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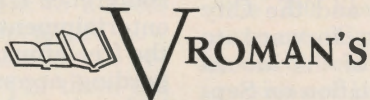
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In This Issue

The "New Public Library Standards" (page 3) are a call to action for improvement of library service throughout our region. To alert us to our opportunities is this overview by Lora Crouch, MPLA's vice-president and president-elect, given at the combined session of the county and public library sections at the MPLA Conference at Logan, Utah.

As a practical follow-up, ways for promoting the standards with trustees, librarians, government officials, Friends of Libraries, and other citizens groups are suggested on page 9.

When Miss Harris read her paper on "Regionalism and Public Libraries" (by Helen M. Harris and Mary U. Rothrock, Page 13) at the last general session at the ALA Conference at Miami Beach, she shared the limelight with Tennessee's Governor Clement and other notables. But none outshone her clear focus on the place of regional library asso-

ciations in the library picture, and the contributions such associations can make in the drive for better library standards and service. We are fortunate to have in this issue such an unusual and timely contribution to help clarify our own regional thinking and action.

Montana's hospitality, traditionally fabulous, is waiting for us at our meeting in the "Land of the Shining Mountains," September 5-7, as you will note from the article below.

You will find other items of news and interest rounding out this issue, which celebrates our first full year of publication. The Editor and any member of the Editorial Committee will be happy to have your comments on Volume I and your suggestions for Volume II. Scheduled for the Spring (May) issue is "Librarianship as a Career," and the schedule of summer classes in librarianship in the MPLA region which proved so popular last year.

MPLA-PNLA Conference in Bozeman, Montana September 5, 6, 7, 1957

MPLA will meet this year with PNLA in what is probably the first joint meeting of two regional library associations in this country. Site of the sessions will be the Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, located in the beautiful Gallatin Valley, and next door to Yellowstone.

Chairman of local arrangements is Lesley M. Heathcote, librarian of Montana State College and a former PNLA president. She has sent the following information and invitation to all members of MPLA, their families, and friends:

Montana State College and the City of Bozeman are looking forward to welcoming the members of the Mountain-Plains Library Association on September 5, 6, and 7, 1957. Accommodations for 309 persons will be available in one of our new residence halls, Hannon Hall, at \$2.00 per person. There is running water in every room, and sections of the building can be set aside for single men, for couples, or for single

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Later we shall furnish information about Yellowstone Park (just 90 miles away) and about Glacier Park (only a day's drive) for possible pre- or post-conference trips. We are also planning entertainment typical of the region for the free afternoon. Full information regarding accommodations, reservations, train, air and bus routes, places to visit en route, and whom to write to for special arrangements will appear in the *Spring Quarterly*, or by special mailing.

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come to the Land of Shining Mountains, September 5, 6, 7, 1957.

THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS*

By LORA CROUCH, Librarian
Carnegie Free Public Library,
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Vice-President of MPLA

"A priceless chance to make far-reaching changes in public library service in the years just ahead."

At Miami Beach in June of 1956 the Council of the American Library Association adopted the new standards for public libraries which had been in the making for more than two years. It is called *Public Library Service; A Guide to Evaluation, with Minimum Standards*. It is a statement that, along with funds from the Library Services Act, gives us a priceless chance to make far-reaching changes in public library service in the years just ahead of us.

It might be well for us to take a look at the events leading up to the formation of this new set of standards.

The old set of standards called "A Post War Plan for Public Libraries," was published in 1942 and has been very useful to us in the past 14 years. However, those fourteen years have seen great changes in the library field as well as on the national and world scene, and in spite of a revision of the financial part in 1948, they are now hopelessly out of date and useless to us.

How the Standards Evolved

Many librarians had felt the need for new standards for some time, and at the 1953 meeting of the Public Library Division of the A.L.A. in Los Angeles, the Library Development Committee, with Lowell Martin as Chairman, recommended that the Division sponsor the revision of the standards.

A questionnaire was sent to a cross section of the membership to see how many favored this proposition. 72 replies were received and 64 of them did favor the revision of the standards. Many of the replies indicated that various state groups had already looked into the subject or done some work on their own for their state. Many replies

also indicated that a new approach to the subject was needed — a concept of systems of libraries rather than the use of the single library unit on which the old standards were based.

The Division decided to ask the Carnegie Foundation for a small grant to carry on the study of new standards, and the grant was made so that work might start on the project.

The actual work began with a one-day workshop at the 1954 A.L.A. meeting in Minneapolis. Here it was decided not to try to revise the old standards but to formulate an entirely new document using the concept of systems of libraries.

Three men who had worked on the subject in the past were called on for advice and ideas and help. They were Carleton Joeckel, Louis Round Wilson and Dr. Robert Leigh.

A Composite Document

Twenty-seven boards and committees of the A.L.A. were solicited for their suggestions as to what should go into the new standards in their special phases of library service. All responded with ideas and suggestions.

Following the 1955 Mid-winter conference in Chicago, a week-long meeting was held at which 45 librarians worked long hours for 5 days in drafting the first complete statement. This first statement was then sent out to some 700 librarians for criticism and comment. Several of you here today, no doubt received it and sent your impressions of it to the Committee. After those comments were back, the Committee, under Lowell Martin's leadership, made a final revision of the document in March 1956.

This final document was adopted by the A.L.A. Council at Miami Beach in June.

*A talk given at the MPLA Conference at Logan, Utah.

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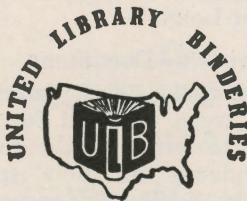
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That, I think, sums up the history of the document for you. I have taken considerable time on this background for I wanted you to realize how much work had gone into its formation and how widely the public library people of the profession had been consulted and allowed a voice in the formation of these new standards. *It is our tool, made by us for our use in improving our libraries.*

Now let us take a look at the document itself.

The finished document will have a foreword by Gerald W. Johnson, author of *This American People*, which will be a forceful statement on the role and purpose of the public library. It will serve as a "call to arms" for improving public library service, and will provide motivation for achieving the standards. It is to appeal to trustees, government officials and community leaders, as well as to librarians.

The introduction explains to us the organization and the use of the new standards. I think the clearest explanation I can give you is to quote directly from the document.

"The present statement must be understood as a guide to total evaluation of public library service. Some seventy guiding principles, organized in six chapters, constitute the substance of the document . . . These guiding principles are not standards, but are basic to the establishment of standards. They are neither objective, concrete, nor statistical. As principles, they require interpretation by competent surveyors when applied to individual cases. They cannot be used like a yardstick, which determines the length of an object, without subjective interpretation and no matter what the scientific knowledge of the measurer.

"Under the guiding principles are almost two hundred standards . . . Each provides a measure of achievement of the guiding principle under which it stands. Some principles have one standard, some several, and a few no standard at all. But wherever a standard appears, it is objective, observable, and, at least, in a broad sense quanti-

tative. It could be taken by any government official or citizen and applied to the local library without interpretation by a professional librarian.

Principles and Standards Important

"There are, then, guiding principles, and under the principles there are standards. By why bother with the principles? Why not simply present the standards?"

"The answer is important, and understanding of it is essential to comprehension of the nature of the present document. Briefly, the answer is that the standards alone provide only partial evaluation of a library, and may even on occasion provide an erroneous evaluation . . .

"The specific standards in this document may be used as quick measures and may be adequate for some officials and groups. But for a true picture, the principles should be both the beginning and the end of evaluation, with standards applied as one aid to judgment.

"The principles and standards are presented in six chapters covering the main aspects of library service . . . structure and government, service, book and non-book materials, personnel, organization and control of materials, and physical facilities. Before this main section the background for the document is described in several brief sections on library purposes, functions and structure."

If our time were not so limited today I would like to take time to discuss with you this background material on library purposes, etc. It is a fine statement of the highest aspirations for library service, but since we want to spend as much time as possible on the "guiding principles" we will go on to the "concept of library systems" which is the heart, the very essence of these new standards.

Again, I would like to quote the actual words of the document for you.

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stantial financial effort, the small locality is often not able to raise enough money to buy the books needed and to employ the requisite professional personnel. For these reasons the many smaller libraries in the country have usually not approached the range and quality of service specified in national standards.

"Yet the need for and ability to use library service, in variety and quality, are no less in the suburb and the country than in the city. The modern American, in large place or small, has wide interests and can use facts to improve his way of life. Similarly, the benefits to him and his children from services of skilled librarians, who can anticipate and locate what he wants and who can guide him in using and interpreting resources, are no less than the benefits to his city cousin.

Standards Important in Rural Areas

"The problem is similar to that of the provision of school and hospital facilities. Ways have been found to bring such facilities for rural and small-town people up to minimum standard. The organization of library resources, however, has continued to depend on small isolated units that have very little connection with more substantial resources in larger places.

"Two clear and significant characteristics of present-day life open the way for a solution to the problem: modern transportation and communication, and cooperation among units and levels of government. Even as modern transportation and communication make it possible to bring people at a distance into good medical facilities or to bring special medical facilities out to them, so it is possible to go to or bring out specialized library resources. Even as governmental units cooperate to improve school, road, and other services by joint effort, so the same cooperation can apply to library facilities.

"Libraries working together, sharing their services and materials, can meet the full needs of their users. *This co-*

operative approach on the part of libraries is the most important single recommendation of this document. Without joint action, most American libraries probably will never be able to come up to the standard necessary to meet the needs of their constituencies.

Results of Joint Action

"Dramatic evidence of the importance of joint action among smaller places in providing library service was obtained in preparing the supplement to this document, where costs to achieve standards are calculated. A library or group of libraries serving 20,000 people require almost twice as much per capita to achieve these minimum standards as a library serving 200,000 people, with the per capita cost for a library or library group serving 50,000 or 100,000 people falling somewhere between the two.

"Libraries therefore are urged to band together formally or informally, in groups called 'systems.' In such systems, already well established and successful in large cities and populous counties, large and small libraries in natural areas work together to make a wide range of library materials and services readily available to all residents. The systems, in turn, reach out to a wider world, drawing on even greater and more specialized resources offered by state and federal agencies. In a well-organized structure of library service, the reader in smaller and remote places will have access not only to all books and materials in his region, but beyond that to the resources of the state and nation.

"The development of systems of libraries does not weaken or eliminate the small community library. On the contrary, it offers that library and its users greatly expanded resources and services. Library materials and services that today may seem unattainable could be available in each local community in the foreseeable future. The advantage is similar to that gained by a small independent radio or television

station that uses some of the programs of a large network.

“ . . . The standards of library service presented in this document are for resources available to the local reader, but *not* necessarily all available *within* the local community. Throughout the several sections on structure, services, materials, personnel, organization of materials, and physical facilities, the frame of reference is the group or system of libraries in the region in which the library user lives as well as the single library outlet in his neighborhood. *These standards are for systems of library service.*”

MPLA COUNTY AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTIONS COMBINE

At the Mountain-Plains conference at Logan, the Public and County Library sections met together for consideration of “New Public Library Service to America: Minimum Standards.” Ruth V. Tyler, chairman of the County Section and Robert E. Thomas, chairman of the Public Library Section, acted as co-chairmen.

Following the presentation of the Public Library Standards by Lora Crouch (see above), the group divided into six smaller groups for informal discussion of six sections of the Standards. Each group considered certain of the principles and summarized their conclusions.

At this meeting, official action was taken which merged the two sections into one, to be called: The Public Library Section of the Mountain-Plains Library Association.

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1. "What About Your Library?" — A low cost leaflet for use with both lay and library groups. Plans are for an illustrated leaflet approximately 4"x8" (to fit a standard size envelope).

2. A condensation, probably a 16-page summary, whose purpose is to present the Standards in readable form for government officials and laymen, who at first may not have time to read the 70-page Standards.

From a draft of the condensation: "This is a plan for better library service for you and your community. It is based, chiefly, on the American concept of cooperation for the common good.

"It will show how libraries, linked together in natural regions, can form an integrated chain of reciprocal service, can help each other and each other's communities without losing their individualities. Knowledge is the key to democratic survival in the world today; and libraries are the stockpile of knowledge, the source of learning and growth . . .

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4. A film strip — "Information Unlimited, the Modern Library in Today's World." A visual presentation especially useful to promote reading of the Standards and stimulate local interest.

Members of the committee who worked on organizing and presenting these materials are: Robert Ake, Channing L. Bete, Harland A. Carpenter, Jean L. Connor, Carolyn W. Field, Anna Glantz, Benn Grimm, Marie D. Loizeaux, Lowell A. Martin, Ex-officio, and Janet Z. McKinlay, Chairman.

Information about the promotion materials and tentative drafts were presented at the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association.

The standards themselves were published by ALA in November, 1956, under the title *Public Library Service: A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards, with A Supplement on Cost of Public Library Service in 1956*.

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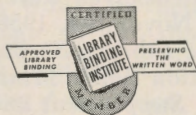
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The following excerpts from the local press, at the time of her passing, commemorate the fine qualities familiar to all who knew her:

"'SHE LIVED TO SERVE' might well be the epitaph for Marjorie Smith, city librarian for nearly four score years.

"That theme of service carried over into every phase of activity in which she has been engaged through the years. During her many years in the Rapid City Library she worked to serve the public in every way she could devise to get as many books into the hands of as many people as possible, to encourage children and adults alike to read good books, to furnish information to anyone seeking it, whether it was how to build a log cabin or how to assemble a radio set—how to roast a turkey or how to pronounce the name of some person of foreign birth. She

always tried to instill her ideas and ideals of service to people into all members of the library staff, and succeeded to a great degree. The Rapid City Library is noted among other librarians and among adult students for its outstanding book collection, assembled under her direction . . .

"Among her priceless possessions were a keen sense of humor and a high courage."

The Gate City Guide published the following editorial on November 29, 1956, under the title, "An Unforgettable Character . . ."

"In the passing of Miss Marjorie Smith, Rapid City loses a most unforgettable character. Her contribution to family, friends and community was great and covered a long period of service. She was never without a friendly greeting to those she knew, and her interest was manifold . . . she was most happy when she could be of service to others. Her long stewardship of the Rapid City Public Library brought her in contact with thousands and thousands of persons, young and old, and never have we heard an unkind word spoken by patrons, but there was heaps of praise for the prompt, efficient, and personal service rendered to all. Marjorie was a busy person, but never too busy to lend a helping hand to others. In her church, club, and civic work she was a leader . . . the symphony of her song will ring for always in the ears of those who knew her. Almost until the very end she was a busy person, her work was never done. An unforgettable character . . . a friend to many . . . with a smile for all! She earned rest and quiet: and she has it!"

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Two distinguished contributors from the Southeastern Region show how "the most significant expression of regionalism in library activities is to be found in the regional library association" . . . which can be "a booster pump . . . increasing the impact of our best library facilities upon even the remotest situations."

When we public librarians hear the word "regionalism," we usually think about regional libraries, large-unit, multi-county systems such as came into our library lives with the Fraser Valley demonstration in 1930. In the twenty-five years since then regional libraries have proved themselves to be ingenious administrative devices whose particular merit lies in efficiency and economy of operation.

Thus it is quite understandable that the greatest development of regional libraries has been where the immediate aim is quantitative—to provide prompt and economical library coverage for large areas. The ultimate goal, establishment of substantial, effective, educationally motivated library service which meets acceptable qualitative standards, is consciously deferred. Often, unhappily, it is far too long deferred.

But regional libraries in themselves have little to do with regionalism. Regionalism is more than geographical contiguity, more than mere administrative inventiveness. It grows out of recognition of the sociological and economic, as well as the geographical characteristics which differentiate one area from another.

The most familiar and most significant expression of regionalism in library activities is to be found in our regional library associations, the most firmly established of which are the New England, Pacific Northwest, Mountain-Plains, Southwestern and Southeastern. Our comments this evening stem from experiences with the Southeastern. It is not unique; it is essentially like the other regional associations.

*A paper read by Miss Harris at the closing general session (June 22, 1956) of the ALA 75th Annual Conference in Miami Beach. Italics are the Editor's.

It is used merely as an example because it is the one we know the most about.

Regionalism is a familiar concept here in the Southeast. It expressed itself fifty years ago in such groups as the Southern Education Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Then, in 1920 the Southeastern Library Association was formed to provide opportunity to consider library problems in the light of southern conditions, social and economic.¹

In the Twenties and early Thirties there were many yeasty forces at work here in the Southeast, as in the other parts of the nation. The aftermath of World War I, the depression and its alphabetical offspring, all had their effect. In 1933 came TVA with its tremendous contributions to regional development. Three years later, Howard W. Odum's monumental *Southern Regions* laid down a base line of factual data which gave the Southeast an objective picture of itself, and thus furnished material for informed and forward-looking regional planning. Librarians, among others, were becoming aware of the deficiencies of the area in technological skills and scientific know-how, in capital wealth, and in institutions required for training the general public and the experts needed to conserve and utilize its resources for the well-being of all its citizens.

So they were not wholly unprepared, when in 1946, the Southeastern Library Association was asked to undertake a specific library project. The TVA, operating in seven of the nine Southeastern states, wanted information which was not available about the library facilities of the region. Representatives

¹*The Southeastern Librarian*, Volume VI, Number 1, Spring 1956, p. 15.

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of TVA and the Southeastern Library Association, with consultants from ALA, worked out plans for a cooperative self-survey of all the library resources of the Southeast. Acting through their state library associations, with a central survey office at the regional level, hundreds of librarians from all types of libraries—school, public, college, university and special—spent two years in assembling the needed data. The machinery of the Regional Library Association enabled them to coordinate their efforts and to obtain a comprehensive, unified picture of what the libraries of the Southeast were doing, and were failing to do, and why.

There was little in the Survey findings that was news to the participating librarians. But the regional approach gave for the first time two companion pictures: one of the area and its library needs; the other of its total library structure—its strength and its weakness in supplying materials of information and education for regional development.

The self-examination and evaluation involved in the survey procedure revealed conspicuous needs, some of them common to all of the states:

"We have now," said the report, "sufficient data at hand to make sound planning for the future possible. We no longer have to guess about library conditions. The individual states will remain, as always, the starting points of initiative and responsibility. But they now have in their new regional unity an important instrument of cooperative effort."²

Although the survey report is an essential reference tool for southern libraries, they would all agree that its greatest value lay in the doing rather than in the report. Collection of data, the interpretation of its meaning, the correlation of information regarding different types of libraries within a state, and the libraries of one state with another—all this involved thousands of hours of individual labor and group conference.

²*Libraries of the Southeast: A Report of the Southeastern States Cooperative Library Survey, 1946-47.* University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1949, p. 12.

Since our present purpose is a description of regionalism at work rather than a library extension progress report, we have not tried to bring the 1946-47 survey statistics up-to-date. We have corresponded, however, with the directors of state library extension agencies and with a dozen or more librarians familiar with conditions then and now. We have also had access to Dr. Alvarez' 1950 and 1956 statistics on public libraries in the larger southern cities.³

From these sources it is clear that, although uneven development must be noted, public libraries in the southeast have made constant progress toward the objectives outlined on the basis of the survey data. For example:

Annual state aid to public libraries has increased in eight of the nine states from \$520,000 to more than two million.

Growth in local support has been phenomenal. Of thirteen cities included in both Alvarez' lists, the average increase in annual appropriation was sixty per cent; in half the cities it was eighty per cent.

Eight of these thirteen cities have new central libraries in use, under construction or in the planning stages; thirty-seven new branch libraries have been erected since 1950. Dozens of smaller cities, not included in this list, have new, attractive, modern buildings.

Several of the state library extension agencies have been reorganized and strengthened.

A headquarters office for the Association has been established, and THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN is now appearing quarterly.

We have described the Southeastern States Cooperative Library Survey to illustrate and emphasize the point that, between state associations on the one hand and the American Library Association on the other, there is logical place and genuine need for the regional library association. Many of us who

have worked for years in regional as well as in state associations, and in ALA, are convinced that regional associations can give vitality, direction and emphasis to public libraries, and at the same time add greatly to library strength and effectiveness at the national level.

The line of inter-communication between local, state and national library interests is very, very slender, the loss of energy and forcefulness very severe. *Perhaps we may borrow an engineering term to describe a valuable function which we believe the regional library association can perform: it can become a booster-pump, an auxiliary device for improving this inter-communication, for reducing the leakage of vital energies, for increasing the impact of our best library facilities upon even the remotest situations.*

Federal Aid undoubtedly will accelerate the growth trend of public libraries in rural America. \$7.5 million a year for the next five years offers the public library a great opportunity to apply its energies to meeting the important problems of its clientele. In the context of federal aid, regionalism assumes added importance. For, within each of the six or seven major regions of the United States there already exists a general awareness of regional characteristics, regional deficiencies, and the outlines of plans for regional solutions. *Leadership at a level which links states together in cooperation on common problems and which facilitates communication with other regions and with library counsel at the national level, will help give point and focus to this five-year demonstration of the essential nature of the library function.*

With local, state and federal governments each now acknowledging responsibility for library service to all people, and with our newly adopted standards for that service, the opportunity is wide open for regional library associations to define their problems and to drive hard for the realization of their objectives in the immediate years ahead.

³Robert A. Alvarez, *Annual Statistics From the Large Southern Cities*. Nashville, Tennessee.

WORKSHOP ON COOPERATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

A workshop on "Dynamics of Cooperation Under the Library Services Act" will be held at the University of Denver School of Librarianship Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21, 1957. Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk will be the director, assisted by a staff of consultants and the school's summer staff.

All librarians interested in the Library Services Act, as well as Library Board members, state advisory council members and other laymen interested in library development are invited to come.

State librarians and their staffs are especially invited to participate. A problem clinic for those state agencies just developing plans for their five years of increased library service will be provided by Mrs. Schenk.

Included in the workshop will be areas of cooperation, including contracts, cooperative practices in libraries, and concepts for library systems, including single county, multi-county and regional systems.

Further information and details may be secured by writing Stuart Baillie, Director, School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

The School is also holding a workshop on "The Dynamics of the School Library" from July 1-6, for which information is now available.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER NEWS

Annual Meeting

Richard B. Sealock, Chairman of the Bibliographical Center, has issued the call for the annual meeting to be held in the Wyer Auditorium of the new Denver Public Library April 6, 1957. Members and friends are invited.

File a Mile in a Kitchen

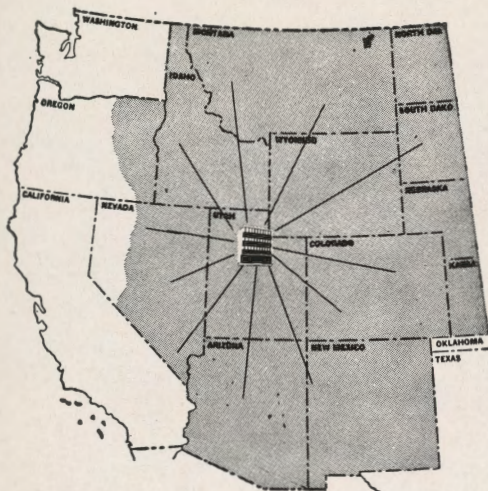
When Mrs. Olive Long, a staff member of the Bibliographical Center for twenty-one years, retired, she did not lose her love for the Denver Union Catalog. In the last three and one-half months her kitchen table has resembled a section of the great five-million-card file. Mrs. Long is working with the letter "W" which has one hundred fifty drawers. Into this portion of the Master catalog she has prepared 200,000 cards for discard and filing. The big task includes work with the preliminary file, the Northwestern University's and the Library of Congress' cards, the current list of holdings sent by seventy member libraries and withdrawals from seven institutions.

Larger Circle

The group for joint cooperation in the area grows each month. Recent members of the Bibliographical Center include: Fort Worth Public Library, Arless Nixen, librarian; Lillian A. Cornwall, 124 South Sherman, Denver; Carlsbad, New Mexico, Public Library, Mrs. Helen B. Melton, librarian; Honeywell Research Center, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company, Burton E. Lamkin, research librarian; Garfield County Public Library, New Castle, Colorado, Mrs. Dorothy Conto, librarian; Sundstrand Aviation-Denver Engineer's Library, 2480 W. 70th Ave., Denver 11, Colorado, Mr. M. C. Willis; and S. W. Shattuck Chemical Company, 1805 South Bannock, Denver, John Saunders.

Director to Speak

Mrs. Eulalia Chapman, Director, will speak at the New Mexico Library Association in Socorro April 25-27.



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