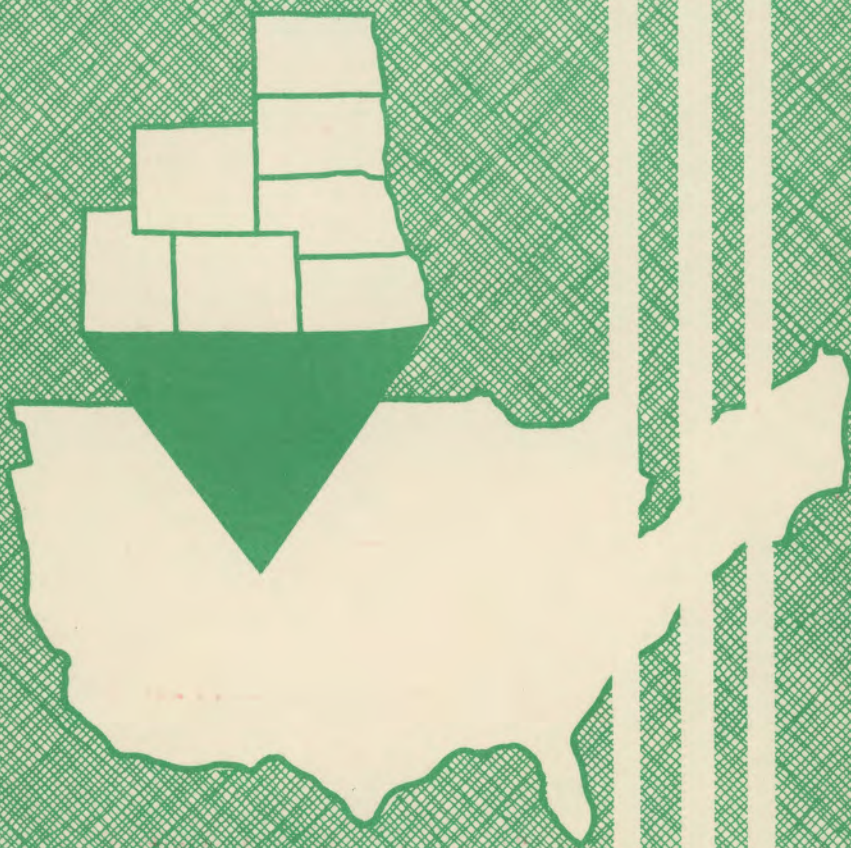


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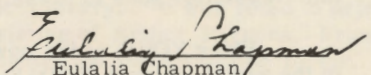
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A HOPE BOX

You will recall in the Newsletter of January 1, 1955 that we urged all the MPLA members to double your money. Here are the results:

1. Memberships are being renewed and fan mail has gone to the treasurer, Mr. Charles E. Dalrymple, Librarian, Lincoln City Library, Lincoln, Nebraska. He is mighty happy over those \$2.00 memberships. He is hoping for more.
2. It seems from reports that every library-minded person read the Newsletter and it has stirred up plenty of comment. One member wrote: It looks as if the MPLA is going to blossom in the Spring. There is lots of enthusiasm for the MPLA now.
3. Folks began to think and have offered excellent suggestions regarding how to carry out the ideas which originated in minds of former officers and committee members. The public library brochure is ready for distribution and the MPLA Award Project has been expanded. As a result two people are going to be very happy next Fall when the citation and the \$100.00 award are given. These and other projects are discussed in the following pages.
4. There is a Hope Box ready to be filled with new ideas for expansion of service and for suggestions for the convention in the Tetons. Let's climax the end of the year with reports from all the members which will show the importance of the MPLA.


Eulalia Chapman
President

"ALL ROADS LEAD TO YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY"

This is the title of the new, four-page, two-color folder just published by the Mountain-Plains Library Association, with a sample enclosed in this Newsletter.

A popular folder, designed to tell what the public library can do for everyone, its main purpose is to tell the library story to those who are not now using libraries, rather than to those who are already patrons. It is ideal for house to house distribution, for distribution to large groups, to send with Welcome Wagons or other newcomers' greeters--any place where people will benefit by knowing more about what the public library can do for them. There is a two-inch space at the bottom of the fourth page which you can fill in with your library's stamp, or have your library's name imprinted locally.

The folders are available to any library or other organization in the Mountain-Plains region, AT COST--two cents a piece -- and what's more the Mountain-Plains Library Association will pay the postage on any order!

Here is a golden opportunity to publicize your library, throughout your community. To help your library budget, why not get some community group or organization to donate several thousand of these folders and arrange for their distribution as a public service? To add to their enthusiasm you could give them credit on the imprint or add a credit line on your stamp. Organizations that might be interested are: Chamber of Commerce, or Jaycees, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, Grange, Service clubs: Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc., Women's Clubs, Citizens for the Library or Friends of the Library, lodges, sororities.

Of the first 20,000 folders authorized by the Executive Board, advance orders have been received for more than 5,000 as this Newsletter goes to press.

Place YOUR order now. Send the order blank (enclosed in the sample folder) TODAY to: Miriam E. McNally, Publicity and Publications Chairman, MPLA, 1010 East Ellsworth Avenue, Denver 9, Colorado. Orders for less than 500 folders cannot be filled except by special request.



ROUND-UP OF M. P. L. A. NEWS



CIRCLE YOUR DATES FOR YOUR FALL CONVENTION AND SQUARE DANCE

September 15-17 have been set for the big Library Roundup at Jackson Hole. The Wyoming Library Association, The Teton County Library, The famous Wort Hotel and all the officers and committees are formulating fantastic plans for these dates for you and your family.

O. K. folks! Wyoming wants to put a Brand on you --- you'll love Wyoming too, after seeing Jackson Hole country, with its awe inspiring Tetons. The thoroughly delightful people of the area will show you Wyoming Firsts, and in the pine-scented air you will become receptive to new library ideas and sources. Get your duds ready for the big camp in September, for the Rodeo of Books and Ideas.

BOARD MEETING AT MIDWINTER

The M.P.L.A. Executive Board and Planning Committee held sessions at the Edgewater Beach Hotel during the A. L. A. Midwinter meetings. The Board gathered at a luncheon on Friday February 4th. The following represented the various states of M.P.L.A.: Eulalia Chapman, President, Colorado; N. Orwin Rush, Vice President and President-Elect, Wyoming; Charles Dalrymple, Treasurer, Nebraska; Miriam McNally, Publicity and Publications Chairman, Colorado; Claude Settlemire, Kansas; John Eastlick, Program Chairman, Colorado; Ellen Lord, Nebraska; Lora Crouch, South Dakota; Alice O'Donnell, Wyoming; H. Dean Stallings, North Dakota; Jerry Cushman, Kansas; James G. Hodgson, Colorado.

Charles Dalrymple reported a balance of \$2,925.82 in the treasury. A gift was voted to the Frederick G. Melcher Scholarship Fund. N. Orwin Rush, chairman of the Planning Committee, reported on the folder for public libraries, "All Roads Lead to Your Public Library." It was voted to print 20,000 of these. The sub-committee consisting of Arthur Parsons, Frank Lundy and Miriam McNally were complimented on the attractive folder.

The Award Project was expanded to include a citation and/or \$100 to a librarian of a small library who has done a fine job of pioneering. The citation and award are to be given at the Annual Conference and will be a highlight of the banquet. Further details will be announced in the next Newsletter.

ATTENTION, EXHIBITORS!

Take heart, take part in the 1955 MPLA conference to be held in Jackson, Wyoming, September 15, 16 and 17. Personal letters and reservation material will be mailed to each of you soon.

--Wes Dieter, Exhibit Chairman

WYOMING PUBLICITY COMMITTEE FOR MPLA CONFERENCE

Mrs. Eulalia Chapman, President, appointed May Gillies, Secretary of M. P. L. A. to serve as Chairman of the Wyoming section of the Publicity Committee. The following members have been asked to serve:

Margaret Burke, Casper
Mary Carpenter, Cheyenne
Mrs. Mary Plain, WAFB Library, Cheyenne
Richard Winger ~~Mr. W. M. Jensen~~, Secretary
Jackson Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Wilmot Hamm, Rock Springs

The prime purpose of the committee is to encourage librarians in the seven-state area to plan a Wyoming vacation in connection with the conference. The Wyoming Travel Commission (formerly Commerce and Industry Commission) will provide road maps and brochures on Wyoming's vacation attractions; ~~Bill Jensen~~, Secretary of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, will furnish local information on housing and transportation facilities. Then the State Library, acting as coordinating agency, will collect this material and distribute it to the committee. Material should be sent to members and friends by June 1st. Watch for yours!

BIB CENTER TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

AT JACKSON MPLA CONFERENCE

An announcement has just been made that the annual meeting of the Bibliographic Center will be held in Jackson, Wyoming at the time of the MPLA Conference, September 15, 16, 17, 1955.

WYOMING, COLORADO, TEXAS -- FILE-A-MILERS

May Gillies and Mary Carpenter (Wyoming), Frances Binkley, Mary Jean La Rue, Lillian Cooper and Juanita Ehrlich, University of Colorado, and Forrest Carhart, Lackland Air Force Base, have signed the File-A-Mile Chart at the Bibliographical Center, Denver. The April report will show that 100 individual librarians have filed. Many regional and LC cards have gone into the huge 5 million card Union Catalog giving it a weekly New Spring Look.

THE 84TH CONGRESS LOOKS AT LIBRARIES

Citizens in the seven states which comprise MPLA who have finished with their formal schooling but don't want for a minute to stop learning and acquiring knowledge, will be glad to know that the lawmakers of the land are alert to the need for public libraries where none exist today and for improved facilities where service is inadequate. In order to meet a library need which is underlined by the fact that more than 26,000,000 Americans have no library service at all, a library bill was introduced into the 84th Congress on the third day of the session which is just getting underway. That it is a vital piece of legislation is attested to by the number of Senators and twenty-three House of Representative backers.

The Library Service Bill is designed primarily to meet rural library needs, but the term "rural" is defined not in the traditional U. S. Census manner. It is broadened to include towns with populations of 10,000 or less. The bill is not big money legislation and carries a definite time limit clause. It involves the expenditure of \$7,500,000 per year for five years. It will benefit millions of United States citizens, however, and its effects will be long-lasting because the commodity with which it deals is KNOWLEDGE.

Senator Lester Hill of Alabama, one of the chief proponents of the legislation and chairman of the powerful Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, says that he believes "the time has come for us to fill one other important gap in our educational process." He further states that "no one can hope to understand the complexities of the modern world, of modern government, or of modern life without free and ready access to books, periodicals and other sources of information." All of these are the stock in trade of the public library, albeit a stock which is limited both in quantity and quality in the library agencies in the MPLA region.

S. 205 and its companion bills in the House of Representatives deserve your active support. Passage of any one of them will enrich the public library resources of the region and do more to combat the ills which affect the health and education-and general well-being of the nation than many other measures which require larger appropriations. Public libraries within the boundaries of MPLA will receive services and materials equal in value to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for a period of five years when the Federal Public Library Service Bill is enacted into law. As a taxpayer who stands to gain as a result of the legislation, won't you write to your representatives in Congress and take active part in this better libraries program?

ONE-DAY SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOPS IN COLORADO

Who says that citizens beyond the pale of the library profession are not interested in library administration and organization--in programs which are traditional, and in new ones offered to strengthen the position of libraries as centers of community activity? To prove the point that average Mr. and Mrs. America are working for better libraries, the Colorado State Library offers as evidence the one-day school and public library workshops held in the western half of the state in the fall of 1954.

The meetings were in the nature of an experiment. They were a new experience for the staff and the approximately 200 persons from the New Castle, Craig and Monte Vista areas who attended. The very fact that spring workshops are scheduled for three towns in the plains region of the state is pretty good evidence that the first series was successful--that patrons and taxpayers are just people, and true to the habits of "homo sapiens," will support what they believe is good for their neighbors and families.

Set up as combination inspiration and discussion meetings, the workshops served also as a catalyst, bringing people with like tastes and ideas together--binding them into a unit capable of forward-looking action. The inspiration was provided by a skillful speaker who talked on books and travel, and by the swapping of library experiences. The practical aspects of the program involved discussion in the several areas of library economy.

Almost everyone attending had something to say about (1) the technical processes of preparing library materials for use (2) administration and organization and (3) book selection and reference. Each of these discussion topics was led by a specialist in the field. At all of the workshops the problem of censorship arose and the "Freedom to Read" statement of ALA and the "Library Bill of Rights" were analyzed and applauded.

Displays of professional tools, childrens books, free and inexpensive materials and recent adult titles proved popular, and special time was set aside for their examination.

In addition to school and library people, participants included businessmen, ranchers, ministers, authors, city officials and legislators. As might be expected, there were also a number of long-suffering husband-chauffeurs whose early-morning boredom changed to enthusiasm before adjournment time. Books were given as door prizes, but it was the spirited discussion which sent folks home full of enthusiasm for their libraries.

--Gordon Bennett
Deputy State Librarian for Colorado; Advisor
for Colorado on MPLA Publicity Committee

THE ROUND ROBIN

Who They Are and What They're Doing, All Around the Region

(The following are based on reports and news items sent in by
MPLA Publicity Committee Members in the Seven States)

COLORADO DOINGS

Joint meeting of State Library Advisory Board and State Board of Education. Facts and figures presented to the joint meeting pointed out the services of the Library which showed major gains over the previous biennium. Circulation figures for 1952-1954 were up 36%, reference and research work increased 56%, and field trips and other forms of advisory assistance marked a gain of 91%. The budget for the two-year period was up 43%.

In planning for the future of libraries in Colorado the board also discussed the certification of library personnel, closer coordination of all the divisions of the State Department of Education, censorship of books and other library material, and the Library Service bill now pending before Congress.

Members of the Advisory Board and the staff of the State Library attending the meeting were: Luther Bean, Mrs. E. A. Bloomquist, B. F. Coen, Mrs. Vance Kirkland, Claire K. Knox, Marion Lockwood, Horace Wubben, Mrs. Erne Shubert, and Gordon L. Bennett.

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Lela Hazzard who has been Head of Technical Processes at Colorado A & M College was married in December to Mr. Parrish, Jr. The couple live west of Loveland. Mrs. Josephine Halverson Morris took the position January 1, 1955. Jo will be remembered as the friendly and efficient librarian of Colorado State College of Education where she worked until she married David W. Morris. Mr. Morris is Assistant Professor of English at Colorado A & M College. Miss Jane Bailey, Assistant in the cataloging department at Colorado A & M, returned to the University of Denver, School of Librarianship to finish her professional education.

KANSAS COMMENT

Hutchinson Public Library gets color TV set. Hutchinson Public Library has been given a color TV set by an anonymous donor, according to Claude Settlemire, Librarian. Programs for the public will be scheduled regularly during library hours, the Librarian said.

Salina and Wichita start framed picture collections. The Salina and Wichita Public Libraries have recently started framed picture collections, in which prints of famous paintings can be borrowed like books on a library card. Jerry Cushman, Salina Librarian, has set up a system which allows two prints for two weeks to each household, with a chance to renew the loan once. Ford Rockwell, Wichita Librarian, says the old masters are proving the most popular in Wichita.

KLA schedules highlights for 1955 Conference. Headline speakers for the KLA Conference at Pittsburgh, Kansas, October 6-8 are Richard Poston, Director of the Department of Community Development, Southern Illinois University; Alfred Stefferud, Editor of the Wonderful World of Books and the Agriculture Yearbook; and Dr. Percy Buchanan, Director of the Institute of Asiatic Affairs, University of Oklahoma. The headquarters will be the campus of Kansas State Teachers College.

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NEBRASKA NOTES

Important news mentioned in the Nebraska Public Library Commission Newsletter recently includes the following:

University of Nebraska Bibliography Center. The University Libraries have announced the Bibliography Center, a new feature of service to students and faculty in the Love Memorial Library. Located in the west corridor of the second floor, near the general card catalog, the Center contains principal general bibliographies of the world of printed books and periodicals. For example, available in book form are the catalogs of the great national libraries: Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; British Museum, London; and La Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris; and likewise the trade bibliographies of books published in the United States (United States Catalog and the Cumulative Book Index) and of books published in Great Britain and Ireland (English Catalog of Books). Also in the Center are shelved a few special bibliographies of widespread interest, such as Dissertation Abstracts; The Union List of Serials; Sabin's Dictionary of Books Relating to America; Evan's American Bibliography; and Besterman's World Bibliography of Bibliographies. The Center will prove to be of great usefulness to members of the faculty and to graduate students who are verifying citations, locating books in other libraries, or compiling bibliographies. Special subject bibliographies will be available as heretofore in the appropriate divisional reading room or branch library, but the new Bibliography Center now supplements these resources throughout the same public service schedule of approximately 75 hours per week.

New Forum at Nebraska University. A "Library Management Forum" was officially launched at an organizational meeting on Monday, February 21. The outgrowth of a desire on the part of several members of the staff to learn more about library administration, the Forum will devote itself to study and discussion of a wide range of topics dealing with administration generally and its specific applications in the University of Nebraska Library System. The first two items on the agenda are personnel administration and financial administration of university libraries.

NORTH DAKOTA

T. V., Bookmobiles, Budgets. Mrs. Lois Ronning, Librarian, Minot Public Library appears on T. V. each Monday. The ten minute program has stimulated interest and increased the number of patrons. When the Minot Council meets in July she hopes to have approved the second half of the purchase price for a bookmobile for city use. It is hoped Book Week in November will see the bookmobile in action.

Mrs. Anna P. Bensch, Librarian, Jamestown Public Library has operated a bookmobile for nearly a year and it is reported that her "moving van" full of books has brought success far beyond expectations.

On January 9th, Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, State Library called a meeting of the State Library Planning Board. Librarians, two representatives and a senator discussed the need for the items which had been presented in the budget to the legislature. The following librarians were in the group: Mrs. Anna Bensch, Jamestown, Miss Carolyn G. Lybeck, Assistant Librarian, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, Mr. Robert E. Thomas, Librarian, Bismarck Public Library, Miss Haugerud, High School Librarian and in the summer field workers for the State Commission, Arlene Stocker, State Library Commission and Mrs. Lois Ronning, Librarian, Minot Public Library.

State Normal and Industrial College Library is expanding. The N-I Library at Ellendale has now passed the 18,000 volume mark according to John Borden, College Librarian. Newest additions are textbooks on various phases of teaching and education. The library has also recently acquired the 1955 edition of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. The library also subscribes to eight newspapers, and 151 magazines. This collection is supplemented by a collection of pamphlets.

Projects at Jamestown College. Mary Myrl Steele, Librarian of Jamestown College, reports that they are at work on several large projects which increase the effectiveness of the library. 565 classical musical and poetry compositions on records were classified, cataloged and housed within the library walls. They can circulate outside, or be used within the building as a listening machine and earphone attachments are installed.

Another project is that all the German literary volumes and their translations were reclassified, patterned after the English and American literary works, in which all material by an author or about him are placed together. Miss Steele also reports that at the close of the first semester, 902 new books were added to the library holdings. The history, music, nursing, and religious sections received the highest percentage of the additions.

Edgeley Public Library reports varied activities. Mrs. Ruth Evert, Librarian reports a great deal of activity in the Citizens for the Library group at Edgeley. A member of the Citizens for the Library group has appeared on the program at two federated club district conventions, urging organization of Citizens for the Library groups to promote better library facilities on the local level and to prepare the way for county and district libraries with bookmobile service for the future. Mrs. Emile Bloedow, library trustee, is Edgeley's representative for promoting this on the State-wide level.

SOUTH DAKOTA

A Fire Blazed Regional Cooperation. On February 12th, College Hall at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, burned. This 66 year-old building housed a library of 30,000 volumes and nothing was saved except the few books students and faculty members had checked out. Fortunately, The Christian Understanding of God borrowed from the Denver Public Library was not in the library at the time, wrote Anna Lee Stensland, Teacher-Librarian. Since receiving the letter regional cooperation has stepped in with a dynamic force to help rebuild the library. For years folks have talked about trail-blazing library cooperation, and here was a chance to really do something. The following points to fine coordination:

COLORADO COLLEGE Colorado Springs, Colorado

Coburn Library
Louise F. Kampf, Librarian

March 14, 1955

Mrs. Eulalia Chapman, Director
Bibliographic Center for Research
Denver Public Library
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

Greetings from the South! Miss Kampf has asked me to write you in connection with 2500 volumes in excess of our needs which we received from Camp Carson shortly after the war. The collection is quite solid. There are a few classics, a few reference books, a few books of poetry, and a few plays, but the bulk is fairly current fiction and non-fiction. Most of the books are equipped with cards and pockets. About half of the collection is in boxes and about half on open shelves; all are terribly dusty.

I wonder if you know of a Junior College or any similar institution which would be interested in these books as a gift, providing that they would come down with a truck to collect them. We could sell them to a local book dealer but we think they would be far more valuable to a library. I am enclosing a listing of one shelf picked at random which illustrates the quality of the material as a whole. If you can suggest no one

who might be interested in them, will you please let us know so that we can make other arrangements for their disposition.

Yours truly,
Ellsworth Mason
Reference Librarian

After receiving the letter Mrs. Chapman contacted Dr. Martin Rist, Iliff School of Theology and Stuart Baillie, University of Denver, who were enlisting aid. On March 25th, Mr. Sellin from Dakota Wesleyan picked up the 2500 books with additional 1500 volumes from Colorado College, Iliff, University of Denver, etc., and was on his way to South Dakota.

Mrs. Chapman, your president, has a partial list of the needs of Dakota Wesleyan Library. Please contact her if you have books to send.

A word from the President (From a letter from Matthew D. Smith, President of Dakota Wesleyan University). "I want to add my word of thanks to that of our Librarian for the wonderful help you have given in securing books for our new library... They form a most valuable addition to our library and for this reason we want to try to express our appreciation for everything that you have done for us... We also appreciate what you, Mr. Eastlick, and Mr. Baillie are continuing to do for our benefit. We hope that all of you can sometime come here and join us on the campus and thus know at firsthand what our situation is. In the meantime, accept our sincerest gratitude."

South Dakota State Legislature votes two college library buildings, \$400,000 for Northern State Teacher's College of Aberdeen and \$108,000 for General Beadle College, Madison.

WYOMING

News from Northern Wyoming Community College, Sheridan. Mrs. Ione McClain, Librarian Kooi Library, Northern Wyoming Community College reports that her library cooperated in an open house sponsored by their school, March 3rd. Services were advertised and patrons were shown how they could help the library secure needed items. The local post of the American Legion voted to give a memorial book in memory of each of their members who died. The newest venture is a curriculum Laboratory, some of which is ready for use at the present. It will include a modern textbook collection from grades 1-12 which the publishers are kindly giving provided it is shown to local, country, and area teachers. In addition, there are many other things in it including general courses of study, specific courses of study, units of study and professional books. Everything in the collection will circulate.

New Ventures in Albany County. The Albany County Library in Laramie, is now publishing a weekly accession list in the Laramie Daily Bulletin, according to Mrs. Lois B. Payson, Librarian. Mrs. Payson also reports that a "column" in the Laramie Republican-Boomerang is written by Mrs. Dorothy Holloway in which she reviews three children's books each week--for the children themselves. Her column is headed by that delightful line drawing from A. L. A. called "Reading Is Fun" and results so far have been most encouraging.

MEET THESE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, SECTIONAL
OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Board

Miss Mary Carpenter, Librarian of the Carnegie Library in Cheyenne, has been appointed to represent Wyoming on the Executive Board by Rose Mary Malone, President of the Wyoming Library Association. Mary replaces May Gillies, who is secretary of MPLA.

Mrs. Helen Parker Gibson, Librarian, Davis County Library, Kaysville, Utah, has been appointed to the Executive Board as the representative for Utah.

County Library Section

The new officers for the County Library Section are: Chairman, Mrs. Helen P. Gibson, Davis County Library, Kaysville, Utah; Secretary, Miss Emma V. Peak, Larned, Kansas.

Publicity and Publications Committee

New or additional appointments to the Publicity and Publications Committee include the following:

Colorado: Stuart Baillie, Director, University of Denver Libraries, Denver.

Nebraska: Miss Frances Hess, Librarian, State Teachers College Library, Chadron; Mr. Charles H. Miller, Assistant Director of Libraries for Public Services, Love Memorial Library, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Miss Alma Wickman, Librarian, Public Library, Norfolk.

North Dakota: Mrs. Lois Ronning, Librarian, City Library, Minot; Mrs. Emile Bloedow, Library Trustee, Edgeley.

South Dakota: Miss Orena Cooper, Librarian, Public Library, Brookings; Miss Helen Glau, Librarian, Public Library, Aberdeen.

Local Arrangements at Jackson

Mrs. Edith (Mrs. William) Mercill has been appointed Chairman of Local Arrangements at Jackson. She is one of the three people who started the library at Jackson in 1938.

Additional appointments to this committee will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Executive Board, and Committees (Continued)

Local Entertainment at Jackson

Miss Jane Gould, Head of Acquisitions, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver; and Colonel Irish, individual member of the Bibliographical Center, Denver.

Program Committee

Chairman: John T. Eastlick, Librarian, Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado; Lora Crouch, Librarian Public Library, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Rose Mary Malone, President Wyoming Library Association, Librarian, Casper High School Library, Casper, Wyoming. Plus the Sectional Chairmen announced in January, 1955 Newsletter, as follows:

Adeline Proulx, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Nebraska--School, Children and Young People's Section.

Mrs. Helen Parker Gibson, Davis County Library, Kaysville, Utah, County Library Section.

Katherine R. Renfro, University of Nebraska, Lincoln--College and University Section.

Bernice Paton, Kansas State College, Manhattan--Catalogers' Section. Claude Settemire, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Kansas--Public Library Section.

Louis Schulteiss, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver--Special Library Section.

Awards Committee

Mrs. Josephine Halverson Morris, Colorado A & M College, Fort Collins, will serve with Mrs. Catherine Gates, Weld County Library and Dr. Malcolm Wyer, Denver, as judges for the MPLA Award Project.

Loan Fund Committee

Mrs. Hattie M. Knight, Brigham Young University, has been appointed to the Loan Fund Committee to serve with H. Dean Stallings, Chairman, and Claude Settemire, to administer the six loan funds.

Correction

In the January Newsletter, Adeline Proulx, the new chairman of the School, Children and Young People's Section, was listed as librarian of the Omaha Public Schools. She is director of Boys' and Girls' work in the Omaha, Nebraska, Public Library.

WHO OWNS THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION?

The financial report shows a total of \$17,933.30 paid in membership and service fees. Of this amount \$9,188.00 was sent by colleges and universities. Public libraries paid \$5,961.00; state, federal and Denver public schools \$1,530.00; individuals, museums, societies and library associations \$451.00 and business \$803.00. The following table below shows the relationship of income to membership.

RELATIONSHIP OF INCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

OF

THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER

Type of Membership	Per cent of Total Membership	Per cent of Total Income
Colleges and Universities	23.2 (46 members)	51.23
Public Libraries	41.8 (83 members)	33.24
State, Federal and Denver Public Schools	10 (19 members)	7.41
Business	11 † (20 members)	4.5 †
Individuals, Museums, Societies and Library Associations	12 † (30 members)	3. †
Total	198 members	

In 1952 when this question was asked the college libraries held a large percentage, 56.5, and the public libraries had the 24.5 per cent. The picture may change even more in 1955 with larger funds from federal sources and public libraries becoming sponsors and participating members. With evidence of competition, the Director suggests that the Center be sold to the Mountain-Plains Library Association during her term as president. She feels that it is wise to make the sale when there is so much enthusiasm and fan mail. Service will 'high-light' the sale.

Extracted from BIB CENTER'S Annual Report, 1954.

