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TRUSTEE CITATION

The Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board was the recipient of the first Annual Trustee Citation awarded by the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association for an outstanding contribution to the development of public library service in South Carolina. The award was made at the annual meeting of the Trustee Section held in Columbia on October 31 at the Columbia Hotel.

The award was granted to the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board in recognition of the development of regional library service over a three-county area. Emphasis was placed on the contribution made by all members of the Board toward the establishment of the regional library demonstration. Among the accomplishments of the Regional Library Board were listed: procurement of funds to double public library income in the area, employment of a staff of trained library experts to carry out the program planned, the purchase of equipment and books necessary to give good library service, the adoption of policies on personnel and on library administration which were both liberal and administratively veasible.

The award was accepted by Mr. W. B. S. Winans, Chairman of the Regional Library Board.

WORKSHOP SUCCESSFUL

The Publicity and Public Relations Workshop sponsored by the Public Library Section of SCLA was an overwhelming success. Librarians in attendance were unanimous in acclaiming it the best yet held in South Carolina. Mrs. Florence Craig, Adult Education Specialist, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland, Ohio, served as consultant and set a pace of purposeful enthusiasm.

In her opening remarks Mrs. Craig stressed the need of a planned program of library service; the importance of close contact between the library, the librarian and the community; the value of working with groups and organizations, and of seeking advice and assistance from laymen; and the necessity of change in the library to keep pace with the world.

In Mrs. Craig's opinion the staff is the core of the library's public relations. It must be kept informed and be taught to meet and deal with the public. If public relations are to be good, staff morale must be good.

A panel, composed of a representative from newspapers, Mr. Hubert Hendrix; radio, Mr. Mackie Quave; and television, Mr. Dixon Lovvorn, gave enlightening

suggestions as to the use of their media for library publicity, types of usable information and means and methods of cooperation with libraries.

At the dinner meeting Mrs. Craig gave a demonstration book talk.

The Friday morning's session was devoted to discussion groups: Bulletin Boards and Displays led by Miss Kathleen Gilleland; Library and Staff by Mr. George Linder; Boodmobile Staff and Patrons by Miss Carris Gene Ashley.

NEW COUNTY LIBRARY BEGINS SERVICE

Service from the newly consolidated Anderson County Library began October 1. This marked the union of the four separate libraries which served Anderson County: the Anderson Public Library (which formerly served the Anderson school district), the Anderson County Library (which gave rural service only), the Honea Path Library and the Belton Library. Consolidation of these four was voted in a referendum last June.

Mrs. Bettie Wall Daly has been appointed Librarian of the new system and Miss Nancy Divver, formerly of the Anderson College Library, has been appointed Technical Processes Librarian. A professional Extension Librarian will be employed in the near future. All employees of the old libraries have been transferred to the new library staff.

The newly painted and reorganized Honea Path Library was reopened as a branch of the county library system with an open house on Sunday afternoon, November 2. At this time the library was re-named the Jennie Erwin Library in honor of the 90-year-old Honea Path citizen whose inquiry to the Carnegie Corporation in 1907 led to the establishment of the library.

The Belton Library is now in the process of a similar renovation and reorganization and will be opened again in the near future.

The new Anderson County Library will become the first demonstration, under the South Carolina Plan for the Use of Funds Available Under the Library Services Act, of the improved service made possible by the unification of existing libraries within a county. The contract between the Anderson County Library Board and the State Library Board, embodying the terms of the demonstration, should be completed soon. The agreement will provide a grant of $25,000 spread over a three-year period and derived from state and federal funds under the administration of the State Library Board.

SCLA CONVENTION

Approximately one hundred seventy librarians and trustees registered during the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the South Carolina Association, making it the best attended convention to date. It was held at the Columbia Hotel October 31 - November 1. Highlights of the meeting included speeches by Dr. J. K. Williams, Clemson College; Mr. Richard Walser, North Carolina State College; and Mrs. Sarah K. Srygley, Florida State University. People in attendance agreed that the speeches and programs were

excellent, the food delicious and the tea given by the Columbia Library Club entertaining. Miss Madeleine Mosimann, President, presided at all meetings except the luncheon at which Mr. J. W. Gordon Gourlay, President-elect, presided.

Officers for the year beginning January 1, 1959 are: Mr. Gourlay, President; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Vice-President and President-elect; Miss Rachel Martin, Secretary; and Mrs. Ruth Turner, Treasurer.

The Public Library Section heard a panel discussion of Public Library Service: A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards, led by Mrs. Florence S. Craig. Panel members were Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, Miss Mary Berry, Miss Dorothy Smith, and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Green.

Officers of the Public Library Section for 1959 are: Miss Carrie Gene Ashley, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Chairman; Miss Margaret Mahon, Greenville Public Library, Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. Georgie Adams, Berkeley County Library, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Trustee Section held a luncheon meeting at which Mr. Benjamin H. Gardener of Aiken was the speaker. Mr. W. B. S. Winans of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Library was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. John Davis Smith of Spartanburg was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Mrs. T. A. Black of the Colleton County Library was named Secretary.

REGIONAL STAFF

Miss Josephine Crouch, Director of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, has announced appointments to the regional staff. Miss Carrie Gene Ashley on October 1 assumed the duties of Reference and Adult Services Librarian. A graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Library Science, Miss Ashley was formerly Reference Librarian, Greenwood City and County Public Library. On the same day Mrs. Hilda Stabovitz, Librarian of the Barnwell County Library at the time of its organization, became Acting Extension Librarian. Serving with her on the Extension staff are Mrs. Edna J. Toole and Mrs. Mary M. Kinard, both transferred from the Aiken County Public Library staff. Mrs. Thelma Murtha has been appointed Technical Processes Librarian. She has a long background of experience in circulation and catalog departments of the Philadelphia Free Library.

Replacing Miss Crouch as Aiken County Librarian is Mrs. Elizabeth C. Moore who has been a member of the Aiken County Public Library staff for several years. Prior to that time Mrs. Moore was employed in the Children's Department of the Cleveland Public Library.

Mrs. Fay B. McNab will continue as Barnwell County Librarian.

Mrs. Nancy C. Mims has been appointed Librarian of the newly organized Edgefield County Library. Previously Mrs. Mims had served both as Librarian and as Chairman of

the Board for the D. A. Tompkins Memorial Library in Edgefield. The new library is being housed in the Tompkins building and in addition to her new duties, Mrs. Mims will continue to supervise the Tompkins book collection.

SELA MEETING

The eighteenth biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association was held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 23-25. Among the large number of South Carolinians in attendance were six public librarians: Miss Mary Berry and Mr. George Linder, Spartanburg Public Library; Miss Mary Cox, Greenville Public Library; Miss Josephine Crouch, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library; Mr. Chapman J. Milling, Jr., Carnegie Public Library, Sumter; and Miss Dorothy Smith, S. C. State Library Board.

"Regionalism" was the theme of the convention and the general sessions heard this topic discussed from the standpoint of the Council on Library Resources by Mr. Verner W. Clapp, from an international viewpoint by Mr. Jack Dalton, ALA International Relations Office, and from a Southern viewpoint by Mr. Fitzgerald Bemiss, Chairman of the Richmond Public Library Board.

Of interest in this state was the participation of three South Carolina librarians in the programs of the various meetings. Mr. J. W. Gordon Gourlay, Clemson College Librarian, represented South Carolina in a panel discussion on "Relationships Between the SELA and State Library Associations". Miss Nancy Jane Day, State Supervisor of School Library Services, served as co-chairman of a discussion on "What Is a Good School Library and What Does It Do for Boys and Girls". At the meeting of the County and Regional Libraries Section, Miss Dorothy Smith spoke briefly on the Reference and Personnel Projects developed in South Carolina under the Library Services Act.

MEMORIAL GLOBE

The Colleton County Memorial Library in October became the recipient of a large globe presented as a memorial to W. W. Smoak, late editor of the Walterboro Press and Standard. The memorial was presented by Mr. Smoak's family and was accepted by Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Librarian, and C. Moye Padgett, Chairman of the Library Commission.

The globe is a 32-inch Diplomat Traditional, made by the Reploge Company. It is of spun aluminum with a meridian of solid brass. The cradle mounting is of selected solid mahogany and is hand carved. The globe has more than 3,200 square inches of map surface and is scaled 250 miles to the inch. Its 22,000 place names are all in large readable type.

A brass plate on the cradle bears the inscription: "In memory of William Wightman Smoak, Editor, The Press and Standard, 1957-1958, Presented by his Family."

LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

"Attitudes Toward Public Libraries and Librarians." Library Journal, November 1, 1958, pp. 3056-8.

Kate Copland. Effective Library Exhibits: How to Prepare and Promote Good Displays. Oceana $4.50.

Library Book Bags.
Double-handled, canvas bags designed for librarians to use in moving books. Write to: Owens Awning and Supply Co., 123-25 North 2nd St., Springfield, Ill.

For the American Library, a "Lend-Lease" Book Program.
A pamphlet explaining the McNaughton Plan, a rental service which eliminates the need for outright purchase and processing of current fiction and popular non-fiction. Write to: McNaughton Libraries, Inc., P. O. Box 144, Altoona, Pa.

Guide for Developing a Public Library Service to Labor Groups.
A helpful pamphlet prepared by ALA's Adult Services Division. Contains suggestions and a well-selected bibliography for library service to labor unions. Available on request from: Mrs. Dorothy K. Oko, Chairman, Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups, Donnell Library Center, 20 West 53rd Street, New York 19, New York.

Business and Economic Review.
A survey of business and economic conditions in South Carolina. Published nine months a year by the University's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. To have the name of your library added to the mailing list, write to: Dr. Robert W. Patterson, Editor, Business and Economic Review, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of South Carolina, Columbia 1, South Carolina.

Stanley Frank. "$156,000,000 is not Enough." Elks Magazine, October 1958, pp. 8-9, 38-42. An especially good article on public library service, in an unexpected place.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I am just bored stiff with my job and want some advice about what to do. I have a good education and have had extensive public library experience, but I find that practically none of my abilities are really used by the job I am holding now. The position

was represented to me as one that had possibilities for development, offered an opportunity for professional growth, and would in every way be interesting and stimulating. The real truth is that the work is exceedingly dull stuff, mostly routine, and the chief librarian does not make any effort to assign me work that will challenge my ability -- which, even if I do say so, is not inconsiderable. I have complained about this from time to time, but it has produced no change. Should I complain again or give up and start looking for another job?

Bored Bessie

Dear Bessie:

Bored with you is not an adjective. It is a verb that tells where those holes in your head came from.

You asked for advice and here it is. Buckle down and go to work --- hard! It is impossible not to get interested in anything you really work at. And if that brain of yours is anything like as powerful as you think it is, ideas will come. You will find your own opportunities for professional growth and certainly you will find interesting and stimulating projects to work on. Your position was not misrepresented nor is your chief librarian failing you. On the contrary, you are failing her. So quit nagging and start working!

Dear Anne:

We have an argument for you to settle. Two of the people in our library claim that a name typed at the end of a letter is sufficient. They say that some times a letter is dictated by a person who cannot wait to sign the typed copy, in which case the secretary should just type in the name and mail the letter.

The rest of us argue that regardless of circumstances a letter must always be signed over the typed name. If the writer is for any reason unable to sign, then someone authorized by him (or her) should check the letter for errors, sign the writer's name and add his own initials below the signature. Who is right?

John Hancock

Dear John:

So far as signing is concerned, you are right and they are wrong. A letter should always be signed.

But so far as the argument is concerned, both sides are wrong. Why did you waste your time debating this when a quick look in any secretary's manual or etiquette book in your library would have settled the question?

Do you have a problem? Write to Anne Library.

SEEN HERE AND THERE

Mr. W. M. Agnew, Chairman of the Abbeville County Library Board, admiring the new building nearing completion which will serve as the headquarters for the county library.

Mr. W. B. S. Winans, Mr. R. C. Tisdale and Mr. Charles F. Kneece, representing the Aiken County Library and the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, attending the Trustee meeting of SCLA in Columbia October 31.

Mrs. Lillian Howard, Bookmobile Librarian, Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, recuperating from a visit to the hospital in Charleston.

Mrs. Wilhelmina D. Barnwell taking the new bookmobile of the Laura M. Towne Library to visit book deposits and stations on St. Helena Island.

Mrs. Clara T. McCabe, Librarian of the Calhoun County Library in St. Matthews, proudly displaying the plans for the new West End Branch Library which will be constructed early in the year.

Mrs. Walter R. Wiley, Program Committee Chairman of the Chesterfield Civic Club, planning for National Library Week in 1959.

Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, Librarian of the Greenwood City and County Public Library, arranging new equipment and furniture in the recently completed headquarters library building in Greenwood.

Mrs. Jessie J. Baker recuperating from a bad automobile accident which occurred in Camden October 26.

Friends and patrons of the Lexington County Circulating Library attending an open house held in the headquarters library in Batesburg October 6. The open house was held in honor of the County Library Board.

Mrs. Joella S. Neel, Librarian of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library, and her Board planning the purchase of a new Gerstenslager bookmobile to serve Newberry and Saluda counties.

Miss Shirley Chastain, Intern, Oconee County Library, distributing orchids at the dinner meeting of the South Carolina Library Association in Columbia on November 1.

Mrs. C. B. Kirkley and Mrs. J. R. Jacobs of the Pickens County Library Board discussing the regional library demonstration program with members of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library in Columbia at the annual meeting of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association.

Oconee County Library celebrating the tenth anniversary of its bookmobile service to the county. Since its inauguration in October 1958, the service has been continuous. Rain, snow, sleet or bad roads have not stopped the bookmobile. Not one route has been missed. Congratulations to Oconee!

DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

April 12 - 18, 1959 National Library Week

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