

PERSONAL NEWS AND NOTES

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library, University of North Carolina, will be a dinner session in the Ballroom of the Carolina Inn, at 6:30 on May 8. President *George Stephens* of Asheville will preside. State Treasurer Edwin Gill will be the speaker.

From 3 to 5 on the afternoon of January 25, the *Pack Memorial Library* celebrated its 80th anniversary with an open house. The Exhibition Room Director, John Bridges, organized a pictorial show, "Old Hotels and Inns of Western North Carolina," to high light the occasion. Asheville's Vice-Mayor, Frank Mulvaney, opened the exhibition.

The North Carolina Index, 1955-1957, has been completed. We expect to have a full note on it in our Summer issue.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has announced a \$20,000 grant for a study of the role of the independent historical society in today's world. The study will be made by Mr. Walter Muir Whitehill, Director and Librarian of the Boston Athenaeum. Four independent historical societies, including the Virginia Historical Society, are sponsoring the study. To be considered are the status, problems, and prospects of privately supported or controlled historical societies, with emphasis on their functions as important research institutions. When completed, the study is expected to point out the contribution such societies have made to the cultural life of the United States during the past 150 years, and to provide a basis for closer collaboration among the societies as well as a basis for strengthening themselves financially. The historical societies are the oldest "special libraries" in the United States. They have performed outstanding service over the years in collecting, organizing, publishing and otherwise making available the source materials for American history.

The *Division of Health Affairs Library*, University of North Carolina, recently received a gift of a magnificent Remington Rand upright exhibition case from Dr. Warner Wells and Dr. Michael Berkut of the University's School of Medicine. This gift was presented as a contribution to the furtherance of medical education through the auspices of MEND (Medical Education for National Defense). The first exhibition was on "Military Medicine," showing the Division of Health Affairs Library's extensive holdings in rare and historical items dealing with military medicine from the time of Paré to date.

Mrs. Micky B. Beane of Asheville has announced that she will continue the operation of the *Carolina Book Company* at 18 Broadway. Mr. Beane died in November. The Beane's bookmobile service to libraries takes a large stock of both new and used books direct to the libraries for selection.

The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce at its annual membership banquet at the Johnston County Country Club paid special recognition to *Evelyn Bishop*, librarian of the Johnston County Public Library, for her contribution to the educational, religious, cultural, and civic life of the community. Miss Bishop was presented with a gift, a silver nut bowl.

Miss *Elizabeth Plexico*, a Louisiana State University Library School graduate and former librarian at the Concord Public Library, has joined the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County as Reference Assistant. Other Charlotte appointments include: Mrs. *Katherine McIntyre*, former librarian at the Medical Library in Charlotte, as Reference Assistant; Miss *Ellen Drane*, former Assistant Acquisition Librarian at the University of Georgia and a graduate of the Florida State University, as Serials Librarian; and Miss *Peggy Green*, recent graduate of Galudet University in Washington, D. C., as a cataloguer assistant.

During the week of March 11-14, a *Career-O-Rama* was held on the second floor of the *Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County*. This cooperative project was sponsored by the Charlotte Altrusa Club, the city's three Rotary Clubs, and the Charlotte Public School Systems. The project consisted of a display of vocational opportunities in some 60 vocational areas. Business concerns, professional, and trade associations were responsible for setting up and manning the booths. The exhibits were opened to some 3,000 school children, who were allowed to visit them during class hours, as well as to the general public.

Mrs. *Elizabeth H. Hugbey*, State Librarian, and *Hoyt Galvin*, director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, lectured on February 14 to the class on Municipal Administration conducted by the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. Their subject was library management. The class was attended by city managers and other municipal officials in North Carolina.

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State Department of Public Instruction in January issued the following mimeographed publications: *Teaching the Use of Books and Libraries* (adapted from a bulletin prepared by Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli, Director of Libraries, Guilford County Schools); *Student Library Assistants: A Bibliography*; *Books for Slow and Reluctant Readers: Characteristics*; and *Books for Slow and Reluctant Readers: Sources*.

Miss *Doris Anne Bradley*, formerly Assistant Cataloger, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, is now a post librarian for the Army in Germany.



The new Chief of the Interlibrary Center at the University of North Carolina is Miss *Pauline Tekesky*, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate of Ursuline College. She is also a graduate of the School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, Cleveland. From 1930 to 1951 she was at the Cleveland Public Library and at the time of her resignation was librarian of the Fleet Branch. She was director of the United States Information Center, Montevideo, Uruguay, from 1952 until 1954; and from 1955 until 1958 she was head librarian of Benton and Bowles, Inc., New York advertising agency. Miss Tekesky prepared an annotated bibliography, "The Bookmark," as a regular feature of the semi-monthly *B & B Bulletin* at Benton and Bowles. While there she also compiled a "Bibliography for Trainees" for use in

an advertising trainee program. In Cleveland she prepared radio scripts and newspaper articles and spoke before civic groups on library services and books. In Uruguay she organized a series of talks by Uruguayan citizens regarding their impressions and experiences while travelling in the United States.

Hoyt Galvin and *Martin Van Buren*, interiors consultant from Charlotte, are the co-authors of a paperbound book soon to be released by Unesco. The book, entitled *Planning the Small Public Library*, will sell for \$2.00, and is already being translated into French and Spanish. While Unesco has long felt that a book on this subject is much needed, it was limited to its present size and format for the purpose of wider and easier distribution.

A regional meeting of the *Library Equipment Feasibility Study* was held in Charlotte in the early fall. Representatives of college, university, school and public libraries were present from the Piedmont area of the two Carolinas to discuss library equipment problems with *John Ottemiller*, director of the study. Since that time, the

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Council on Library Resources has made a grant to the American Library Association for the purpose of conducting a Library Equipment study.

The Council on Library Resources has also made a grant of \$200,000 to the Library of Congress to initiate work on a National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. It is hoped that this catalog will eventually record all collections of manuscripts held by libraries and archives in the United States. The immediate goal is to bring together uniform descriptions of some 24,000 known collections of approximately 75 cooperating repositories, in addition to some 3,000 collections in the Library of Congress itself, and to print and sell separate catalog cards for each of these collections so that any library wishing to do so may maintain a similar record.

The Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials has announced plans for a third edition of the *Union List of Serials* to be completed by the end of 1962. The third edition will incorporate the titles and holdings in the second edition and its two supplements into one alphabet. To this more useful arrangement will be added a substantial amount of new material, and many corrections of present holding records will be made.

The Library of Congress, under a grant from the Council on Library Resources, is currently running an experiment in supplying cataloging information to be printed within books themselves. During the year of the experiment (July, 1958-July, 1959) cataloging information is appearing in over 1000 titles being published by trade, religious, government, university, and society publishers. As part of this testing project, the Library of Congress is eager to receive as much information as possible as to the reaction on the proposal. How would libraries use this information if it were made generally available and what effect would it have on their procedures and on their organization? Some 200 libraries of various sizes and kinds and locations have been selected for depth interviews by consultants working for LC on a Consumer Reaction Survey, but voluntary expressions are being sought from all interested libraries. Librarians are urged to write Miss Esther J. Piercy, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore 1, Maryland, summarizing the reactions of their professional staffs to the idea.