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# SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION 38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 10—13, 1947

Headquarters—Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**T**HE French Room of the Drake Hotel has been set aside throughout the Convention as a lounge and gathering-place for members of Special Libraries Association. An *informal reception* will be held there on Monday evening from 8:30 to 10:30. It will allow an excellent opportunity for "first-timers" to get acquainted with SLAers and for early arrivals to meet their friends.

The annual *banquet* will be held in the Gold Coast Room on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. Dr. Paul M. Angle, Director of the Chicago Historical Society and author of the current best-seller, *The Lincoln Reader*, will act as toastmaster. Dr. William M. McGovern, Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, will be the speaker of the evening. Much thought has been given to this program to make it one "never-to-be-forgotten." Dr. McGovern is one of the Middle West's outstanding speakers. You are promised an interesting evening! Dress will be formal.

An extra-curricular event has been added to the program. There will be a *post-convention motor tour* on Friday evening. The route will follow the Lake Michigan shore through Chicago's northern suburbs to The Moraine-on-the-Lake Hotel in Highland Park where dinner will be served. It will be the last scheduled event of a very full week!

It is only fair to give a word of warning to S.L.A. members who will attend the Convention. Prices of meals are abnormally high, especially for luncheon and dinner meetings in private dining

rooms. Luncheons possibly will average \$3.00 each and dinners a little higher. Banquet tickets will cost \$5.50 each. The situation is one over which we have no control. We regret that this is true.

MARION E. WELLS, *Chairman*  
Convention Committee

### FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday, June 10th, 2:30-4:30 P. M.

*Techniques for Recording, Reproducing, and Transmitting Information*—  
a panel discussion

*Moderator:*

Herman Fussler, Assistant Director, The University of Chicago Library

*Panel Speakers:*

*Non-Photographic Techniques:*

Walter M. Sackett, General Sales Manager, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company

*Photographic Techniques:*

Dr. Vernon D. Tate, Librarian Designee at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Audio Processes:*

Dr. Herbert A. Thelen, Assistant Professor of Education, The University of Chicago

*Electronic or Related Processes:*

Herman Fussler

### SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Friday, June 13th, 9:15-11:45 A. M.

*Annual Business Meeting*

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

*President:* Miss Betty Joy Cole,  
Calco Chemical Division,  
American Cyanamid Company,  
Bound Brook, New Jersey

Monday, June 9th, 4:00-6:30 P. M.  
Parlor B

Wednesday, June 11th, 9:30-11:45 A. M.  
Grand Ball Room

Friday, June 13th, 1:30 P. M.  
(by order of the incoming President)  
Parlor B

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Tuesday, June 10th, 12:15-2:15 P. M.  
Luncheon Meeting with Chicago Association of  
Commerce and Industry in the Mural Room,  
Morrison Hotel.

*Profits from Research—the Value of a  
Library to Your Company*

Eleanor S. Cavanaugh, Librarian,  
Standard & Poor's Corporation

#### BANQUET

Thursday, June 12th, 7:30-9:45 P. M.  
Toastmaster:

Dr. Paul M. Angle, Director,  
Chicago Historical Society

Speaker:

Dr. William M. McGovern,  
Professor of Political Science,  
Northwestern University

#### GROUP MEETINGS

##### ADVERTISING

Chairman: Rosalind Morrison,  
Doherty, Clifford & Shenfield, Inc.  
New York, N. Y.

Chicago Representative:  
Elizabeth G. Carlson,

Advertising Publications, Inc.

Wednesday, June 11th, 8:15-9:15 A. M.  
Breakfast

12:45-3:15 P. M.

Luncheon Meeting at the Edgewater  
Beach Hotel

Speaker: Miss Keo Currie,  
Vice President and Director of  
Research,

Needham, Louis & Brorby, Inc.  
3:30-5:30 P. M.

Visit and Tea—A. C. Nielsen Company

Thursday, June 12th, 8:15-11:00 A. M.  
Breakfast Meeting—Discussion and  
Business Meeting

3:00-5:00 P. M.

The Pantry Poll of The Chicago Times  
Mr. Melvin G. Barker,  
Promotion Manager,

*The Chicago Times*  
(A tour of the Times' plant will follow)

#### BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Chairman: Alice M. Purington  
New York State Veterinary College  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Chicago Representative:

Helen Pruitt

American Hospital Association

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
Luncheon Meeting

Speaker to be announced.

3:00-5:00 P. M.

Visit with Hospital and Nursing Libra-  
rians Group to Hines Hospital.

Thursday, June 12th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
Visits to libraries of American College  
of Surgeons, American Dental Associa-  
tion, American Hospital Associa-  
tion, and American Medical Associa-  
tion.

2:30-4:30 P. M.

Joint meeting with Hospital and Nursing Libra-  
rians Group.

Medical Art

Gladys McHugh,  
Medical Illustrator,

The University of Chicago  
The Nursing School Library in the  
School of Nursing Program

Lois H. Holiman,  
Assistant Director, School of  
Nursing, Wesley Memorial Hospital.

#### BUSINESS

Chairman: Rose Vormelker  
Business Information Bureau, Cleve-  
land Public Library,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Chicago Representative:

Mary Jane Ryan  
National Association of Real Estate  
Boards

Tuesday, June 10th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
Joint Meeting with the Financial, Insurance and  
Science-Technology Groups.

Evaluation of Services—a panel discus-  
sion

Chairman: Rose Vormelker

Wednesday, June 11th, 8:15-9:15 A. M.  
Breakfast

3:30-5:00 P. M.

Visit and Tea—Commerce Clearing  
House, Inc.

Friday, June 13th, 7:45-9:00 A. M.  
*Breakfast Meeting*—Annual Business Meeting.

**FINANCIAL**

*Chairman:* Donald T. Clark,  
Baker Library, Harvard Graduate  
School of Business Administration,  
Boston, Mass.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Sue M. Wuchter,  
Continental Illinois National Bank  
and Trust Co.

Tuesday, June 10th, 8:15-9:15 A. M.  
*Breakfast*

9:30-11:30 A. M.  
Joint Meeting with Business, Insurance and  
Science-Technology Groups.  
(Program listed under Business Group)

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
*Luncheon Meeting*

*Speaker:* H. Fred Wilson, Manager,  
Bank and Public Relations Depart-  
ment, Federal Reserve Bank  
of Chicago.

3:30-5:00 P. M.

*Visit and Tea*—Commerce Clearing  
House, Inc.

6:00-8:30 P. M.

*Meeting and Dinner* of Federal Reserve  
Bank Librarians, Guests of the Fed-  
eral Reserve Bank of Chicago at the  
Federal Reserve Bank.

6:30-9:30 P. M.

Joint Dinner Meeting with Transportation Group  
at Normandie House followed by a visit to  
Newberry Library and its collection of his-  
torical corporation records.

Thursday, June 12th, 8:15-11:30 A. M.  
*Breakfast Meeting*

A "Know-How" Conference:

*Book Selection Aids and Book Or-  
der Routines*

Discussion Leader: Ethel S.  
Klahre, Librarian, Federal Re-  
serve Bank of Cleveland.

*Organization of Industry Files*

Discussion Leader: Lillian S.  
Jory, Librarian, Lehman Corp.  
12:30-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon* for financial librarians, in the  
Bungalow on the roof of the Morri-  
son Hotel. Guests of The First Na-  
tional Bank of Chicago (by invita-  
tion).

Friday, June 13th, 12:00-3:00 P. M.  
*Luncheon Meeting*—Annual Business  
Meeting.

**GEOGRAPHY AND MAP**

*Chairman:* Mrs. Clara E. LeGear,  
Division of Maps, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Agnes Whitmarsh,  
Map Collection, The University  
of Chicago

Tuesday, June 10th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
Joint visit with Museum Group to Rand, Mc-  
Nally and Company

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
*Luncheon Meeting*

*Speaker:* Dr. Robert A. Platt,  
Professor of Geography,  
The University of Chicago.

3:00-5:00 P. M.

*Visits* to Chicago Plan Commission and  
Cartographic Department of Encyclo-  
pedia Britannica, Inc.

Thursday, June 12th, 10:00-11:00 A. M.  
Joint visit with Museum Group to the Map Col-  
lection, Rosenwald Building, The University  
of Chicago.

11:00 A. M.-12:30 P. M.

Joint visit with Museum Group to the Oriental  
Museum.

1:00-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon* with Museum Group at  
Phelps and Phelps Colonial Restau-  
rant.

2:30-4:30 P. M.

*Sightseeing Tour* of Chicago with Mu-  
seum Group.

Friday, June 13th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon Meeting*—Annual Business  
Meeting.

**HOSPITAL AND NURSING LIBRARIANS**  
*Chairman:* Mrs. Frances Blake Craig,  
Veterans' Hospital Library  
Bronx, N. Y.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Charlotte Studer,  
Michael Reese Hospital.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
*Luncheon Meeting*

*Speaker:* Miss Helen Pruitt,  
Librarian,  
American Hospital Association.

3:00-5:00 P. M.

*Visits* with Biological Sciences Group  
to Hines Hospital.



5:00-6:30 P. M.

*Meeting and Dinner* of Veterans' Administration librarians, at Hines Hospital.

Thursday, June 12th, 2:30-4:30 P. M.  
Joint Meeting with Biological Sciences Group.  
(Program listed under Biological Sciences Group).

Friday, June 13th, 2:30-3:30 P. M.  
*Meeting*—Annual Business Meeting.  
3:30-4:30 P. M.  
*Visits* to School of Nursing Libraries of Passavant Memorial Hospital and Wesley Memorial Hospital.

#### INSURANCE

*Chairman:* Elizabeth Ferguson,  
Institute of Life Insurance,  
New York, N. Y.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Mrs. Evalyn Andrews,  
Insurance Library of Chicago.

Tuesday, June 10th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
Joint Meeting with the Business, Financial and Science-Technology Groups.  
(Program listed under Business Group).

6:30-9:30 P. M.  
*Dinner Meeting*—Open to All  
*Management*—a panel discussion  
Speakers to be announced.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-3:00 P. M.  
*Luncheon Meeting*—Guests of Cook  
County Inspection Bureau.  
*Approved by the Underwriters*

Curt R. Welborne, Secretary,  
Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

3:30-5:00 P. M.  
*Visit and Tea*—Commerce Clearing  
House, Inc.

Thursday, June 11th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
*Meeting*

Informal Discussion of Methods.

12:45-3:00 P. M.

*Luncheon*—Guests of Lumbermen's  
Mutual Insurance Company at Edge-  
water Beach Hotel.

*Speaker:* Chase M. Smith,  
General Counsel,  
Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Co.

Friday, June 12th, 12:00-3:00 P. M.  
*Luncheon*—Annual Business Meeting.

#### MUSEUM

*Chairman:* Nordis Felland,  
American Geographical Society,  
New York, N. Y.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Ruth E. Schoneman,  
The Art Institute of Chicago.

Tuesday, June 10th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.  
*Visit* with Geography and Map Group  
to Rand, McNally and Company.

Wednesday, June 11th, 1:00-4:00 P. M.  
*Luncheon and Business Meeting* at The  
Art Institute of Chicago followed by  
a tour of the galleries and a visit to  
the libraries.

Thursday, June 12th, 10:00 A. M.-4:30 P. M.  
*Visits and Luncheon* with the Geography and  
Map Group, followed by a tour of Chicago.  
(Program listed under Geography and  
Map Group).

Friday, June 13th, 2:30-4:00 P. M.  
*Visit* to Chicago Natural History Mu-  
seum.

*Speaker:* Carl W. Hintz,  
Librarian,  
Chicago Natural History Museum.

#### NEWSPAPER

*Chairman:* F. Heaton Shoemaker,  
Glen Mills, Pa.

*Chicago Representative:*  
Agnes C. Henebry,  
Decatur Herald and Review  
Decatur, Illinois.

Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30-9:00 P. M.  
*Dinner Meeting*

*A Quarter Century with the News-  
paper Group*

William Alcott, Librarian,  
Boston Globe.

*Remarks*—*Chronologically Speaking*  
Harry Pence, Librarian,

Cincinnati Enquirer.

*Cooperation Between Newspaper Li-  
braries and School of Journalism*  
*Libraries*

Mrs. Eunice Collins Mohr,  
Journalism Librarian,  
University of Illinois.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:00 P. M.  
*Luncheon*

2:30-4:30 P. M.

*Meeting*—Group Discussion  
*Sources of Material in Building a Library*

Discussion Leader: Ralph J. Shoemaker, Librarian, Louisville Courier-Journal and Times.

*Problems of Magazine Libraries*

Discussion Leader: (To be announced).

7:30-9:00 P. M.

*Visit to Chicago Tribune Libraries and a tour of the Tribune plant (S.L.A. members invited).*

Thursday, June 12th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.

*Meeting*

*Cooperation Between the Editorial Staff and the Library*

Maurice Symonds,  
Librarian, New York Daily News.

*Value of the News Index*

Discussion Leader: Ford M. Pettit,  
Reference Director, Detroit News.

12:00-2:00 P. M.

*Luncheon*

Friday, June 13th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon*—Annual Business Meeting.

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY

*Chairman: Lucy O. Lewton,*

Celanese Corporation of America,  
Summit, N. J.

*Chicago Representative:*

Lorena E. Keyl,  
Continental Can Co., Inc.

Tuesday, June 10th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.

*Joint Meeting with the Business, Financial and Insurance Groups.*

(Program listed under Business Group).

6:30-9:00 P. M.

*Dinner Meeting* for all chairmen and members of Science-Technology Group committees and S-T sections.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon Meeting* at the Knickerbocker Hotel.

*Electronics—the New Frontier of Scientific Knowledge*

Dr. Lee DeForest,  
President, Radio Telephone and Telegraph Company.

3:00-5:00 P. M.

*Visit to the Stock Yards and the Armour and Company Libraries.*

8:00 P. M.

*Methods Meeting*

*Revision of Dewey Decimal Classification in the Science Sections*

Mrs. Esther Potter,  
Dewey Decimal Revision Committee, Library of Congress.

*Methods of Handling Photographic Material*

Paula Strain,  
U. S. Naval Photographic and Interpretation Center.

*Statistical Results of the Questionnaire on Standard Science Library Practices*

Jane Brewer,  
Real Property Survey Data Unit,  
Federal Housing Administration.

Thursday, June 12th, 9:30-11:30 A. M.

*Meeting*

*Punched Cards*—a symposium  
Chairman, Francis E. Fitzgerald,  
The National War College.  
12:00-3:30 P. M.

*Luncheon Meeting* at the Knickerbocker Hotel (sponsored by the Petroleum Section)

*Chairman: Morris D. Schoengold,*  
Standard Oil Development Co.

*German Technical Information*—a symposium

*Technical Oil Mission*

A. E. Miller,  
Sinclair Oil Company.

*Office of Technical Services*

Foster Mohrhardt, Chief, Bibliographic and Reference Service,  
Office of Technical Services.

*How Our Organizations Handle This Material*

M. P. Doss, Librarian, Texas Company

Morris D. Schoengold, Librarian, Standard Oil Development Company.

12:00-2:30 P. M.

*Luncheon of Public Utility Librarians*  
—Guests of Commonwealth Edison

Company, at the Chicago College Club.

2:30-4:30 P. M.

*Visit to John Crerar Reference Library.*

Friday, June 13th, 2:30-3:30 P. M.

*Meeting—Annual Business Meeting.*

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE

*Chairman:* Isabelle T. Farnum,

United States Naval Station,  
Terminal Island (San Pedro), Calif.

*Chicago Representative:*

Margaret Egan,  
Industrial Relations Center,  
The University of Chicago.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
*Joint Luncheon Meeting with the University  
and College Group.*

#### *UNESCO and the Library*

Theodore Besterman, Counsellor  
of the Bibliographical and Library  
Center, UNESCO House, Paris,  
France.

3:30-5:00 P. M.

*Visit and Tea—Commerce Clearing  
House, Inc.*

Thursday, June 12th, 12:00-3:00 P. M.

*Luncheon Meeting—Annual Business  
Meeting.*

*What Libraries Can Contribute to  
Industrial Peace—a panel discus-  
sion*

*What Management Expects of  
the Library*

Ira Cross, Robert W. McMurry  
& Co.

*What Labor Expects of the Li-  
brary*

Lyle Cooper, Research Direc-  
tor, United Packinghouse  
Workers.

*The Function of the Library in  
Research*

William Schaffrath, Institute  
of Labor and Industrial Re-  
lations, University of Illi-  
nois.

3:30-5:00 P. M.

*Tea at Joint Reference Library.*

#### TRANSPORTATION

*Chairman:* Mildred M. Baker

Eclipse-Pioneer Div.,

Bendix Aviation Corp.,  
Teterboro, N. J.

*Chicago Representative:*

Louise M. Poynor,

United Air Lines, Inc.

Wednesday, June 11th, 6:30-9:30 P. M.

*Joint Dinner Meeting with Financial Group at  
Normandie House, followed by a visit to New-  
berry Library and its collection of historical  
corporation records.*

Thursday, June 12th, 12:00-3:00 P. M.

*Luncheon Meeting, followed by Annual  
Business Meeting.*

#### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

*Chairman:* Glenn R. Maynard,

University of the Air,  
Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

*Chicago Representative:*

Winifred VerNooy,  
The University of Chicago Libraries.

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00-2:30 P. M.  
*Joint Luncheon Meeting with Social Science  
Group.*

(Program listed under Social Science  
Group).

Thursday, June 12th, 2:30-4:00 P. M.

*Meeting—Discussion and Business  
Meeting.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Monday, June 9th, 7:00-9:00 P. M.

*Chapter Bulletins Round Table—Din-  
ner.*

*Chairman:* Ruth S. Leonard,  
Chapter Liaison Officer.

Wednesday, June 11th, 8:15-9:15 A. M.  
*Membership Committee—Breakfast.*

*Chairman:* Jane Brewer.

12:00-2:30 P. M.

*Law Librarians—Luncheon.*

*Pharmaceutical Librarians—Luncheon.*

Thursday, June 12th, 8:15-10:00 A. M.

*Book and Magazine Publishers' Librari-  
ans—Breakfast.*

*Music Librarians—Breakfast.*

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE'S PERSONNEL

*Convention Chairman*

MISS MARION E. WELLS,

The First National Bank of Chicago,  
Chicago 90, Ill.

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## Chicago, Illinois—SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION—June 10-13, 1947

## Preliminary Program

	Breakfasts 8:15-9:15	Morning 9:30-11:30	Luncheons 12:00-2:00	Afternoon 2:30-4:30	Evening 6:30-
<b>MONDAY</b> June 9				Executive Board (4:30-6:30)	Chapter Bul. Rd. Table (7:00) Reception (8:30-10:30)
<b>TUESDAY</b> June 10	Financial	"Evaluation of Services" Jt. Mtg.—Business, Financial, Insurance and Science-Technology Groups Geog. & Map—Museum — <i>Visit</i>	Chicago Assn. of Commerce and Industry Luncheon (12:15-2:15) (Morrison)	<b>First General Session</b> "Techniques for Recording, Reproducing, & Transmitting Information" <i>Open House</i> —American Library Assn. (5:00-6:00)	Insurance—Panel Discussion on "Management." <i>Open to all</i> Newspaper Science-Technology Committees Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> June 11	Advertising Business Membership Committee	<b>Executive Board and Advisory Council</b> All S.L.A. members urged to attend	Advertising (1:00) (Edg. Bch.) Biological Sciences Financial Geography and Map Hospital & Nursing Librarians Insurance Law Librarians Museum (1:00) (Art. Inst.) Newspaper Science—Tech. (Knickerbocker) Social Science—Univ. & Coll.	Advertising— <i>Visit &amp; Tea</i> (3:00) Biological Sciences—Hosp. & Nurs. Libr.— <i>Visit</i> (3:00) Business, Financial, Insurance, Social Science, Univ. and College— <i>Visit &amp; Tea</i> (3:30) Geog. & Map.— <i>Visits</i> (3:00) Newspaper Science-Technology— <i>Visit</i> (3:00)	Federal Reserve Librarians Newspaper— <i>Visit</i> (7:30) Science-Technology (8:00) Transportation-Financial Dinner and <i>Visit</i> Veterans Administration Libr. Meeting-5:00-Hines Hospital Dinner-6:30
<b>THURSDAY</b> June 12	Advertising Book & Magazine Publishers Lib. Financial Music Librarians	Biological Sciences— <i>Visits</i> Insurance Museum-Geog. & Map.— <i>Visits</i> Newspaper Science-Technology— Symposium on "Punched Cards"	Financial (12:30) (Morrison) Insurance (12:45) (Edg. Bch.) Museum—Geog. & Map. (Colonial) Newspaper Pharmaceutical Librarians Public Utility Librarians Science-Technology-Symposium "German Tech. Information" (Knickerbocker) Social Science Transportation	Advertising (3:00) Biol. Sciences-Hosp. & Nurs. Museum-Geog. & Map.— <i>Tour</i> Science-Technology— <i>Visit</i> Social Science— <i>Visit &amp; Tea</i> University & College  <i>Tea at Monastery Hill</i> Bindery (3:30-5:30)	Banquet (7:30)  <i>Reception</i> —Chicago Historical Society (10:00-12:00)
<b>FRIDAY</b> June 13	Business (7:45)	<b>Second General Session</b> <i>Annual Business Meeting</i> (9:15)	Financial—Bus. Mtg. Geog. & Map.—Bus. Mtg. Insurance—Bus. Mtg. Newspaper—Bus. Mtg. <b>Executive Board</b> (1:00)	Hosp. & Nurs. Lib.—Bus. Mtg. Museum— <i>Visit</i> Science-Technology—Bus. Mtg. <i>Open House</i> —Northwestern U. Chicago Campus Libraries (3:30-5:00)	Post-Convention Tour of North Shore with dinner at The Moraine-on-the-Lake (5:30)

## WHO'S WHO AMONG THE SPEAKERS

MELVIN G. BARKER, Promotion Manager of *The Chicago Times*, was elected on April 9, 1947, to the presidency of the National Newspaper Promotion Managers' Association. In 1929 he joined *The Times* as an advertising salesman and in the following years was appointed Advertising Promotion Manager, and later, General Promotion Manager. A leading promotion project developed by Mr. Barker is *The Chicago Times* Pantry Poll, chosen this month by *Editor and Publisher* as "the nation's most valuable newspaper market classification survey." Two other outstanding promotional events for which he is responsible are *The Times* annual Harvest Moon Ball and *The Times* annual Ice Show. He also organized the wartime drive, spearheaded by *The Chicago Times*, to raise \$40,000,000 in 40 days for building a new cruiser to replace the *Chicago*, sunk in action in the Coral Sea. In addition to his executive duties at *The Times*, Mr. Barker teaches "Principles of Promotion" as a member of the staff of Northwestern University.

THEODORE D. N. BESTERMAN is an English librarian and bibliographer who is as well known in the United States as in England, not only through his numerous publications but also because of two previous lecture tours in this country. He is General Editor of ASLIB; Editor and Executive Officer of the British Union Catalogue of Periodicals; Editor of the *Journal of Documentation*; and Joint Editor of Oxford Books on *Bibliography*. Every librarian is familiar with his *World Bibliography of Bibliographies*, his *Beginnings of Systematic Bibliography*, and his *Early Printed Books to the End of the Sixteenth Century: A Bibliography of Bibliographies*. Less well known, perhaps, is the fact that his publications in the

field of psychical research have been even more numerous than those in bibliography. He was Special Lecturer in the University of London School of Librarianship from 1931 through 1938.

ELEANOR S. CAVANAUGH, a past president of S. L. A., needs no introduction to S. L. A. members. After graduating from Syracuse University and after a few years at a Branch of the New York Public Library, Miss Cavanaugh went to Standard Statistics Company to organize a library service. Today this library, the library of Standard and Poor's Corporation, is recognized as one of the outstanding financial collections in the country.

KEO CURRIE is Vice-President and Director of Research for Needham, Louis and Brorby, Inc., Chicago advertising agency. During World War I she served with the American Red Cross in France. Miss Currie began her advertising career in Washington as an editorial writer for the Merchandising Digest of Retail Advertising. Later, while a copywriter at Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, she co-authored a study on budgetary control of public utility advertising which won the \$500 Davidson Award of the National Electric Light Association. After five years as an advertising writer she joined the Arnold Research Service (now Market Research Company of America) as Manager of the Chicago office. Since 1933 she has been Director of Research for Needham, Louis and Brorby, Inc. Two years ago she was elected a Vice-President.

DR. LEE DE FOREST is the holder of over 300 invention patents and because of them "we telephone over half the world, the movies talk, television has come, cosmic rays tell their story and atomic energies are revealed." In 1906 Dr. de Forest discovered and per-

fecting the 3-electrode tube called the "Audion." Without these electron tubes, many devices that helped to defeat the enemy in World War II might not have been available. Dr. de Forest graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale in 1896, where he also received his Ph.D. in 1899. He is the recipient of honorary degrees from Yale, Syracuse, and Lewis. Subsequent to his installation of microphones in the Metropolitan Opera House, in 1910, the voice of Caruso was transmitted over the first radio broadcast of its kind. In 1917, he sold his rights to the audion tubes to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, using the proceeds for further research. He showed for the first time, in 1923, a sound-on-film program in a New York theatre. From talking pictures, Dr. de Forest turned his interest to television and from television to television torpedo planes. In 1934 he founded the Lee de Forest Laboratories devoted chiefly to research and manufacture in the new field of short wave, or radio, diathermy. On January 27, 1947, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers presented the 1946 Edison Medal to Dr. de Forest "for pioneering achievement in radio and for the invention of the grid-controlled vacuum tube with its profound technical and social consequences."

HERMAN H. FUSSLER left North Carolina to take a position in the Science and Technology Division of the New York Public Library, and later became Head of the Department of Photographic Reproduction of the University of Chicago Library. In 1940 he was appointed Science Librarian of the University and later an assistant professor in the Graduate Library School. Mr. Fussler was in charge of the American Library Association demonstration of Microphotography at the Paris International Exposition in 1937, and was an official United States delegate to the World Congress of Documentation in Paris, 1937, and the International Fed-

eration for Documentation Conference in London and Oxford, England, in 1938. During the war he was Assistant Director of the Scientific Information Division and Librarian of the Metallurgical Project working on the development of atomic energy. He is now Assistant Director of the University of Chicago Library, and is the author of *Photographic Reproduction for Libraries*, 1942, and editor of *Library Buildings for Library Service* now in press.

DR. WILLIAM M. MCGOVERN, Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University, returned to civilian life this past year after four years of service in the Navy in the capacity of Naval and Office of Strategic Services representative with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Combined Chiefs of Staff. In April 1946, he was in France and Germany in connection with the break-up of German military power, and was active in connection with the preparation of the Potsdam Declaration. Dr. McGovern was particularly fitted for the work he did during the war because of his knowledge of the Japanese people and their language and of world affairs in general. At 16 he studied in a monastery in Kyoto, Japan, and became a Buddhist priest. While at Oxford in 1917, he supplemented his income by teaching Chinese at the University of London. His travels and adventures have led him to explore the Amazon, dig up Inca ruins in Peru, and penetrate the Forbidden City of Lhasa in Tibet. This last-named experience was related in his book, "*To Lhasa in Disguise.*"

GLADYS MCHUGH spent three years at the University of Minnesota taking courses in both science and art. She worked for two years in an art shop while she attended additional science courses. At Johns Hopkins Medical School, Miss McHugh studied under the great master, Max Brodel. His course included a year of dissecting anatomy, operating-room drawing, planning of medical illustrations and techniques. Re-

turning to Minneapolis, she illustrated her first book for a doctor. Through the influence of Dr. Fred L. Adair, Miss McHugh came to the University of Chicago Clinics, where she worked first on a salary basis and later free lance. Her work includes drawings for books by Dr. Percival Bailey and Dr. Joseph De-Lee; illustrations for journal articles and for pharmaceutical houses; and layout drawings for animations such as the *Birth of a baby*. Her most publicized works have been the two *Anatomical Transparencies*.

DR. ROBERT S. PLATT, Professor of Geography, University of Chicago, is the author of *Latin America, Countries and United Regions* and numerous professional papers on the economic and political regional geography of Latin America, airways and air traffic, and geographic field methods and techniques. He has travelled extensively throughout the world in addition to many field trips to all the Latin American countries. He has recently returned from three months in Brazil where he was working for the Conselho Nacional de Geografia, the geographical agency of the Brazilian Government. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Platt was Adviser, Geographer's Office, Dept. of State, 1943; President of the Association of American Geographers, 1945; and Chief, Division of Maps and Incumbent of the Chair of Geography, Library of Congress, 1944-1946.

WALTER M. SACKETT has spent almost all his business life, except for an interruption for military service in World War I, in the graphic arts. The past seventeen years have been devoted to sales and management work with the internationally known Lakeside Press, the last twelve in the capacity of Sales Manager.

CHASE M. SMITH joined the Department of Insurance of the State of Illinois as secretary to the Superintendent of Insurance. Later he was placed in charge of the Fire and Casualty Divi-

sion of the Department. After serving in France during World War I, he returned to the Department of Insurance and remained there until 1919 when he joined the law firm of Ekern and Meyers, Chicago. In 1920, Mr. Smith became associated with the Kemper Insurance office as Secretary of the National Retailers Mutual Insurance Company and as office attorney. Since 1933 he has been General Counsel for all the companies of the Kemper Group. Since the Southeastern Underwriters Association decision of the United States Supreme Court, he has been a member of the Insurance-All-Industry Committee and of many subcommittees of that group which has been working in cooperation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to solve the legal and practical problems with which the insurance industry has been confronted.

DR. VERNON D. TATE took his Ph.D. degree at the University of California. He was Regional Director of Project "A" for the acquisition of certain research materials for the Library of Congress in Mexico, and following this experience returned to the University of California in Berkeley in 1933. He was in Washington, D. C., as Chief of the Division of Photographic Archives and Research of the National Archives from 1935 through 1946. He is now Librarian Designee at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and will take up his duties there on the first of July. During the war he served as Lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States Naval Reserve. Dr. Tate was an official United States representative to the International Foundation for Documentation Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, August, 1939, and was the editor of the *Journal of Documentary Reproduction* from 1938 to 1943.

DR. HERBERT A. THELEN is now Assistant Professor in the Department of Education and Supervisor of Research of the Laboratory Schools at the Uni-

versity of Chicago. He did his undergraduate work at the University of California and took his Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He was a supervising teacher at the University High School at the University of California from 1937 to 1941. He then went to the

Agricultural and Mechanical College in Oklahoma where he was an instructor in chemistry from 1941 to 1942. During the war he was a research assistant in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, and in 1944 joined the faculty of the University of Chicago.

## IT'S OUR ASSOCIATION

**S**PECIAL Libraries Association has expanded in every direction during the past ten years. Libraries have been established in many more organizations, thus contributing members in proportion to their growth. Geographically our Chapters have been extended on two frontiers. New subject interests within the membership have been an incentive for the formation of additional Groups. Our successful employment service at Headquarters, editorial duties, broader fields of interest, as well as office routine, have more than tripled the work there during this period of development.

This healthy growth of our Association calls for more time and effort on the part of those you have made responsible for implementing our national activities and policies. It is reasonable to anticipate that the existing problems of our organization will become more complex — too complex, perhaps, unless we can quickly find the way to strengthen certain weak spots. Each member needs to be aware of why and where they exist, then contribute his full support to achieve an effective and smooth-functioning organization.

As the first step toward self-analysis the Executive Board, in June 1946, approved a study of S.L.A. structure to cover the organization of Groups and Chapters, their relations with one another and to the National Association. President Cole appointed the Committee of Three, later expanded to the Committee of Five, in order to include both the Chapter and Group Liaison

Officers. The five members were asked to examine the structural organization as it now exists for the purpose of determining and recommending changes necessary to keep our activities fully coordinated and our objectives pointed in the right direction.

Preliminary work was started immediately so that the study was well under way when the Committee members met in New York prior to the Executive Board meeting in October. Board approval was given to the recommendation that the Constitution Committee be requested to consider (1) changes in the basis of affiliation with Chapters in accordance with the geographical proximity of members and (2) the possible need for changes in the By-Laws relating to disbanding of Chapters and Groups. The first recommendation seeks the means of strengthening our geographical units by providing for active participation on the part of more members within any given area. The second change is also a constructive one in that it will expedite the methods of handling the records of units which have ceased to function. You will vote upon these changes. A third recommendation was one to provide for the formation of local units in outlying areas, same to be under the jurisdiction of the Chapter covering the geographical area involved. This was later withdrawn when it was decided that this is possible under the present constitution; therefore no action need be taken.

Other recommendations also received approval at this time. Inasmuch as they



required no constitutional changes, three were turned over to the Chapter Liaison Officer for transmittal to Chapter presidents. One had to do with the encouragement of Chapters to hold regional conferences, to undertake regional projects of benefit to areas larger than those covered by individual Chapters, and to integrate regional activities on a national basis and with corresponding activities of the national organization. Another recommendation was that Chapter activities and policies be correlated with national activities in such fields as publishing, public relations, membership, archives, employment and inter-association activities. A third recommendation was that local Committees on membership, public relations, archives and employment have similar organization in the different Chapters and be related directly to the national Committees and Officers carrying on these activities, also that local Committees be provided with a means of comparing responsibilities, activities, methods and results.

The fourth recommendation made and accepted was turned over to the Group Liaison Officer for emphasis in his communications to Group chairmen during the year. It was felt that Group activities and policies should be correlated with national activities and policies in such fields as publishing, public relations, membership, archives, employment and inter-association activities. A fifth recommendation, applying to both Groups and Chapters, had to do with a monthly news bulletin which would present to the membership the activities of individuals, Chapters and Groups—in other words, to provide adequate means for interlevel communication which the Association lacks at the present time. The Committee further recommended that the pages of *SPECIAL LIBRARIES* be devoted entirely to the presentation of professional and general articles related to the field of special librarianship. Since this fifth recom-

mendation involved constitutional changes, as well as changes in publication policies, the Board turned back the recommendation to the Committee of Five for further study.

Plans for sending questionnaires, one on Chapter structure and the other on Group structure, were presented to the Advisory Council at its meeting with the Executive Board on October 26. Three hundred Chapter questionnaires were sent to a sampling of S.L.A. membership chosen in accordance with a formula designed to reach Chapter presidents, Chapter secretaries, National presidents, Committee chairmen, and Chapter Liaison Officers who have served during the past ten years, as well as many members pro-rated among the Chapters. Questionnaires were sent to 300 Group members scattered over the entire country, many of whom served in various official capacities. Twenty per cent of the members receiving questionnaires received both of them. Announcements were made at the Advisory Council meeting as well as in *SPECIAL LIBRARIES* that any member was privileged to ask for a questionnaire which, if received in time, would be included in the sampling.

The questionnaires were mailed on December 10 and the tabulation of the first group of returns was started before January 10. However, all questionnaires received up to March 20 received careful consideration, likewise the comments accompanying many of them. A preliminary analysis was prepared for Committee study by February 15, followed by a more detailed interpretation, accompanied by suggested recommendations, two weeks before the members met together. Thus, on March 19, the Committee of Five had the results of the questionnaires to guide them in further recommendations to be presented at the spring meeting of the Executive Board the following day. Inasmuch as the Group and Chapter studies were made separately, the results were re-

ported separately by two different members of the Committee. This same plan is being followed in the presentation of this report to the membership.

### The Chapter Study

Of the 300 questionnaires on Chapter organization, relations and activities sent to S.L.A. members, 113 were returned to the Committee in time for tabulation and consideration at the March Executive Board and Advisory Council meetings. Many members failed to reply to certain questions, indicating that much of the membership lacks an adequate knowledge of Chapter functions. In most cases, however, a large enough percentage indicated their preferences to allow the Committee to make some recommendations.

The membership believed that the Chapters do not need more uniformity, but do need greater coordination on a national scale. The returns were six to sixty-one against more independence and seventy-seven to thirteen in favor of closer liaison officer coordination.

Forty-one out of sixty-five members felt that Chapter allotments should remain the same, with only one person indicating a desire for a decrease. Forty-five of the sixty members replying felt that Chapter allotments should be more adequately budgeted, while just half of those who replied wanted Chapter allotments accounted for to a national Officer or Committee.

National representation was considered adequate for Chapters by a small majority of members. A need was indicated for strengthening the relationship between the Chapters and Headquarters, and for some better means of informing Chapters of the subject or group interests of its members.

A longer term Chapter Liaison Officer was favored by seventy-five to six, a longer term Chapter representative on the Advisory Council by fifty-six to thirteen, and the establishment of a National Chapter Relations Committee by fifty-nine to twenty-one. A larger mem-

bership representation or a percentage representation were not considered necessary. The use of the mail for Advisory Council opinion was considered advisable, at least for important questions by sixty-one of the eighty-three members replying. A longer term Chapter Liaison Officer necessitates a change in the present practice of having this officer the Second Vice-President. A longer term Chapter representative would necessitate either a separate long term officer for that purpose within each Chapter, or an increase in the term of the President of each Chapter. Action on the latter is a matter which the Committee believes should be left for individual Chapters to decide.

Opinion indicates, eighty-one to twelve, that members believe that local subject Groups should be related to national subject Groups, but that local conditions should govern in the establishment of local Groups and their authorization. It is believed that closer correlation between national and local subject Groups and the formation of more active local Groups could be implemented by action from the national Group in showing interest in local Group activities, and by asking for informal reports of those activities for inclusion in their own reports.

The membership believes that Groups within Chapters or, if they do not exist, local Committees appointed within the Chapter should be used to help carry out national Group activities. There was a decided opinion, sixty-five to twelve, in favor of appointment of local committees for this purpose by the Chapter rather than by the national Groups.

The members believe that Chapter bulletins should be of better quality, but do not need to be uniform. Better financing is needed, financing which should be provided for in the individual Chapter budgets. It is interesting to note that although seventy-nine voted in favor of better financing of Chapter bulletins, seventy-nine also voted

against distribution on a paid basis. Broader subject scope particularly in regard to regional news and activities is deemed desirable. A National Clearing House for general notices to be included in Chapter bulletins could be provided by the Chapter Liaison Officer.

A majority of the members believe that SPECIAL LIBRARIES or some other medium should be employed to give a greater coverage for Chapter projects and activities. While the need for greater coverage of personal news notes was not approved by a majority of the members, it was clear from comments that there remains a need for some systematic coverage of professional activities of members. In spite of the divided opinion on a news supplement, the Committee believes that such a publication would also be of value in improving the professional nature of SPECIAL LIBRARIES, and in providing some publication to further the interest of Associate members. The alternative of dividing the professional material sharply from the news section in SPECIAL LIBRARIES as is done in *College and Research Libraries* should also be considered. The alternative of regional publications was not considered advisable.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations made by the Committee called for no formal action on Chapter organization, but urged the completion of the *Chapter Manual* which should contain a model constitution with explanations of how it can be adapted to meet local situations.

The Committee recommended no change at present in the method of making Chapter allotments. It recommended that the Finance Committee be authorized to make a study of Chapter expenditures, and that the results be summarized statistically, and be made available to all members. It also recommended that the *Chapter Manual* contain a section on operating costs of a Chapter on a percentage basis as well as suggestions for appropriate expendi-

ture of the allotment.

It was recommended that a National Chapter Relations Committee with overlapping two year terms be established, and the Chapter Liaison Officer be Chairman, and a member of this Committee, the Chapter Liaison Officer also to be appointed for a two-year term. The Committee also recommended that the National Chapter Relations Committee, working closely with the Executive Secretary take whatever steps may be necessary to see that Chapters are informed of their members' Group affiliation. It was recommended that in order to foster closer Chapter relationships with the National Association, either the President, or a Board member, or the President's representative be authorized to visit each Chapter once during each year. It also recommended that the President make use of the mail whenever important matters should be brought before the entire Advisory Council for its opinion.

On the basis of the Chapter questionnaire, the Committee believed that recommendations for action on the question of local Group formation and activities should be made with any other recommendations to be made in regard to Groups.

It was recommended that the Group Liaison Officer be instructed to urge Group chairmen to make use of Chapter organizations, and the Chapter subject groups in carrying out Group activities. Such procedure should also be recommended in any manuals prepared for the use of Group officers.

It was recommended that the *Chapter Manual* include suggestions for improving Chapter bulletins in the form of a flexible outline for their make-up. Sample costs of publication and distribution, and policies and charges for advertising should be included. It was recommended that all notices from national officers and Committee chairmen intended for publication in Chapter bulletins be cleared through the Chapter

Liaison Officer, whose duty it would be to determine whether such items should be published in Chapter or national publications.

The Committee recommended that the problem of greater coverage of Chapter projects and Chapter personal activities be turned over to the Publications Governing Committee with instructions to make a thorough survey of possible changes in present policy, including costs and effects on advertising and circulation.

All of the above recommendations were considered and acted upon favorably by the Executive Board.

Chapter officers are urged to consider the suggestions which have been made and to continue to suggest to the officers of the Association means of furthering and increasing the value of the Association to their own Chapters and members.

### The Group Study

The Committee sought answers concerning the following Group problems:

1. Relationship of the Groups to the national organization
2. Continuity in Group-national relations
3. Evaluation of national Group projects
4. Formation, financing, activities of the subject Groups within Chapters, and their relationship to the Chapter and to the national Group
5. Financing of the national Groups
6. Method of carrying out national Group projects within Chapters when no local Group exists
7. Quality and financing of Group bulletins
8. Coverage of Group news in SPECIAL LIBRARIES
9. Reorganization of Groups to include five or more major subject Groups

Ninety-eight questionnaires were returned. Since less than one-third of the sampling of the membership responded, and since many of the questions were not answered, or were returned with "Don't know" as answers, the Committee of Five recommends an educational program for the membership—one which will include study of Group organization and functions. The Committee also recommends the preparation of

manuals of Group organization and procedure for all incoming Chairmen. Whether the returns from the questionnaire indicate indifference or ignorance, it is evident that further study by the Committee and by the Groups themselves is necessary before definite recommendations leading to changes in present Group structure can be valid.

The only recommendation based directly upon answers to the questionnaire, which was made by the Committee and accepted by the Executive Board, concerned the achievement of continuity in Group-national relations. Toward this end, at least a two-year term for the Group Liaison Officer and the establishment of a national Group Relations Committee with the Liaison Officer as Chairman have both been suggested. It was further recommended that a two-year term be established for Group Chairmen, with the provision also that the Vice-Chairman succeed to the Chairmanship.

Answers to other questions in the Group Survey proved so inconclusive that the Committee of Five and other members of the Executive Board wished to publicize the problems and the possible solutions through the medium of SPECIAL LIBRARIES. It is hoped that a larger number of members will therefore participate in the discussions on these points at Group meetings at the June Convention in Chicago.

#### RELATION OF THE GROUPS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Some means must be found to effect closer and better coordination between Groups and the national organization. The majority of the respondents seemed concerned with the quality of representation in the national organization, rather than the quantity, but the quality is the responsibility of each Group, since Group officers are elected.

#### EVALUATION OF NATIONAL GROUP PROJECTS

Publications contemplated by Groups should be evaluated by the Publications

Governing Committee, as they are at present. Other Group projects might well be evaluated by the proposed Group Relations Committee.

#### SUBJECT GROUPS IN CHAPTERS

Closer correlation and coordination of activities between national Groups and Groups within Chapters are desirable, but a definite plan to accomplish these ends needs to be considered. The Survey indicates that the organization of subject Groups in Chapters should be largely a matter of local option and that no attempt should be made to secure uniformity. The need for local Groups depends almost entirely upon the subject interests of the members within each Chapter and upon the size of the membership.

#### FINANCING OF THE NATIONAL GROUPS

Group allotments appear to be inadequate. The Committee is in favor of a statistical study of Group expenditures by the Finance Committee and a section on operating costs in the proposed Group Manuals. It would seem advisable for the Finance Committee to consider how Group performance can be measured, with a view to increasing national support of Group activities on the basis of merit.

#### NATIONAL GROUP PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY LOCAL CHAPTER COOPERATION

The Survey indicated preference for appointment of local Committees by the Chapters when no local subject Groups exist.

#### QUALITY AND FINANCING OF GROUP BULLETINS

Group bulletins should be of better quality and of broader subject scope but do not need to be uniform. It may be desirable to have a "national clearing house" to establish broad policies in regard to the inclusion of news and information and also to insure their accuracy.

#### COVERAGE OF GROUP NEWS IN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The columns of SPECIAL LIBRARIES

have always been open for Group news of significance to the membership. The problem of adequate coverage of group news in SPECIAL LIBRARIES may be solved by the *News Bulletin* which is being issued on an experimental basis this spring.

#### REORGANIZATION OF GROUPS

Although the Survey indicated a favorable response to the idea of reorganizing the Groups on broader subject bases and eliminating the form Groups, the Committee strongly recommends that each Group study this problem and have full discussion of the plan at its June business meeting. The suggestion to have five major subject divisions (a) Business (b) Fine Arts (c) Journalism (d) Science and Technology and (e) Social Sciences was put forth tentatively as a plan to eliminate the confusing form Groups which overlap with subject groups and to set up, in some cases, broader subject groupings to allow for better correlation of projects and activities in certain related subject fields. The plan would not eliminate any subject Groups now existing, unless the Groups themselves so desired, but would allow for the creation of active, autonomous sections within each Group, each to have its own organization, projects and programs at conventions. While the financing might appear to be a problem, an equitable allocation of funds could be arranged.

Groups now active as autonomous Groups will no doubt look upon this proposed change with skepticism. The Committee thinks that the whole question—the possible advantages and disadvantages of the change—should be discussed in detail before the Executive Board takes action.

The points summarized above were brought before the Advisory Council for discussion on March 22. Many pertinent questions were asked and comments made, all of which strengthened the Committee's conviction that there

is considerable need for clarification of the Group problems through constructive thinking and planning by the Groups—both national and local. The point was made that local Groups are *organically* a part of the local Chapter and these questions were then posed: Should the local Group officers be appointed by the president of the local Chapter or by the local Group members? Should the initiative for forming a local Group come from the national Group, or from the Chapter officers or from the Chapter members concerned? Should the organization and subject scope of the local Group conform to a national Group? One Group chairman made a strong plea that the Executive Board go ahead with the proposed changes in Group structure without further discussion by the Group members.

#### Conclusion

In general, it is the feeling of the Committee that the dual structure of the Association is fundamentally sound.

Chapters provide for personal participation in Association activities at the local level. Groups provide the channels for the continuance of professional growth in our chosen subject field. Each is necessary to our organization; each must be integrated with the other and both with the national organization if Special Libraries Association is to continue to function effectively. The Committee of Five earnestly hopes that everyone will read this report carefully, consider the questions raised, and come to the Chicago Convention prepared to contribute his aid in building a stronger organization. If you do not have an opportunity there, seize the next one; there will be one. It's our Association!

Committee of Five

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*Bring This Report With You to Convention.*

## ADVENTURES OF A LIBRARY FILMSTRIP IN SCANDINAVIA

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**M**ANY readers of SPECIAL LIBRARIES have seen the filmstrip on "Special Library Services in the Philadelphia Area" which was prepared by the Liaison Committee, Science-Technology Group, Special Libraries Council of Philadelphia and Vicinity. This filmstrip has had a rather adventurous career since its first showing at the S.-T. luncheon in Boston, June 15, 1946. The writer had no thought of taking the filmstrip on her trip to Scandinavia until Mrs. Stebbins made the suggestion and furnished a list of Scandinavian librarians who would

be interested in seeing our handiwork. Then, Dr. Heindel, Head of U. S. Information Services, caught a glimpse of the strip and suggested that it be taken first to American Legations in the countries to be visited.

Its first adventure was getting off on the *Gripsholm* in the midst of the strike. Although the strip had a rest during the voyage, it became the subject of conversation on the day we landed, when Miss Jane Lundblad, a newspaper woman who had been studying in America, became interested. Miss Lundblad was later responsible for a

feature article about the project in *Göteborgs Handels-och Sjöfars-Tidning*.

Oslo was the first city on our itinerary. Here it was impossible to locate a projector as such equipment is even more difficult to find in Norway than shoes and woolen clothes. Nevertheless, through the help of Ted Olsen and Anvor Svestad in the U. S. Information Library, several worthwhile interviews were arranged to look at the filmstrip as best we could without a reader. Mrs. Deinboll, head of the State Library School, is eager to have copies for use in her teaching as soon as a projector is available. Miss Hannisal, head of the Technical Department of the Public Library, asked how soon she might have it for use with students from the vocational school who come to her for training in the use of the library.

A week-end away from Oslo at Lillehammer was another brief vacation for the filmstrip. Here, in the outdoor folk museum at Maihaugen, we witnessed a christening and a wedding in the oldest church in Norway. Next day (Sunday), after visiting Sigrid Undset's home (the famous lady not at home), we wandered into another church just in time for three more christenings. On both occasions the Norwegian infants howled so loud we could not hear their names.

In addition to the usual visits to museums and other places of interest in Oslo was a tour of the Bibel Skola, which is connected with Indremissions-hotellet, the only place in overcrowded Oslo where we could find beds. In that school we talked with several young people who were training to teach in mission schools throughout rural Norway. Pictures of these schools made a frieze above the bookcases in the comfortable school library. Considerable work was being done to repair damage caused by the Nazis during the occupation and we had to sleep under thin feather beds, called *dyn*, as all blankets had been confiscated by the invaders.

The manager told us that, surprisingly, they had respected the sanctity of their handsome auditorium although famous Pastor Wysluff had been sent to a concentration camp where he died.

It was Stockholm, though, that really offered adventure to the filmstrip. Dorothy Spofford, librarian of the U. S. Information Library, took charge of our affairs. She reported our visit to *Dagens Nyheter* (Daily News) whose reporter gave us front page space, photo and all. We must admit that the 80-year-old mother stole the show from "dottern Mary" and the film project. We were just incidental on that occasion, but not when we reached Gothenburg.

Miss Spofford made appointments for a memorable visit to Kooperative Forbundet Headquarters (we saw wonderful Stockholm from its roof) and to Uppsala. Mr. Paul Harnesk, Chief Librarian of the Uppsala Public Library, was a charming host and guide through his own lovely new library, through the ancient university, and one of the *Nation* houses in which are excellent libraries for the use of undergraduates living in the houses.

A highlight of the Uppsala trip was a visit to the American Institute, directed by Professor S. B. Liljegren. He has established, with the help of many Americans, a library of American literature ranging from Zane Grey to our best poets and essayists. He is hoping to have a separate building for this enterprise on this ancient campus. A number of enthusiastic students are aiding Professor Liljegren in the preparation of a series of *Essays and Studies* devoted to American Humanities with the aim of stimulating interest in this subject in Scandinavian countries.

Miss Jane Lundblad, the fellow-passenger on the *Gripsholm* mentioned earlier, is one of a number of Professor Liljegren's students, studying on this side of the Atlantic. Miss Lundblad was just returning from research studies at Columbia, the Huntingdon Library and

other places. Professor Liljegren presented the writer with a copy of her publication, *Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Tradition of Gothic Romance*, which was hot off the press.

Highlight of the Stockholm visit, especially for the filmstrip, was a cocktail party at the American Legation given chiefly for the purpose of showing the filmstrip. Among the interesting guests in the library profession and in research were: Dr. Karl Bittner, Professor Edy Velander (Vice-director of the Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences), Dr. Wolff of L. M. Ericson, and many others whose signatures are in a script difficult to decipher.

"May I come back and bring my staff to see this?" was the request of the librarian of the vocational school. Another said, "Oh, you Americans are always so far in advance of us." All this meant that a copy of the filmstrip, taken along as a spare, was left with Miss Spofford. It looks as though it will have a long visit in Scandinavia; Miss Spofford wrote shortly before Christmas:

"Just today we showed your filmstrip to Mr. Algot Ohlsson of ASEA. He is particularly interested in those of the technical libraries. He suggested that he would like to have them shown after Christmas to some technical librarians. Is it possible for us to keep it that long?" Needless to say, a letter went immediately, via air mail, containing a copy of the recently prepared script to be used with the filmstrip.

The writer had a most interesting discussion at the party with Professor Velander, who is well known to many Americans from time spent at the Swedish Legation in America. He told about his success with a filmstrip with sound recording which had been sent around Sweden instead of a lecturer. Professor Velander was enthusiastic about possibilities of publicizing libraries and teaching their use by means of visual aids. We agreed that a filmstrip such as had been shown at the Legation can

play only a small part in the big job ahead and that it should be used in connection with verbal presentation of source materials and be followed up by actual use of the materials which had been presented. The place of the library in an industrial organization was another point of discussion with this library-minded Scandinavian. That, however, is too long a story for this article.

An account of sightseeing in magnificent Stockholm must likewise be omitted so that we can go on to Copenhagen. Here, another party was planned at the U. S. Information Library but had to be cancelled owing to the illness of the person in charge. Two appointments, made through the U. S. Information Library, were with Mr. Arne Møller, librarian of *Danmarks Tekniste Bibliotek*, and Nik Grauer, a young university student who hopes to study at The Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, when he completes his university course.

After a tour of his library, Mr. Møller had a private showing of the filmstrip via his microfilm reader, followed by another interesting discussion of the possibilities in using visual aids in libraries. He plans to feature the filmstrip at a meeting of Danish librarians as soon as he can secure a copy.

Mr. Møller showed me a paper written by him titled *Libraries and Bibliographical Services in Denmark; particularly the Technical Libraries and Bibliographical Services*.

The Technical Library is housed in a new building of eight floors which was completed in 1942. On the mezzanine floor are offices for the internal work; on the first floor, the public's floor, are the circulating and catalog rooms, the main reading room and the periodical room; on the second floor are study rooms, meeting rooms and the store-room for current periodicals; on the third, fourth and fifth floors the book stacks are located.



The book collection of this library is somewhat over 100,000 volumes and it subscribes to about 1000 periodicals and other current publications. Circulation in the library has risen, during the last three years, from 18,421 to 27,531 volumes. It is especially interesting to note how the borrowers were divided:

Instructors and assistants of the University, 1,111 vols.

Students of the University, 3,738 vols.

Others (Industry, engineering firms, etc.), 22,682 vols.

Mr. Møller pointed out that only 13½% of the library's borrowers are instructors and students at the university, that close to 9000 volumes from the book stacks, not including reference books, were consulted in the reading room. He was proud, too, of the fact that nearly 700 were procured from such foreign libraries as: Science Library in London, Association Suisse de Documentation in Bern, Nederlandsch Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur in The Hague, and the Royal Technical University Library in Stockholm.

In a contract coordinating the technical library services of the country, the Technical Library has an obligation to carry on the work of the *Danish Central for Documentation* which has done important work in arranging a number of firm and industrial libraries. Mr. Møller says:

"This work has been, partly, of a consulting nature, and also, partly, of direct classifying and cataloging of the libraries mentioned, arranging of a loan system, and so forth. An unification in the arrangement of a number of technical libraries has originated thereby, which has made the use of these libraries easier. Among the firms whose libraries have been organized thusly, can be named: North Zealand's Electric and Street Railways Limited, The Royal Aeronautic Society, The Aerial Troops, Building-Technical Study Archives of the Academy of Art, Danish Roads Lab-

oratory, The Administration for State Railways, Railroad Sections, The United Paper Mills Limited, and several others." (NOTE: Only English translations of these firm names have been given here.)

It was comforting to discover that Danish libraries were able to continue normal operations during the war and that none were destroyed. Only the University Library was slightly damaged by a bomb. The Royal Library, however, was raided by the gestapo who succeeded in finding only part of the "illegal" literature that had not yet been evacuated. Several librarians were imprisoned for some time by the gestapo and two of them died in German concentration camps.

Nik Grauer, the university student, took the writer on a delightful tour of the new University Library building and to a suburban library at Hellerup from which a bookmobile serves the surrounding country. The writer will never cease regretting that there was not time enough to go out through the countryside in this bookmobile. Two treasures acquired on these visits are: a copy of the *Danish Foreign Office Journal* which describes the development of Denmark's public library system and juvenile and school libraries, and a description of the University Library Building, printed in English. This is Copenhagen University's natural and medical science division. The "Book-Tower" has 10 stories and can hold 400,000 books. In the front building are a general reading room to accommodate 70 readers, a students' reading room for 140, a reading room devoted to periodicals, a public refreshment room, as well as offices and workshops. In addition, there are eight studies for readers using many works of reference at a time. In the middle building connecting the Book-Tower and the front building are the catalog, lending rooms, etc.

One of the features in the issue of the

*Danish Foreign Office Journal* is an organization chart showing the ramifications of a central library which draws on more than a dozen large libraries and other institutions for materials which are distributed to small towns in its neighborhood.

Copenhagen gave us, in addition to all this library visiting, trips to museums, castles, gorgeous gardens and a wonderful tour of Broadcasting House which showed us how Danish young people participate in broadcasting. Here, too, was a beautiful confirmation ceremony for 10 boys and 37 girls in lovely long white semi-formal gowns. One of the girls had to be christened before the ceremony. I wish it were possible to tell about the visit to Hamlet's Kronborg Castle at Elsinore and of adventures in Swedish Hälsingborg, just across the sound, but there is not space enough for all that. So on to Gothenburg.

This port city was the friendliest of all. The librarian, Nils Geneall, and his charming wife, entertained us delightfully in their home. The first assistant, fröken Svea Bredal, gave a tea for us, and her close friend, Dr. Elsa Lagergren, invited us for luncheon to her lovely apartment which was like a museum, and then took us on a tour of Guldheden, a new modern apartment development. We were taken through the nursery school and day home for babies and visited the compact apartment of the head of the school. Other highlights at Gothenburg were: an excursion to Marstrans (nearby resort), a motor boat ride around canals and harbor, a trip through the SKF factory (including a visit to the library), and greeting the *Gripsholm* as she arrived to take us home.

Dr. Erik Hemlin, librarian of Chalmers Technical University in Gothenburg, was another enthusiast over the filmstrip, and of the help it would be to him in training students to use the library. He said this in a speech made at the

ASLIB convention in London:

"At the Chalmers library there have been since 1939 regular library lectures for new students at the University, and similar courses in library technique have been arranged, from 1945, for the students at the University of Technology in Stockholm. The aim of these library lectures is to foster, also at the Swedish Universities of Technology, a generation of technicians and leaders of industry with a clearer view of library work, from their years of study used to and familiar with works of reference and other sources of information. For it is only through this basic knowledge of the part played by technical literature in scientific research work that this literature can reach its due position."

At Gothenburg, Miss Jane Lundblad took the writer to tea to meet a fellow reporter, Miss Ulla Löfgren. The filmstrip made an instant conquest of Miss Löfgren so that she featured it in a photograph and a most understanding article. She said that our interest in producing the filmstrip is to "teach people in order that they may be able to find their way about in a library. Of what use is a mass of books if one is unable to find the valuable references, or inability to use them? The students have shown poor results from trying to learn from dry reading, so through the films, step by step, is shown how to utilize the cross indexing in order to find what is desired."

The return voyage on the *Gripsholm* gave the filmstrip another vacation but we had no vacation from christenings. A baby, born on board 48 hours out, had to be christened in Divine Services the day before we landed. And a young couple was married.

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Now, for the benefit of readers who have not seen the filmstrip, we'll add a brief description of its content which appeared in the January *Bulletin* of Special Libraries Council of Philadel-

phia and Vicinity. The contribution by the U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARIES includes nine stills from the Philadelphia Regional Branch Library and eight from the library at the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, Wyndmoor. Here are shown: a map of the ten states served by the Philadelphia Regional Branch Library, types of reference and messenger service available, package library service and the process of mailing the monthly *News-Letter* issued by the library. Fine examples of modern library equipment are featured in the pictures from Wyndmoor.

The PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S fifteen frames show the new Kardex system for circulating periodicals which has recently been installed. *Their Current Topics*, semi-monthly, bulletin, is likewise portrayed, together with methods of cataloging their pamphlet material.

Twenty-eight frames from RCA-VICTOR DIVISION LIBRARY, Camden, N. J., emphasize the use of periodical indexes (*IRE cumulative index, Industrial Arts Index, Engineering Index, Chemical Abstracts and Science Abstracts*). The use of *Union List of Serials* and inter-library loan are illustrated through the story of a piece of radar equipment which was developed largely from information

in a magazine borrowed from the Free Library of Philadelphia.

The DUPONT DE NEMOURS 21-frame contribution illustrates inter-company library services as carried on in 27 widely scattered DuPont libraries. First is the open door of the Technical Library in Wilmington, then the librarian, Marie Goff, greeting two employees and explaining the special union library catalog to them. This is followed by close-ups of various types of cards and forms used in the library; then come steps in inter-company loans, samples of slips used for exchange of information on translations and literature searches, and a final summary of all services throughout this large company.

The HERCULES POWDER COMPANY traces, in 22 frames, a typical problem through a complete literature search. This includes the card catalog, punch cards, patents, company reports, translations, and so on to a final clever diagram which sums up all steps involved in the search.

A story picturing the *Life Cycle of a Law* was contributed by the PUBLIC DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA, together with a number of excellent shots of the department which show telephone service, counter service, and the like.

## EVENTS and PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

CREDIT UNION DEVELOPMENT IN WISCONSIN, by Eli Shapiro, (New York, Columbia University Press, 1947. 174p. \$2.50) is well-organized information on the operating experience of credit unions as financial institutions within Wisconsin. It examines how credit unions operate, what their possibilities are for competing with other consumer credit lending, and what their lending experience has been.

<sup>1</sup> Where it is possible the Editor has given prices for publications noted in this section. The omission of a price does not necessarily indicate that the publication is free.

MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, by O. S. Hoebreckx, is designed to better equip management at the bargaining table, thereby avoiding needless industrial disputes and the impairment of social and economic freedom. (Chicago, Ill., Commerce Clearing House, Inc. 1947. 208p. \$2.00)

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CLERK, CAF-1 THROUGH CAF-4, by David Turner, is a complete and intensive examination study guide for beginning and intermediate clerical positions in the Federal Civil Service. (New York, Arco Publishing Company, 1947. Paper bound. \$2.00)

The issue of *Holiday* for May 1947 contains many interesting articles on Chicago. It has been suggested that S.L.A. members read this number before the June Conference.

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**PARKING MANUAL** prepared by the Traffic Engineering and Safety Department, American Automobile Association (Washington, D. C. 181p.) is directed to public officials, business, professional and civic groups, and individuals interested in improving parking conditions in their communities. It is written in non-technical style and liberally illustrated.

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How to negotiate and draft sound international contracts and avoid anti-trust law violations is set forth in **INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS AND THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS** by Harry Aubrey Toulmin, Jr. Corporations and individual citizens of the United States who have entered into contracts with foreign nations have frequently run into trouble because the laws of their respective countries have not been observed or fully understood by the contracting parties. Colonel Toulmin, with a background of more than thirty years as a lawyer dealing with an international clientele, including many leading corporations, presents in clear, understandable language what can and what cannot be done. U. S. Senator Homer Ferguson has written the Introduction to the book. (Cincinnati, Ohio, W. H. Anderson Co., 1947. 1090p. \$15.00) Convenient pocket supplements will be issued as needed to keep this work up to date.

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Technical librarians will find the article, "The Use of a Technical Library," which appears in the December 1946 issue of *Indian Librarian* of outstanding interest. A. K. Ohdedar, Librarian of the Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, India, is the author. This publication may be borrowed from S.L.A. Headquarters.

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**A LIST OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION BUREAUX IN THE BRITISH ISLES** by W. R. Le Fanu, Librarian, Royal College of Surgeons of England, originally published in *The Journal of Documentation*, Vol. II, No. 3. December 1946, has now been off-printed in booklet form. (ASLIB, 52 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1. 32p. Paperbound. 3s; 2s to members of ASLIB) Available on loan from S.L.A. Headquarters.

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**THE NEW ETIQUETTE**, by Margery Wilson, is a complete social guide for the inexperienced person, and a quick, up-to-date reference for the informed one. Clear and concise, and very readable, this book tells what to do and how to do it. (New York and Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1947. 615p. \$5.00)

#### *Bibliographies:*

**APPLICATIONS OF ELECTRICITY TO RAILWAYS, 1942-45** continues previous bibliographies published by the Association of American Railroads, Bureau of Railway Economics Library. The address is 330 Transportation Bldg., Washinton 6, D. C.

**AVIATION STUDIES.** Aviation Committee of the American Marketing Association. (Philadelphia, Pa., Curtis Publishing Company, Research Department, Independence Square. 1946. Free). 17p.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT LITERATURE** by Ralph M. Barnes and Norma A. Englert. (Dubuque, Iowa, William C. Brown Co., 973 Main Street. 1947. Paper bound. \$3.00). 135p.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOIL SCIENCE, FERTILIZERS AND GENERAL AGRONOMY, 1940-1944.** (Harpenden, England, Imperial Bureau of Soil Science. 30s).

**COMMUNITY CENTERS AS LIVING WAR MEMORIALS: A selected bibliography with interpretative comments.** Compiled by James Dahir. (New York, Russell Sage Foundation. 50¢). 63p.

**INFORMATION SOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES** by James C. Yocum and Emma Ferrin. (Columbus, Ohio, Ohio State University, Bureau of Business Research, College of Commerce and Administration).

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY** compiled by Philippe Sidney de Q. Cabot. While most of the references are to American authors, selected European publications were also studied. (New York, H. W. Wilson Co.)

**PALESTINE AND ZIONISM: A Bibliography of books, pamphlets and periodicals on Palestine, Zionism, the related fields of the Middle and Near East and the Jewish Problem.** (New York, Palestine Foundation Fund, 41 East 42nd Street. 1946).

**SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS** is Bulletin 11 in a series published by the Department of Industrial Relations. (Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Queens University. \$1.00). 77p.

**SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF AVIATION.** (Washington 25, D. C., U. S. Civil Aeronautics Administration, Office of Aviation Training, Commerce Building, 1946) 65p. Mimeographed. Gratis.

**SPECIAL LIST OF REFERENCES ON THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS.** Compiled by Glennie M. Norman, Cataloger, Interstate Commerce Commission Library. (Washington, D. C., Interstate Commerce Commission Library, 1947) Gratis.

**STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE AND TAXATION:**

A Bibliography of Material published 1941-1946, compiled by Dorothy Campbell Tomkins. (Berkeley, California, University of California, Bureau of Public Administration).

**UNION SECURITY.** (Princeton, N. J., Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, March 1947) 4p.

lected approximately one million volumes of which more than 700,000 have been shipped overseas. It is hoped that many more volumes will be collected before the end of the year so that cultural and technological reconstruction within the devastated countries can be further expanded. A full-scale report of the progress made to date may be borrowed from S.L.A. Headquarters.

Donations should be sent to American Book Center, c/o Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

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## Announcements

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### An Apology

Publication of *Special Library Resources* has suffered one delay after another. All proof for volumes 3 and 4 was returned to the printer prior to April 1st and delivery was promised not later than April 15th, 1947. Since advertising copy must be submitted four weeks in advance of publication in *SPECIAL LIBRARIES*, it was assumed that it would be correct to advertise these volumes as available. Unfortunately the bindery has not been able to secure the proper cloth so delivery has been delayed until the end of May. All orders will be filled immediately upon receipt of these volumes from the bindery. Any inconvenience caused purchasers is greatly regretted.

### Stanford University Library Acquires Valuable Collection

Announcement has recently been made by the Stanford University Library of the acquisition of a collection of 45,000 colonial and early American newspapers. The collection, appraised at \$25,000, was purchased from the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass., partly with University funds and partly through a substantial contribution made by Superior Court Judge Elmer E. Robinson, of San Francisco, honorary curator of Americana in the University Library.

The collection contains several hundred complete volumes of colonial and early American newspapers, the earliest dating back to 1762, and thousands of unbound issues. Major prize in the collection is a continuous file of the *Boston Independent Chronicle*, followed by its successor, the *Boston Daily Advertiser*, extending from 1775 to 1902.

### American Book Center to Continue Through 1947

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Book Center it was decided to continue its present program until the end of 1947 since the needs of libraries abroad have not in any great degree been filled in spite of the large-scale operations of the Center and other agencies. The original plan had been to end the project June 30.

During the past year the Center has col-

### Regional S.L.A. Meeting in San Francisco

Members of Puget Sound, Southern California and San Francisco Bay Region Chapters are planning a one-day regional S.L.A. meeting July 2, during the A.L.A. convention in San Francisco. An invitation to attend the meetings and participate in discussions is extended to members from other parts of the United States. Tentative plans include an informal social affair on the evening of July 1. The morning session on July 2 will probably be devoted to Pacific Coast Chapter activities and cooperation and the development of special library resources in this area. In the afternoon a discussion of some current problem from the standpoint of several types of special libraries will be held. Anyone who plans to attend may write to Mrs. Margaret M. Rocq, Standard Oil Co. of California Library, P. O. Box 3495, San Francisco 20, California, for further particulars.

### Information and Documents on United Nations

The United States Delegation to the United Nations has made arrangements through S.L.A. for 25 leading university and public libraries to function as depositories for United States documents. Each of these libraries has agreed to service this collection so that leaders of organizations, writers, lecturers and scholars can use the material and be given reference library assistance in doing so.

The following is a list of these depository libraries:

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Cambridge, Mass.
- Yale University Library  
New Haven, Conn.
- Brown University Library  
Providence, R. I.
- New York Public Library  
476 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.
- Columbia University Libraries  
New York, N. Y.
- Johns Hopkins University Library  
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Princeton, N. J.  
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University Station, Baton Rouge, La.  
University of Texas Library  
Austin, Texas.  
University of Chicago Libraries  
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Evanston, Ill.  
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Cleveland, Ohio.  
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University of Minnesota Library  
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Denver Public Library  
Denver, Colo.  
University of California Library  
Berkeley, Cal.  
Stanford University Libraries  
Stanford University, Cal.  
University of California at Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, Cal.  
Los Angeles Public Library  
Los Angeles, Cal.  
University of Washington Library  
Seattle, Wash.

#### The Bibliography Pool

This project is the result of efforts of the members of the Science-Technology Group, S.L.A. to make available to each other bibliographies which they had compiled. A list of over 50 bibliographies have been deposited in the Pool.

In sending bibliographies to the Pool the following standards should be observed:

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try, 1907-1943.

Economics of synthetic rubber, 1939-1943.

Organic chemistry uses of magnesium other  
than Grignard reaction, 1907-1943.

Zein, 1897-1933.

Fish liver oil, 1918-1934.

Infrared photography, 1906-1935.

Hydrogen in steel, 1884-1944.

Bibliographies and lists issued by the United  
States Department of Agriculture Library  
during the fiscal year 1944.

Motion picture photomicrography, 1904-  
1935.

Spark photography and Schlieren photogra-  
phy, 1916-1935.

Relation of color and music, 1869-1934.

Tung oil, 1896-1934.

Patents on degreasing of metals, 1925-1942.

Ozonides, 1903-1922.

Metallic insulation, 1927-1935.

Bakelite, 1909-1934.

Clay, 1885-1933.

Casein, 1905-1933.

Derivatives of barbituric acid, 1907-1934.

Latex paper, 1921-1923.

Preservation of cut flowers, 1897-1933.

Bleaching of groundwood, 1891-1933.

Postwar economy and its effect on the mar-  
keting of consumer durable goods, 1940-  
1943.

Distribution in the United States, 1932-  
1942.

Economics of reclaimed rubber, 1920-1943.

Employee attitudes in wartime industry,  
1942-1944.

U. S. metal controls in World War II, 1940-  
1944.

Chemical sterilization of soil, 1942-1945.

Stabilizers and inhibitors for chlorinated sol-  
vents—U. S. Patents, 1926-1942.

Welding and fabrication of clad steels, 1907-  
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Deuterium, 1919-1935.

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