

News From the Field

ACQUISITIONS

• The UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S Curtis Theatre Collection has received a major gift in the papers of the late Thomas and Elmer Kenyon, who were long associated with Pittsburgh and national theatre. For many years Thomas Kenyon, 1891-1973, managed Pittsburgh's Kenyon and Pitt Theatres, both founded by his father. His brother, Elmer Kenyon, 1886-1949, was president of the Pittsburgh Drama League for seven years, headed Carnegie Tech's Drama Department from 1931 to 1936, and then resumed a previous association with the New York Theatre Guild that lasted until his retirement in 1947.

The bulk of the Kenyon materials spans four decades from 1910-1950. The collection includes Kenyon Theatre ledgers, 1910-1919, Thomas Kenyon's notebook evaluation of vaudeville acts, his record of receipts at the Pitt Theatre, and a typescript copy with notes of his brief history of the Pitt Theatre, 1912-1932. Elmer Kenyon's typescripts include press stories which he prepared for national Theatre Guild touring productions, with related notes, programs, and correspondence. His scrapbooks cover the period from 1916 to 1936. Innumerable loose clippings are on every aspect of the theatre, with considerable material on Pittsburgh. Miscellaneous programs date from an 1824 London production of King Lear, and include a complete set of Kenyon Theatre programs, 1915-1919.

The records and letters in the Kenyon Collection reveal the business side of the theatre, its problems of management, and promotion. Many letters from theatrical notables are among the brothers' personal and business correspondence. There are, for example, nine from Minnie Maddern Fiske dating from 1924 to 1930, as well as many from Maurice Evans, Lucille La Verne, Helen Hayes, and others, with a large group of letters of condolence on Elmer Kenyon's death.

The Curtis Collection is indebted to Professor Stanley Goodman who donated the theater materials bequeathed to him.

• The library of The WESTERN COLLEGE, in Oxford, Ohio, has now made available for use its 1970 acquisition of the library of Louise Bogan, member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, winner of the Bollingen Prize, the Brandeis, and Academy of American Poets awards, etc. Miss Bogan had published poetry and reviews since 1923, and had written

the "Verse" column for *The New Yorker* from 1931 to 1968.

The collection, which she described as "the working library of a poet and critic," contains more than two thousand volumes, primarily of twentieth century poetry and criticism published in America, England, France, and Germany. There are particularly strong holdings in Pound, Eliot, Auden, Yeats, Rilke, Ivan Goll, Ernst Jünger, Viola Meynell, and Henry James.

Many of the volumes are autographed, many inscribed, many underlined or annotated by Miss Bogan as preliminary to writing a critical piece on the book. Among the rarer individual items are *Alcestis*, Cuala, Cummington, and *Black Sun Press* editions and eight inscribed copies of first editions by Edmund Wilson.

GRANTS

• The National Science Foundation has awarded \$400,000 for continuation of census use activities to the CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES. The Clearinghouse and Laboratory for Census Data (CLCD) was developed jointly by the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago and National Data Use and Access Laboratories (DUALabs) in Washington, D.C. in January 1972 to insure the maximum application of census data to research applied to national needs. The CLCD's major activities have been in training of users of the census, providing orientation and guidance on the use of census data for particular problems, developing a broad range of publications, catalogs, and reference guides, and assisting users in finding the census data they need for their research.

Over 4,000 people have received assistance to date through the CLCD and its network of User Contact Sites located in nineteen states. Any person with a problem to which census data might be applied can go to these sites for free orientation and guidance.

The new grant from the National Science Foundation assures that the CLCD will continue to serve users through 1974. Economists, administrators, educators, planners, demographers, and all others whose work may benefit from the application of census data are encouraged to write to the CLCD for detailed information about the publications, seminars, free guidance and data reference services available to them.

• The UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA libraries have received grants totaling \$40,000 to secure materials concerning current social problems.

USC received eight \$5,000 grants awarded by the U.S. Office of Education's College Library Resources Program. The eight grants were allotted to each regional campus library as well as to the Law Library on the main university campus.

Materials purchased under the grants will be in the areas of black and disadvantaged studies, drug abuse, reading education, environmental problems, and legal aid procedures.

MEETINGS

APRIL 28-MAY 1, 1974: CLINIC ON LIBRARY APPLICATIONS OF DATA PROCESSING. Conducted by the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, the theme of this eleventh annual clinic will be "The Application of Minicomputers to Library and Related Problems." The clinic will include a tutorial on minicomputers, demonstrations, and papers describing specific applications. The subject is one of great current interest because minicomputers may offer important economic advantages in library automation and because they provide a means whereby a library may achieve greater control over its data processing activities. Mr. F. W. Lancaster, professor of library science, is chairman of the clinic. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Leonard E. Sigler, Clinic Supervisor OS-97, Conferences and Institutes, 116 Illini Hall, Champaign, IL 61820.

MAY 24-25, 1974: MIDWEST ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE, to be held on the campus of The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Details: William C. Roselle, Director, UWM Library, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

MISCELLANY

• Faculty members at the University of Maryland are helping to plan for UNESCO's UNISIST program, a specialized course for managers of information services in developing countries. As a first stage, UNESCO provided support for the participation of three librarians from developing countries in the seventh annual **LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**, conducted by the College of Library and Information Services at the Donaldson Brown Center of the university, from July 15-27, 1973. The three fellowship holders were Simeon Babasanya Aje, director of the National Library of Nigeria, Lagos; Günsel Korul, director of TURDOK's Library, Ankara, Turkey; and Octavio Rojas-Leon, chief of the Division of Documentation, Colombian Foundation for Scientific Investigation and Special Projects, Bogotá. In addition, Jaime Pontigo, an officer of the Centro de Servicios de Información y Documentación, Del Consejo Nacional de Ciencia

y Tecnología, in Mexico City, participated in the course with the support of his government.

Based upon the evaluative process conducted during and following the 1973 Library Administrators Development Program, in which the participants from the developing countries offered significant insights and suggestions, effort is now under way leading to the design of a projected program for consideration by UNISIST for later implementation, patterned after the Maryland Library Administrators Development Program, but oriented to the precise managerial needs for those responsible for national information systems in developing countries.

In all a total of forty individuals took part in the seventh annual offering of the Library Administrators Development Program. Planning is now under way for the eighth annual Library Administrators Development Program to be held July 28-August 9, 1974. Brochures and descriptive details of the program will be available late in the fall and inquiries are invited from interested library administrators. Requests may be directed to Mrs. Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

• **PAGE ACKERMAN**, university librarian at University of California, Los Angeles, received a Distinguished Alumni Award at the annual convocation ceremonies on University Day of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 12, 1973. Ms. Ackerman was graduated from the UNC School of Library Science in 1940.

In an interview earlier this year in *American Libraries*, Ms. Ackerman said that one had to be an "irrational optimist" to be a library administrator these days. Citing this interview at a dinner sponsored by the School of Library Science Alumni Association on October 11, Dean Edward G. Holley noted that Ms. Ackerman's achievement calls for special congratulations in this era of tough times for administrators of whatever kinds. He added that "We always hope, in a democratic society, that those who achieve major roles are not merely bureaucrats or technocrats but individuals of broad vision, noble aims and humane qualities as well as superior expertise. All of her colleagues testify that this is indeed true of alumna Page Ackerman, that among the many traits which stand out in her repertoire are her genuine concern for people and her willingness to make their problems her own."

• Ten librarians from the major libraries of the **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA** visited libraries, library organizations, and related institutions in the United States in October.

This visit, under the auspices of the United States Department of State, is one of a series of visits by scholars and professional personnel from the People's Republic of China. It was coordinated by a committee from the National Academy of Sciences, the Social Science Research Council, and the American Council of Learned Societies. The head of the delegation was Mr. Liu Chi-ping, director of the National Library of Peking.

• "The **HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE SERVICES (HERS)**, funded by the Ford Foundation and established at Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912, will serve as a nationwide clearinghouse for faculty and administrative openings for women in higher education. HERS invites individuals and institutional officers to send notices of positions. Candidates may register by sending a vita and statement of their needs and preferences."—*Guidepost*, August 31, 1973.

• The role of librarians and the library in the **EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY** community was the center of discussion for an all-day workshop for the library faculty on August 23, 1973. Dr. Martha Jane Zachert, professor, School of Library Science, Florida State University, set the tone and delivered the primary challenge for the workshop in a keynote speech attended by librarians from throughout Eastern North Carolina the preceding evening.

The following day consisted of an introductory session, three smaller work groups and a finale work session of the groups together. Each participant had an opportunity to acquire some information via reading and viewing, to discuss the university environment in the 1970s and finally to focus on the library's role in this environment. The closing session was a summing-up which featured a socio-drama. The library faculty agreed that a statement or conceptualization of role will require more than one day. By consensus, plans were formulated to pursue the definition of role and provide a means of participation in the formulation of such statements by the library faculty.

Professor Walter McLendon of the School of Education participated with the librarians in exploring new concepts in Higher Education and new types of educational media.

• Coordination of multicampus automation projects serving the **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S LIBRARIES** has been placed in a central office under a director of the University-wide Library Automation Program (ULAP). Jay L. Cunningham, a project manager in UC's Institute of Library Research, has been appointed to the director's position. Library automation

has been under way for several years at the University of California, which is considered one of the pioneers in this field. Each of the nine campus libraries has specialists for automation on its staff, and a central staff has been also working on such problems in the University-wide Institute of Library Research (ILR).

With growing emphasis on automation, coordination of the various campus projects becomes increasingly important, to insure that applications are compatible. UC also maintains close contact with similar efforts at the California State University and Colleges, with an eye to the future, when such activities as coordination of journal subscriptions, high-cost book purchases, circulation, and interlibrary borrowing between the two segments of public higher education may be greatly facilitated by automated procedures.

Among projects well under way are the following: *University of California Union Catalog Supplement*; *Union List of Serials*; Bibliographic Center.

Envisaged for the future are automated circulation procedures, under which each borrower would be given a wallet-size card and the charge slip in the back of the book would likewise be machine-readable, such as a punched card. Other projects include a clearinghouse that would indicate instantaneously whether a new book recommended for purchase has been already ordered by another campus; and the streamlining of library accounting procedures.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS** Graduate School of Library Science welcomes help in augmenting its publishing program (1) through suggestions of topics for *Library Trends* or of out-of-print titles which should be reprinted, and (2) through receipt of manuscripts for consideration in the monograph or Occasional Papers series.

For information on any series or to forward a suggestion or manuscript write to: Publications Office, Graduate School of Library Science, 215 Armory Building, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820.

• Individuals, libraries, booksellers, and others who possess a copy or copies of the work **A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS PRINTED PRIOR TO 1821** by d'Alte A. Welch, published in 1972 by the American Antiquarian Society and Barre Publishers, may now obtain a four-page supplementary "Index to Titles Listed Under Author Without Cross References."

The index is intended to be tipped in following the main index. The usefulness of the volume will therefore be enhanced.

The supplement may be ordered by writing

to John B. Hench, Editor of Publications, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609. There is no charge for the index to owners of the Welch bibliography.

PUBLICATIONS

• The Wild Goose Band has entered into an agreement with the University of Toronto Press to produce *The Canadian Index*. This major contribution to Canadian bibliography will provide author-title-subject access to the contents of Canadian anthologies and literary or "little" and "alternative" magazines, all of which have previously been irretrievable.

About 150 collections of essays, short stories, plays, and poetry a year will be indexed, plus about 50 little magazines which are not covered by the *Canadian Periodical Index*. There will be two major sections: **ESSAYS**, including a listing of reviews of books, records, films, plays, etc., and **LITERATURE**, covering short stories, plays, and poems.

Produced under the direction of librarians Andrew Armitage and Nancy Tudor, the first volume of this annual publication, covering 1973, will be issued by the end of 1974. It will be among the first of a series of significant Canadian bibliographic reference tools being developed by the band.

The Wild Goose Band is a consortium of dedicated Canadian librarians who are specialists in custom-produced information packages. They realize that there is a lack of bibliographic control over Canadian studies and the popular media. They have adopted the wild goose as a distinctive Canadian symbol. **BAND** also stands for the initials of their first names.

For further information, please contact either Dean or Nancy Tudor, 300 Robert Street, Toronto, Canada M5S 2K8 or Andrew or Bettie Armitage, Mt. Pleasant Farm, R.R. 2, Annan, Ontario, Canada N4K 1B8.

• *Information Resources in the Environmental Sciences*, proceedings of an Allerton Park Institute in November 1972, has been published by the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Single copies are available from the Illini Union Bookstore, Urbana, IL 61801. The price is \$6.00 a copy.

• The Library of Congress has recently published *A Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico*, superseding a 1945 work originally published as one of a series of ten guides to Latin American law. Helen L. Claggett, former chief of the Hispanic Law Division of the Law Library, and David M. Valderrama,

senior legal specialist in the same division, have co-authored the new 463-page book.

The new Mexican guide, like its predecessor, is essentially a legal reference aid designed to lead interested researchers to the principal sources. The co-authors of the present work, however, express the hope that "by combining legislative history and commentaries on the codified and statutory fields of law with exhaustive bibliographical footnotes as to the texts and other forms of literature, the work may convey a sense of the growth of Mexican Constitutional Government, and a sense that this has been a major factor in making the modern state of Mexico."

The work is divided into ten major fields of Mexican law, which are further broken down into a number of subdivisions, topics, and sub-topics. A chapter usually commences with a brief legislative history from Mexico's independent existence through 1970. Unlike the old edition, the present one offers constructive comments in certain fields. It begins with the chapter on constitutional law which has been greatly expanded to include historical data that furnishes a whole new perspective on the foundations and structural evolution of Mexican law and institutions. *Amparo*, that special and extraordinary legal writ unique to Mexico, is highlighted and should be of particular interest to legal scholars and practitioners from both common law and civil law jurisdictions.

A Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico (ISBN 0-8444-0047-5) is available by mail for \$6.95 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (Stock Number 3001-0049; Catalog No. LC 1.16:38).

• The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Michigan Library Association has prepared a manual for the use of librarians which is most helpful to them in planning how to deal with the problem of *copyright in libraries*. It also contains suggested forms to be used. It may be obtained by sending \$2.00 to: Michigan Library Association, 226 W. Washtenaw, Lansing, MI 48933.

• *Alternative Press*, special publications held by Oakland University, is a guide to the Kresge Library Alternative Press Collection of over 600 distinct titles on microfilm and in hard copy. In addition to the holdings listed in the guide, the Alternative Press Collection houses an historical information file on various groups and publications concerned with the "alternative" viewpoint. Available for \$1.50 per copy from: Kresge Library, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48063. Attn. Elizabeth A. Titus, Compiler.

• The Graduate School of Business of the University of Pittsburgh announces the publication of *A Contemporary Reading Program for the Professional Alumnus* by James A. Wilson and Oxanna S. Kaufman.

The sixty-six-page annotated bibliography offers a general and popular listing of poetry, plays, fiction, and especially nonfiction works that embrace scholarly and artistic fields, and a number of cultures. It is designed to serve as a guide to professional school graduates who wish to attain a better understanding of their world, their culture, and themselves, as well as a general reading list for various college courses.

Both authors are faculty members of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Wilson is associate professor of Business Administration and Mrs. Kaufman is a librarian and adjunct associate professor of the Graduate School of Social Work.

The book is available from Mr. Joseph Mel-edin, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Business, 1627 Cathedral of Learning, Pitts-burgh, PA 15260 at \$3.00 a copy, prepaid.

• The Office of University Library Management Studies of the Association of Research Libraries has issued Vol. 1, No. 4, of the *ARL Management Supplement*. Entitled *Review of Management Training Activities in Academic and Research Libraries*, this issue was edited by Jeffrey J. Gardner, Management Research Specialist at the Office of University Library Management Studies, and discusses approaches to management training of selected research libraries and programs developed by library schools, professional associations, and regional and national organizations.

Requests for copies of this *Supplement* should be sent to the Office of University Library Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. The cost for each *Supplement* is \$1.00 prepaid.

• The Stanford University libraries has published a *Guide to Selected Reference Materials: Russia and East Europe*, compiled by Wojciech Zalewski, curator of Russian and East European materials. The guide contains about 2,000 entries, listing reference and basic research tools in the areas of general reference, history, linguistics, and literature held in the Stanford University libraries as of August 1973. It is in two parts, one covering Russia, the other Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Yugoslavia. An abbreviated main entry and the Stanford classification numbers are used.

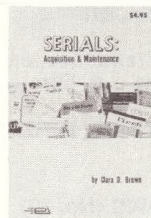
The Resources Development Program of the Stanford University libraries has also published

The Holdings of the Stanford University Libraries on Latin American Languages and Linguistics, edited by James M. Breedlove, curator for Latin American materials. The list includes approximately 1,000 entries on the Latin American variants of Spanish and Portuguese, the Creole languages of the Caribbean, and 113 indigenous languages. It includes a periodicals list at the end. The full main entry, titles, series notes, and the Stanford classification number are used. Books, monographs, and micro-texts are included in the list.

The *Stanford University Data File Directory*, compiled by Douglas Ferguson, is a library-produced access publication for computerized data files. The Directory lists and describes collections of social, economic, political, and scientific research data on punched cards, computer tape, and disk, located at Stanford University. Each file description directs the user to documentation and published research in the university library collection or elsewhere. Access to each data file is controlled by the file holder whose name is listed in each file description.

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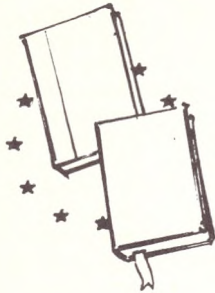
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