GODFREY RUPERT CARLESS DAVIS is deputy keeper of the department of manuscripts, British Museum.

P. HAVARD-WILLIAMS, formerly deputy librarian, Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, England, is now librarian, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

BERTRAM SCHOFIELD, keeper of the department of manuscripts, British Museum, retired April 7, 1961.

THEODORE CRESSY SKEAT, formerly deputy keeper of the department of manuscripts, British Museum, is now keeper of the department.

# ACRL Grants Program, 1961-62

Another renewal of the U. S. Steel Foundation's gift to ACRL to support the ACRL Grants Program has been made for use this fall. Not only does this gift of \$35,000 (plus the possibility of \$5,000 or more in matching funds) make a renewal of the program possible, it also demonstrates in the most effective way possible the faith of the Foundation in the value of the ACRL program. The program also has additional, smaller, contributions from the following firms: The McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, The Microcard Foundation, Micro Photo, Inc., The National Biscuit Company, The Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Pitney-Bowes, Inc., The Reader's Digest, and Time, Inc. At least \$45,000 is assured for distribution in grants this fall and it is hoped that this total still may be increased.

Application forms will be sent in September to the librarians of all institutions eligible in the program—the libraries of privately supported universities and four-year colleges. In addition to the renewal of grants to institutions, there will be also a renewal of distribution by the committee of grants for individual research projects in librarianship or in bibliography. The contributions from The Microcard Foundation and Micro Photo, Inc. will be used specifically for this purpose. The 1961/62 Grants Program will operate in the same manner as the program in previous years. Applications will be due in the ACRL office not later than October 18. They will then be processed and copies of each application distributed to all members of the ACRL Grants Committee. The com-

mittee members will review the applications individually and will then meet in Ithaca, New York, November 26 and 27, to determine actual distribution of the grants in this year's program. Announcement of their decisions will be made in the January 1962 *CRL*. Richard W. Morin, Librarian of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, is Chairman of the committee for 1961/62. Other members are: Edward C. Heintz, Librarian, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; Flora B. Ludington, Librarian, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.; Giles F. Shepherd, Jr., Assistant Director of Libraries, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Richard Harwell, Librarian, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.; David Kaser, Director, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn.; Ralph E. Ellsworth, Director of Libraries, University of Colorado, Boulder (ex officio); and Mark M. Gormley, ACRL Executive Secretary, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago (ex officio). Humphrey G. Bousfield, a member of the committee from its inception will continue to work with it as a consultant.

In commenting on the grants program for this year, President Ellsworth says, "I look forward to the opportunity of working with this committee. The usefulness of the ACRL Grants Program has been demonstrated many times in each year of its operation. This is one of ACRL's most direct activities in assuaging the needs of college libraries. I believe we have an exceptionally good committee this year and I am sure the high standards already established in distributing the grants will be maintained by this group."

"Authors' papers—integrated personal archives—are a type of collection, already not uncommon, which may be expected to multiply as the importance of preserving such collections becomes more evident to authors and librarians alike. When the researcher considers that these materials exist sometimes not in terms of folders or boxes but of paper-masses to be measured literally by the ton, he comes to realize more keenly that the process by which he arrives at what he is seeking may well be indescribable blending of science, art, intuition, literary woodcraft, and pure luck. The trail he follows will show at best only an occasional blaze."—From the "Introduction," *American Literary Manuscripts*, Austin, Tex.: University of Texas, [1960].



# ACRL Board at Cleveland

## BRIEF OF MINUTES

July 12

Present: President Edmon Low, Vice President Ralph Ellsworth; directors-at-large, Flora B. Ludington, Lucile M. Morsch; directors representing sections, Ralph H. Hopp, Laurence E. Tomlinson; directors on ALA Council, John F. Harvey, Elizabeth O. Stone, Ralph H. Hopp; chairmen of sections, George S. Bonn, Catherine Cardew, Ralph W. McComb, Donald E. Thompson, Fritz Veit; vice chairmen of sections, Mrs. Frances J. Brewer, Helen Wahoski, James O. Wallace; ACRL Executive Secretary Richard Harwell; committee chairmen and guests, Germaine Krettek, Katharine M. Stokes, Lewis C. Branscomb, Jack E. Brown, Mark M. Gormley (Executive Secretary Designate), John C. Rather, James H. Richards, Melvin J. Voigt, Lorena A. Garloch.

Immediately on convening the first session of the ACRL Board of Directors at ALA's Cleveland Conference, President Low introduced Mr. Gormley, Executive Secretary Designate, who will succeed Mr. Harwell as Executive Secretary in September. He also introduced Miss Stokes as the next Vice President and President-Elect of the division.

The minutes were approved as published in the March issue of *CRL*. Mr. Voigt reported on the 1961 ACRL elections for the division and for each of its sections. The election results have been published in the July issue of *CRL*.

Mr. Rather, college and research specialist of the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education, reported concisely and informatively on the results of the first year's collection of college and university library statistics by that office. He reported that the summary analysis of the statistics which were published earlier in the year has been completed but that its publication has been delayed because of production schedules. He said that he expected copies of it to be available for distribution by the last week in July. The figures available for this analysis represented 95 per cent of the totals possible and were extended by statistical experts in

Washington to 100 per cent. A full analytical report on the 1959/60 statistics will be published later in the year. A question was raised concerning the coverage of salaries in the current statistics and Mr. Rather demonstrated by his answer that this coverage has been considerably broadened despite the fact that statistics were not published for a few college and university libraries which had permitted their publication in the past. Plans are already under way for the collection of the statistics for the next annual volume. The Library Services Branch, he says, will do everything possible to speed up the schedule of reporting and will aim at the second week in January for publication of the basic statistics.

Miss Krettek, director of ALA's Washington Office, reported fully concerning the legislation in the current Congress of special interest to college and university librarians. This legislation includes grants or loans for buildings, extension of the National Defense Education Act to include a title relating to college and university libraries, and other matters of concern to college and university libraries. She commented, "One of the most interesting developments in this Congress is its interest in libraries." President Low, who has worked closely with Miss Krettek in promoting legislation to benefit college and university libraries, added a few comments about her fine work and about the current status of legislation. While neither Miss Krettek nor Mr. Low is overoptimistic that the proposed legislation will pass in this session of Congress, their remarks seemed to encourage a belief that such legislation is well on its way within the foreseeable future.

Mr. Branscomb reported to the Board as ACRL's representative to ALA's Program Evaluation and Budget Committee. He reported that there had been cuts in the budget requested by ACRL but that he felt that our program would not be materially hurt by these cuts and showed by the adduction of portions of the ALA budget how the division stood in relation to other divisions

and other activities of ALA. Mr. Harwell followed his remarks with an expression of thanks for the excellent work Mr. Branscomb had done as our PEBCO representative and with a few additional remarks about the feasibility of working with the budget as it stands after revision. Miss Ludington called the attention of the Board to the fact that the present workings of PEBCO are a great improvement over the other methods of budgeting within ALA previously. Considerable discussion of specific points followed with participation by Miss Morsch, Mr. Branscomb, Mr. Low, Miss Stokes, Mr. Harwell, Mrs. Brewer, and Mr. McComb.

Mrs. Brewer reported most enthusiastically about the success of the Rare Books Conference at Oberlin, Ohio, which preceded the ALA Conference. She noted that the group had adopted a statement of policy regarding appraisals (this statement has been published in the *Antiquarian Bookman* XXVIII, 1961, p. 363). She commented that the long awaited rare books manual will definitely be completed this year. She called the attention of the Board to the *World Book Encyclopedia* goals award and expressed the hope that a project could be submitted through ACRL by the Rare Books Section which might compile a directory of special collections under the terms of this award. She noted also that the section had set up a committee to compile a directory of rare-book librarians. Mr. Herbert T. F. Cahoon will serve as chairman of this committee. She reported the plans of the Rare Books Section for a preconference meeting at Miami Beach next year on book illustration and invited the members of the Board to be there as participants in the meeting.

Mr. Thompson inquired into the progress toward the development of a project for a book selection tool which would replace the Shaw list. Mr. Harwell reported on the meeting called at the end of Midwinter by Mr. Verner Clapp and on further conversations with Mr. Clapp and with Mr. Robert Jordan also of the Council on Library Resources. Formulation of a workable budget for this project is holding up definite action on it, but Mr. Harwell was optimistic in expressing his belief that a proposal would be acted upon within the next few months. Discussion of this proposal raised the question of the place of materials selection within

ALA's structure and several members of the Board commented on the necessity of expressing in Council ACRL's firm and considerable interest in this area of librarianship.

July 14

Present: President Edmon Low, Vice President Ralph Ellsworth; directors-at-large, Neal Harlow, Flora B. Ludington, Lucile M. Morsch; directors representing sections, Ralph H. Hopp; directors on ALA Council, John F. Harvey, Elizabeth O. Stone, Ralph H. Hopp; chairman of sections, George S. Bonn, Ralph W. McComb, Virginia Clark (for Catherine Cardew); vice chairmen of sections, James O. Wallace, Helen Wahoski; ACRL Executive Secretary Richard Harwell; committee chairmen and guests, Lorena A. Garloch, Mark M. Gormley (Executive Secretary Designate), Felix E. Hirsch, Jack E. Brown, Katharine M. Stokes.

President-Elect Ellsworth called attention to the record of his committee appointments as published in the July issue of *CRL* and noted that any additional appointments would be similarly reported to the membership. He commented that for our Midwinter board meetings he would request formal, written reports from the various committees and sections well prior to the meeting so that as much free time as possible for discussion of major problems could be left for the Board.

Mr. Bonn reported for the Subject Specialists Section, presenting to the Board a petition for the formation of an Agriculture and Biological Sciences Subsection which had been approved by the Executive Committee of the Subject Specialists Section on July 12. With the petition for its approval by the ACRL Board was submitted the subsection's bylaws. Mr. Bonn raised the question of the place of subsections in ALA's organizational structure, commenting that the establishment of a History Section in the Reference Services Division legitimately reraises the whole question of the place of the subject specialists in ALA. Miss Morsch commented on the undesirability of type-of-activity division as a location for this type of unit because the subject specialist librarians are not necessarily limited in their interests or their work to reference services. It was noted that this question raises once again

the whole point of a third type of division to accommodate people with special subject interests. Both Mr. Harwell and Mr. Bonn commented on the background of the establishment of the Subject Specialists Section and its subsections. Mr. Harwell noted that ACRL would undoubtedly continue to be hospitable to the subject specialists and mentioned the possibility of the expansion of the subsections into sections as their membership becomes large enough to warrant such action. Mr. Harlow recommended that the present situation be reported to ALA's Committee on Organization, and Miss Morsch suggested that it might be possible for the chairman of the Subject Specialists Section or the President of ACRL to meet with COO to discuss this question. She moved that the ALA Committee on Organization reconsider the scope of the various divisions now establishing sections or subsections to meet the interests of subject specialists. The motion was passed. Mr. Harwell noted that the petition of the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Subsection met all of the requirements of the division's constitution and bylaws and read from the subsection bylaws its statement of object. Mr. Hopp moved that the petition for the establishment of the subsection and its bylaws be approved. The motion passed.

On the request of President Low, Mr. Harwell reported briefly that work on the preparation of a project for a renewal of the Shaw list continues and should be speeded by the reassignment of ALA to the divisions of the materials selection function. He reported that the Metcalf project for a definitive volume concerning college and university library buildings proceeds well and that chapters from the proposed book are being published in *CRL*. He reported at somewhat more length on the Burmese projects and his recent visit to the libraries working under these projects, the Library of the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of Rangoon and the University of Mandalay Library. He commented that he was favorably impressed with the progress of both projects and that he had recommended to the Advisory Committee To Administer the Burmese Projects that work begin immediately in formulating a proposal for the extension of them.

The committee reports were received as

duplicated for the use of the Board with additional comments by representatives of some of the committees. Miss Garloch reported a successful luncheon meeting of her Advisory Committee on Cooperation with Educational and Professional Organizations. Mr. Harwell reported on the funds available for distribution by the Grants Committee at its meeting in Ithaca, N. Y., November 26 and 27, noting that applications would be mailed to all eligible colleges in September. There followed some discussion of the grants by Miss Ludington, Mr. Harlow, and Mr. Low. Mr. Harlow questioned the efficacy of grants of minimal amounts. Miss Ludington commented that she hoped there would be more and better requests for support of research projects. It was assured that these comments would be reported to the committee and considered by it. Mr. Gormley read the report of the Publications Committee and it was agreed that applicable portions of it would be referred to the Committee on Organization for study.

The reports of editors were accepted as received, as were the reports of the several section chairmen. To his report Mr. McComb added a statement that the University Libraries Section's Committee on Research and Development is undertaking to determine and support soundly designed research projects and is considering the possibility of an award in this area of activity. Mr. Ellsworth raised the question how putative expansion of the Association of Research Libraries might affect the activities of ACRL's University Libraries Section. Mr. Wallace commented that the Junior College Libraries Section was moving towards work with regional organizations, towards more committee work, and especially towards cooperation with the American Association of Junior Colleges in promoting an understanding of the *ALA Standards for Junior College Libraries*.

Mr. Ellsworth spoke briefly on the problems of a national association and commented that his conclusions on this subject in a recent speech at the University of Chicago were in favor of a federation of strong, autonomous organizations.

Before passing the gavel of ACRL to its new President, Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Low called on Mr. Harwell, who is relinquishing his work with ACRL to become Librarian at

Bowdoin College. Mr. Harwell made the following remarks: "I should simply like to thank you as representatives of all of ACRL for the privilege and pleasure, and even the perplexities, of working with you. I have enjoyed it, really. I think I've enjoyed it most because Elaine Mitchell has been here as

secretary. You'd be much worse off if she were leaving instead of me. Most of us are old enough to remember 1936, but I can assure you that Maine is not really a foreign country and I will still be part of ACRL. But it's a real pleasure at this point to welcome Mark Gormley formally to this job."

## Centralization and Decentralization

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to have centralized technical services and decentralized public services, and even decentralized administration. This approximates Boston University's current situation. Or it is possible to have central administration with decentralized technical and public services.

3. The determining factor in whether a library organization shall be centralized or decentralized should be the extent of *service* that is feasible.

Until very recently the administration of the Boston University libraries has been completely decentralized. The first centralization of administration came on July 1, 1959 when the budgets of four libraries came directly under the aegis of the director of libraries. I might emphasize that you do not have administrative control unless you have budgetary control. Without budgetary control you have administrative control in name only. Yet in spite of this lack of administrative centralization there existed limited centralization in technical services. The main Library as a service agency ordered and cataloged for five other libraries.

The timetable of development at Boston University seems to be for complete administrative centralization fairly soon, gradually increased centralization of technical services until complete, or al-

most complete, centralization results, and a system of decentralized public services and collections until the new central building is constructed. Into the central building will be assimilated most of the present scattered collections.

If, as I have said, the determining principle, as to whether or not a library organization shall be centralized or decentralized, should be the extent of service that is feasible, then why has Boston University chosen almost complete centralization in all aspects of library service?

The answer is easy. The type of library service that would be most desirable would be for each student and faculty member to have his own complete, personal library. It might be practical, but not feasible. Why not? Because of the limitation placed on this solution by the amount of money available to implement it. The limitation placed on implementation of solutions by the amount of money available approaches the equivalency of a scientific constant: the more money—the more service. Boston University has limited resources; therefore, it must have limited library services. It cannot afford the luxury of excessive decentralization. It must choose between decentralized mediocrity and centralized excellence. It has chosen the latter and in time shall achieve it.—*Donald T. Smith.*



# ACRL at Cleveland

ACRL's more than seven thousand members were well represented among the 4,757 people attending ALA's Cleveland Conference July 9-16. Not only were the activities of college and university librarians apparent in the programs and committee meetings of the division; the influence of ACRL's membership was notable through the participation of its members in the work of many of the other divisions, committees, and round tables of ALA, particularly in the activities of the Library Administration Division, the Reference Services Division, and the Resources and Technical Services Division.

In a succinct and informative report to the ALA Council retiring President Edmon Low commented on the division's activities during the past year. He noted with especial pleasure the gifts from the United States Steel Foundation and other corporations which will enable the continuation of ACRL's Grants Program this fall. New contributors to this year's program are the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and the Reader's Digest. He commented briefly on the satisfactory progress of the library projects under the advisory direction of the division at the University of Rangoon and at the University of Mandalay. He praised the continued success of ACRL's publishing program, commenting on *CRL* as "an outstanding expression of scholarly librarianship."

During the year President Low has been most active in furthering the proposals for Federal aid to college and university libraries which were authorized by the ACRL Board of Directors at the ALA Conference in Montreal last year. Concerning his work in this field of activity he said: "A major activity of ACRL during the past year has been the promotion of Federal legislation for grants-in-aid to college and university libraries for the acquisition of books and periodicals. This activity has effectively demonstrated the division's ability to work to good purpose through the reorganized ALA. It was sponsored by ALA and has been carried on through the Federal Relations Committee of LAD, aided by Miss Krettek, director of ALA's Washington office. The proposal is now pending in Congress as an amendment

to the National Defense Education Act, and indications at this time are that it may well receive Congressional approval. I am pleased to report that in this effort we found the highest regard among House and Senate members for ALA as a whole and the purpose for which it stands. Their pride in its achievements, which they have helped to make possible through the present Library Services Act, was evident in almost every conversation."

President-Elect Ralph Ellsworth was the principal speaker at ACRL's membership meeting. In a sound, scholarly, and yet engaging, presentation Mr. Ellsworth discussed "The Quest for Quality in Higher Education in America." He emphasized the dignity of scholarly endeavor and the necessity that there be no relaxation in our efforts to achieve ever higher standards of American university education.

In the portion of the membership meeting devoted to division business James H. Richards, Librarian of Carleton College and chairman of ACRL's Committee on Organization, read changes on the ACRL constitution and bylaws which had been prepared in order to eliminate a few remaining conflicts with the ALA constitution. The changes were approved without dissent. Those in the bylaws became effective immediately. The constitutional changes will require a second vote of approval before they can be effected.

The Subject Specialists Section approved the establishment of an Agriculture and Biological Sciences Subsection. This section's approval was confirmed by subsequent action of the ACRL Board of Directors. The new subsection held an organizational meeting during Conference. Activities of the Art Subsection included a general discussion of "Art Librarianship in a Changing World," a talk on "Cleveland Water Colors and Enamels" by Russell A. Hehr of the Cleveland Public Library, a tour to the Mather estate on Lake Erie and a talk there by LeRoy Flint of the Akron Art Institute, and a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art. The Law and Political Science Subsection held its annual meeting, and members of the section participated in a tour of Cleveland's museums, and a trip to Novelty, Ohio, to see the

geodesic dome built for the offices of the American Metals Society. The membership committee of the Subject Specialists Section is working on putting on Keysort cards a list of subject interests indicated by members of the section as their specialities, and a report on the satisfactory progress of this project was made to the executive board of the section.

A preconference meeting was held at Oberlin, Ohio, July 6-8 by the Rare Books Section. It was widely acclaimed as a delightful gathering. Principal speakers at the Rare Books Conference were Frederick G. Kilgour, librarian of the Yale Medical Library; Walter Muir Whitehill, director and librarian of the Boston Athenaeum; and Richard E. Banta, bookseller of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Other participants in the several programs at Oberlin included H. Richard Archer, John Cook Wyllie, Herbert T. F. Cahoon, Ellen Shaffer, Herman W. Liebert, J. Terry Bender, Howard H. Peckham, David Randall, Robert O. Dougan, Irvin Kerlan, James Wells, Hellmut Lehmann-Haupt, Harold W. Tribolet, and Carolyn Horton. The theme of the meetings was "Basic Care of Rare Books and Manuscripts." Attendance was approximately 150.

The Rare Books Section adopted as an official position "A Statement of Recommended Library Policy Regarding Appraisals." Mr. Archer reported on progress in the preparation of a rare-book manual, and publication of the manual within the coming year seems assured. Mr. Cahoon was named chairman of a committee to prepare a directory of rare-book librarians. The section plans a third preconference meeting in conjunction with ALA's Miami Beach Conference in 1962. It is expected that its meetings will be scheduled on the campus of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., June 14-16. The theme of the 1962 meetings will be "Book Illustration."

The College Libraries Section held an all-day meeting on the campus of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, on Friday of conference week. After tours of the new library of Baldwin-Wallace in the morning the group broke into smaller units for afternoon sessions dealing with problems relating to periodicals. Discussion leaders were John P. Allen, Martha Biggs, Lois E. Engleman, Clyde L. Haselden, Celia Hauck, Edward C.

Heintz, Mrs. Marjorie C. Keenleyside, James Krikelas, Robert Lightfoot, Eli Oboler, Luella R. Pollock, Elspeth Pope, Donald Rod, and Katharine Stokes.

Plans for increased activity on the part of the Junior College Libraries Section were formulated at its business meeting. The plans call for a wider program of committee work and for closer relations with other organizations concerned with the problems of junior colleges. The section sent a message to Governor Michael Di Salle congratulating him on the passage of the Ohio legislature which will permit the establishment in that state of a system of public supported, two-year community colleges. To Mr. William T. Shannon of the American Association of Junior Colleges it sent a message reading in part: "As members of the only other national organization devoted exclusively to junior college education, we are ready to work in any and every possible way with your organization. We are aware of the need for closer liaison between the two organizations just as we are aware of our dual responsibilities as junior college educators and as members of the library profession." At their program meeting the junior college librarians heard Mrs. Patricia B. Knapp of the Monteith College Library of Wayne State University, Detroit, talk on "Correlation of Library Services and Facilities with Faculty Assignments and Projects."

Philip Lewis, director of the Bureau of Instruction Materials of the Board of Education of Chicago, was the principal speaker at the program meeting of the Teacher Education Libraries Section. His subject was "Teaching Machines and Their Implication for the Academic Library." Discussants of his paper were Marion Grady of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind., and Ralph McCoy of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

An especially lively program, planned by the Urban University Libraries Committee, was the feature of the activities of the University Libraries Section. The topic, "The Challenge of Urban University Libraries," was presented in well-received talks by Howard Hamill of the Los Angeles Public Library, Richard Logsdon of the Columbia University Library, and William Birenbaum, assistant vice-president of Wayne State University.