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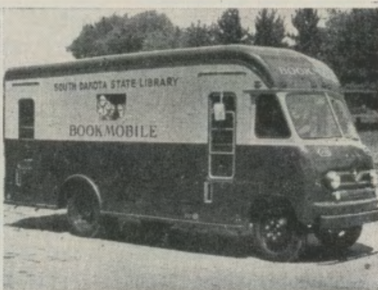
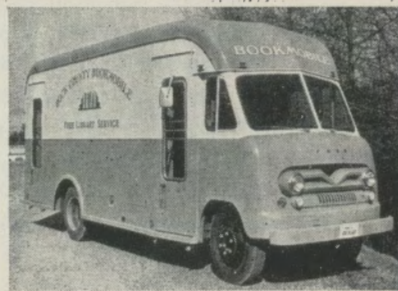
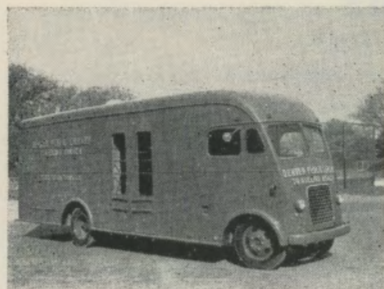
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## IN THIS ISSUE

In "Recent Economic Development of the Mountain Plains States," Page 3, Gerald P. Peters has not only depicted an exciting and dynamic picture of the times in which we live, but has posed the tremendous challenge to education and libraries as a result of the economic and social development of the Mountain-Plains region.

The observance of the centennial of "Rush to the Rockies" will, we hope, find many librarians and trustees adopting the 1859 slogan, "Pikes Peak or Bust," and rushing to the Antlers Hotel at the foot of Pikes Peak for the Mountain-Plains library conference August 27-29, 1959. Exciting prep-

arations are indicated in the article on this page.

A practical and specific article on the A.L.A. Exhibits Round Table, Page 9, written by immediate past president Lora Crouch, points out the benefits to every association in our eight-state region.

Everyone will want to read the story of moving the Air Force Academy Library, by Col. George V. Fagan, Page 13. And there are other fascinating accounts of library developments throughout the region, including the Bibliographical Center's biennial report, part of the cooperative publishing made possible by the *Quarterly*.

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### "RUSH TO THE ROCKIES"—August 27-29, 1959

To prepare for the "Rush to the Rockies" for the MPLA Conference at the Antlers Hotel, at the foot of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, President Robert Thomas has announced the following committee chairmen:

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Mrs. Eulalia Chapman, director of the Bibliographical Center, has announced that the Bib Center will also hold its meeting at the time of the MPLA meeting.

Colorado Library Association will

meet jointly with MPLA, and the Special Libraries Association and the Colorado Association of School Libraries have also been invited to participate.

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# RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOUNTAIN-PLAINS STATES\*

By **GERALD P. PETERS**, *President, Peters, Writer, and Christensen Investments, Denver, Colorado*

In addition to his many business interests, Mr. Peters is president of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Women's College, is a member of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Denver, and has served as chairman of the Colorado Crusade for Higher Education.

The states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, except Utah are Missouri Basin States. The Department of Commerce puts Wyoming, Colorado and Utah into Rocky Mountain States which also include Montana and Idaho, North and South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska into the plains states which also include Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. There is no distinct grouping of these states, so some of the generalizations I will make are indicative of the area rather than the particular seven states composing this conference.

The Mountains and Plains Library Association is one we old Denverites will remember because we had each year a Mountain and Plains festival with a parade and floats representing the economic, cultural and climatic opportunities of this area. Back in the twenties we had a slogan "300,000 by 1930." Incidentally, we didn't make it.

This entire area was fundamentally supported by agriculture (predominantly), ranching, and mining. The Rocky Mountain Region was too far away from the centers of population, and grew only as its natural resources were developed. Travel through the area was a burden—we had poor roads and boiling radiators, and Cheyenne was the railroad center in the East-West traffic—Denver was on a branch line. The mountains cut off trade to the west and Utah looked to the Northwest and the West and was

much closer to the western slope of Colorado than was Denver.

Kansas City became the Reserve Banking Center of the Territory. The Dakotas were in the wilderness, and Kansas and Nebraska grew corn and wheat for their living. The discovery of oil and gas in some of the states brought some prosperity to add to their family income, but prior to World War II the Mountain Plains States were lagging in growth and diversification of enterprises—mining had slowed down and heavy industry was in the East.

Came the War and the boys of the East had a chance to see the West and the only things lacking were the opportunities for gainful employment and a great many of these opportunities had to be manufactured. The service, trade and financial segment of local industry were expanded and the growth of Federal interests together with an expansion of "light" manufacturing added the necessary ingredients for rapid growth.

## *Transportation Key to Growth*

What really made the west grow and still have excellent potentials for further growth was the rapid development of transportation and communication. Our roads were improved, the transportation vehicles—both train and car—were modernized and the airplanes have brought the entire U. S. within a few short hours of any place in the West.

In Denver, for example, we have one of the largest centers of oil companies in the U. S. Organizations have moved in here from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas,

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and other areas though their holdings might be in Montana or the Dakotas because of the ease of transportation — getting to their locations became simple and time saving. Sources of information for the expanding of this field of enterprise also became available as the petroleum populations grew.

Shopping centers were made possible and necessary because of parking facilities and ease of transportation from home to market. Extension of city limits and suburbs development was made possible and desirable.

Advances in sanitation, packaging, freezing and shipping have brought the world's luxury products to our back door. The Boston Cod, the Delaware Shad, the Texas Melon and the California Berry and the Maine Lobster are as readily available to us as to the natives — and often the better products are sent out of the states. The radio, the telephone bring the world's voice to our living room. The world's best actors, comics, humorists, singers, and musicians are available at the turn of a knob — to say nothing of the newscasters, weather reports, and films. Why shouldn't people choose climate and sun if all the other ingredients for a good life are available?

#### *Room to Live in the West*

The west and southwest is mushrooming and properly too. There is room to live in the west. The U. S. average has 56 people per square mile; Pennsylvania 243; New York 719. In our area, the figures are as follows:

- North Dakota — 8.8 per square mile.
- South Dakota — 8.5.
- Kansas — 23.2.
- Nebraska — 17.3.
- Wyoming — 3.0.
- Utah — 8.4.
- Colorado — 15.5.

The wide open spaces are being gradually filled up. The rate of this increase depends upon a number of things. Manufacturing development in the past was necessarily slow. First, the lack of population; second, high cost of shipping to consumers in other areas (over-

land or air); third, lack of plentiful basic raw materials — such as iron ore, copper and bauxite. These problems have been partially overcome by management looking for manpower, happy, able bodied, sober and willing to work — the west has this manpower.

New industries of space exploration for both scientific and defensive projects with their electronic experimentation and production requires more man and brain power than close sources of water, coal, oil, or gas power, and can be located where management and workers wish to live. Recent developments in this line are: Martin Plant, Ramo Woolridge, IBM, AEC, Sundstrand, Air Products.

#### *Western Standards of Living High*

Standards of living can be higher in the west—where space permits acreage, gardens, lawns and flowers, and fresh air. With the forty-hour week, evenings and week-ends can be enjoyed more thoroughly where climate conditions and terrain make them more enjoyable. The big outdoors is more often available to the western inhabitant. Outdoors sports and entertainment vie with each other, and the choices of active participation or just kibitzing are legion.

Cultural and education opportunities must be and are available in the seven states. Utah has the highest percent of educated adults in the U. S. speaking of scholastic training only. It is closely followed by Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas, which five states are in the top eleven in the U. S. Utah adults 25 years and older have had an average of 12 years of schooling, while Kansas as number 11 on the U. S. list has had an average of 10 years of formal education.

The Mountain States rank first of the eight census regions of the country in average rate of growth in 24 categories of business since World War II. They were first in percent of 1946-1957 value added by manufacturing, expense for new plant and equipment, service trade receipts, cash farm income, number of industrial and commercial, number of

residents, Federal government purchase of goods and services.

Their total report shows that they are second in value of mineral produced; fourth in cattle and calves on farms; fifth per capita personal income; sixth amount of cash farm income.

The percent of growth is amazing: 115% gain motor vehicles registered; 115% in telephones in operation; 547% value by engineering contractors (one billion, one-hundred thirty million in 1956); 229% airline passengers; 222% service trade receipts; 172% value minerals produced; 177% life insurance in force.

The area is not a large producer of capital goods, but a large employer of Federal, State and local employers which account for the fact that manufacturing employment only dropped 3% in the recent recession against 9% in the U. S. and as high as 14% in the Great Lakes area. For example in Colorado, an important bulwark in its economy is the high percentage of government workers in the state exclusive of the military.

The most recent estimate of Federal, State and local government employees shows that 20.5% of the state's non-agriculture employees receive their income from tax source with the Federal government as the state's largest single employer. While numerically Colorado's incomes from tax sources are exceeded by several other states, few if any exceed the state percentage wise.

Relatively few mass production industries are located here, and tourism is also a vital factor in continued prosperity. The seven state area can be defined as semi-arid with limited water supplies, Colorado being the only state in the Union which originates all of its own water. The population growth of the Mountain States has been approximately 68% in the 1929 to 1956 year period, against 37% for the U. S.; and it is estimated it will grow another 40% by 1970 against 25% for the U. S. average.

#### *Should Exceed Growth Estimate*

The Mountain States should exceed the 50% estimate of the U. S. in economic growth by 1970 though the Da-

kotas and Kansas and Nebraska should have slower growth because agriculture will not have the opportunities to expand. However corporation farming and more water will increase the efficiency of farming and the number and total of products. This area's sparse population, its high transportation cost, its lack of plentifulness of water limits manufacturing to high value production. The good living conditions and availability of skilled and semi-skilled labor, good labor relations and low turnover rate will add to the territory's manufacturing capacity steadily.

Also comparatively small but a factor worth considering is the Colorado old age pension payments which are now the country's highest, unemployment security taxes are now the country's lowest, while reserves in this fund the largest in relation to potential payment liabilities. These combine with other nationwide personal economic programs such as social security, railroad retirement and job insurance, pensions, personal insurance, etc., provide a substantial cushion, and are a sound sustaining factor.

Kiplinger estimates the following population growth by 1970:

	July 1957	1970
Colorado 42% .....	1,673,000	2,064,000
Wyoming 22% .....	316,000	382,000
Utah 44% .....	851,000	1,114,000
Nebraska 14% .....	1,452,000	1,511,000
Kansas 21% .....	2,136,000	2,380,000
South Dakota 14% .....	702,000	743,000
North Dakota 10% .....	657,000	722,000

Against the U. S. average of 27% increase in population education is a basic necessity to our life today and these seven states have a real opportunity to render a national service in this field.

#### *Business and Educational Explosion*

Quoting from "Business and Educational Explosion," Stanley F. Teele, *Western Business Review*, February 1958: "When we look ahead today, however, even greater changes appear to be developing, both in the field of business and business education. These changes stem from the revolution in American education which is developing so fast that many of us are unaware of them.



"The explosion of knowledge and population since World War II, the burst of technical and economic advance, the outbreak of ideological conflict, the uprooting of old political and cultural patterns on a world-wide scale and an unparalleled demand of Americans for more and better educations, all these converging within little more than a decade, confront us with an educational challenge today which it is urgently important for businessmen and educational leaders alike to recognize!

"Two developments have a peculiar bearing on today's problems of business and business education. Only a generation ago, college-trained men were rare in the top echelon of our leading business organizations. Today, more than two-thirds of the nation's key executives have at least an undergraduate degree, and this proportion is steadily rising. Also, almost 90% of this country's 500 largest corporations now sponsor educational programs of their own.

#### *The Trends in Education*

"Simultaneously, colleges and universities all over the country have established special courses of instruction for both experienced and prospective business managers in addition to much older programs in business administration for under-graduates or for young graduates seeking special advanced training for a business career. Thus, the last two decades have firmly established the mutual dependence of business and business education. Today, eighty per cent of the working population graduated from high school. Thirty per cent have attended college, and in 15 years fifty per cent will probably have college degrees."

We in this area have a chance to teach mining, irrigated farming, and stock raising as well as the classical subjects inherent in any education program. We have first hand observation of several of these subjects practiced mainly in our area.

In the next 10 to 12 years our growth

will depend upon: new ideas, new products, technical and scientific advances, mechanical development or new miracles like radio, TV, telephone and air travel. Our best opportunities are in housing, automation, service industries — retail, repair maintenance, medical, banking reserves and insurance. We can become a trade area for the north and south as well as the east and west. We will have more recreation, vacation travel to prepare for and to help our traveling neighbors. Motels, restaurants, gas stations, and so forth, while racing (horse and car), ball games, tennis, golf, baseball and football are attracting visitors and skiing is a big business in Colorado and Utah.

In the Missouri basin we have had a 7% increase in per capita incomes in '57 over '56, against a 5% U. S. average, and this increase in incomes has come largely from agriculture. North Dakota's main source of growth should come through the Garrison Dam — the largest earth filled dam in the world which should back up the Missouri River 125 miles and average 14 miles wide. This dam alone will improve almost one million acres. It has been estimated it will increase annual farm income by \$54,000,000, will increase total business in North Dakota by \$192,000,000, will add 3600 new farms, will add 1700 new businesses, will add 20,000 new jobs, and support 93,000 more people.

#### *More Growth Possibilities*

The economy of the Plains States of North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas is primarily agricultural and depends in large measure for its future growth on the control and careful use of irrigation water. This water control should be possible as a result of the dams that are now completed and are nearing completion on the main stem and tributaries of the Missouri river. The disaster drought in these states should be eliminated in the foreseeable future, and a sure crop economy would replace the feast or famine of a water supply. This water should create a

more solid agricultural and livestock base for an expanding economy, and small manufacturing and distributive industries will come to supply the increased local demands.

This diversification should provide a new stability to the region as a whole. While the eastern sections of both Nebraska and Kansas now enjoy a larger degree of stability than the other areas, that also would be improved as a result of the healthier situation in the rural market areas of their West.

Currently, surpluses of agricultural products now hamper the nation's economy, but with prospect of 200 million people within the next ten to twelve years, the increased demand for agricultural products should cut these surpluses and provide a more stable price base for farming products. There are currently 65 million acres of land which has been released from supplying food for farm animals and now are being used for production of food for human consumption.

Much of the current surplus of farm products has been created by this production which seems to have little more to go. Students of the economy of this region generally agree that the area is improving and should have substantial expansion and increased prosperity.

The possibilities for the penetration of world markets through the St. Lawrence Waterway can only be guessed. If this waterway can provide world markets for agriculture commodities now handicapped by heavy freight charges, a stable economy should stimulate a population increase and be good for the entire area.

I have mentioned in the beginning of this discussion the prospects for the mountain states section which seems for the next ten or twelve years to have substantial and profitable growth. If the prospects mentioned for both areas work out, we should experience a solid expansion, with the western areas getting a little bigger play and somewhat faster growth.

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By LORA CROUCH, Past President,  
Mountain-Plains Library Association

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4. The dates of the meeting.
5. The name and address of the person who will be exhibits chairman.

Now about that extra speaker. It is no secret that in addition to showing us the new books, new equipment and new furniture available, the exhibits at a library meeting usually pay more than half of the meeting expenses. If you have a list of suppliers who exhibit, you will probably increase the number of your exhibits — and that could pay for another speaker.

MPLA solicited exhibits by using the list from the year before and trying suppliers whose advertising we had seen. This meant writing a great many letters that brought no results and many exhibitors who never heard of our meeting. Undoubtedly most state and regional associations have gone through the same experience. Working more closely with the Exhibits Round Table you can avoid this and help insure your having a successful meeting. But the only way this can be accomplished is to keep the E.R.T. informed of the above information.

The *Exhibits Round Table* is a part of our A.L.A. organization. Until I was

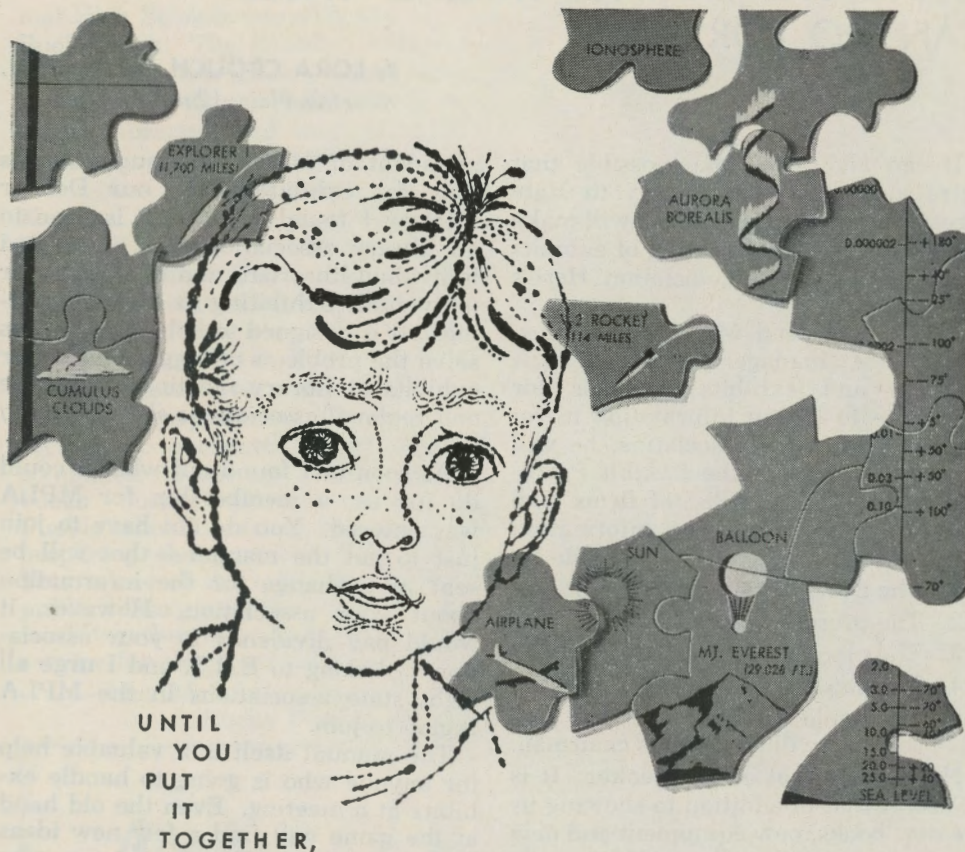
president of MPLA, I thought it was only for exhibitors. At our Denver meeting I found out that it is open to all library associations and interested individual librarians and to all firms or individuals exhibiting at library meetings. It is designed to help both parties solve the problems of bigger and better exhibits at library meetings. *All state and regional associations should belong to it.*

As soon as I found out what it could do for us, a membership for MPLA was entered. You do not have to join just to get the manual — that will be sent in exchange for the information about your association. However, it would pay dividends to your association to belong to E.R.T. and I urge all eight state associations in the MPLA region to join.

The manual itself is a valuable help for anyone who is going to handle exhibits at a meeting. Even the old hand at the game will find a few new ideas and suggestions. For the person who is new at the job — it is a lifesaver. It gives you twenty-eight pages of information on the function of exhibits chairman; planning the exhibits area; the assignment of booths; shipping and storage; etc. There is even a sample contract form for exhibiting.

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On the day during the annual conference of MPLA last summer which was devoted to meetings by "types of libraries," the librarians of public and county libraries, and a number of library trustees met together for a program session for the first time in at least two years.

A thread of context was woven through the day-long discussion of mutual problems in that generalizations concerning the community needs surrounding libraries were sifted through the presentations of the library's basic services, the quality of these services and finally the adequate budget to support the services determined by the originally recognized community needs.

Miss Ruth Warncke, director of ALA's Library-Community project, skillfully questioned Miss Nell Scott, Coordinator of Group Services for the Denver Public Library, to bring before the librarians and trustees her extensive know-how as to recognition of problems, needs for information and sociological changes. Then the ways in which she has been able to translate her sensitivity to these factors into appropriate and successful library adult education activities were brought out through Miss Warncke's questions.

In answering the question "What Are Basic Library Services?" Mr. Jerome Cushman of the Public Library in Salina, Kansas, reminded his listeners of the traditional services libraries are supposed to offer, and at the same time injected into his speech some personal philosophy concerning the librarian's feeling for his cultural and professional roles.

Miss Eleanor Ferguson, Executive Secretary, Public Library Association of the American Library Association, dealt in a very thorough fashion with the question of "What Is Quality Library Service?" This of course involved standards of their application,

particularly the new ALA standards.

The afternoon session ended with the discussion of "What is an Adequate Budget?" by Mr. John Eastlick of the Denver Public Library. Mr. Eastlick covered in what amounted to a rapid fire fashion the philosophy and reasons for budgeting, the essential elements of a budget, and the matter of justification. He emphasized the fact that there is a point at which the librarian's responsibility ends. The trustees enter the picture to approve the budget and acquire the funds for the library's operation, Mr. Eastlick believes.

At various times during the day the librarians and trustees attending the meeting were involved in the discussion through the leadership of Miss Ruth Warncke who used a variety of techniques to bring out questions and additional discussion of the material presented by the speakers.

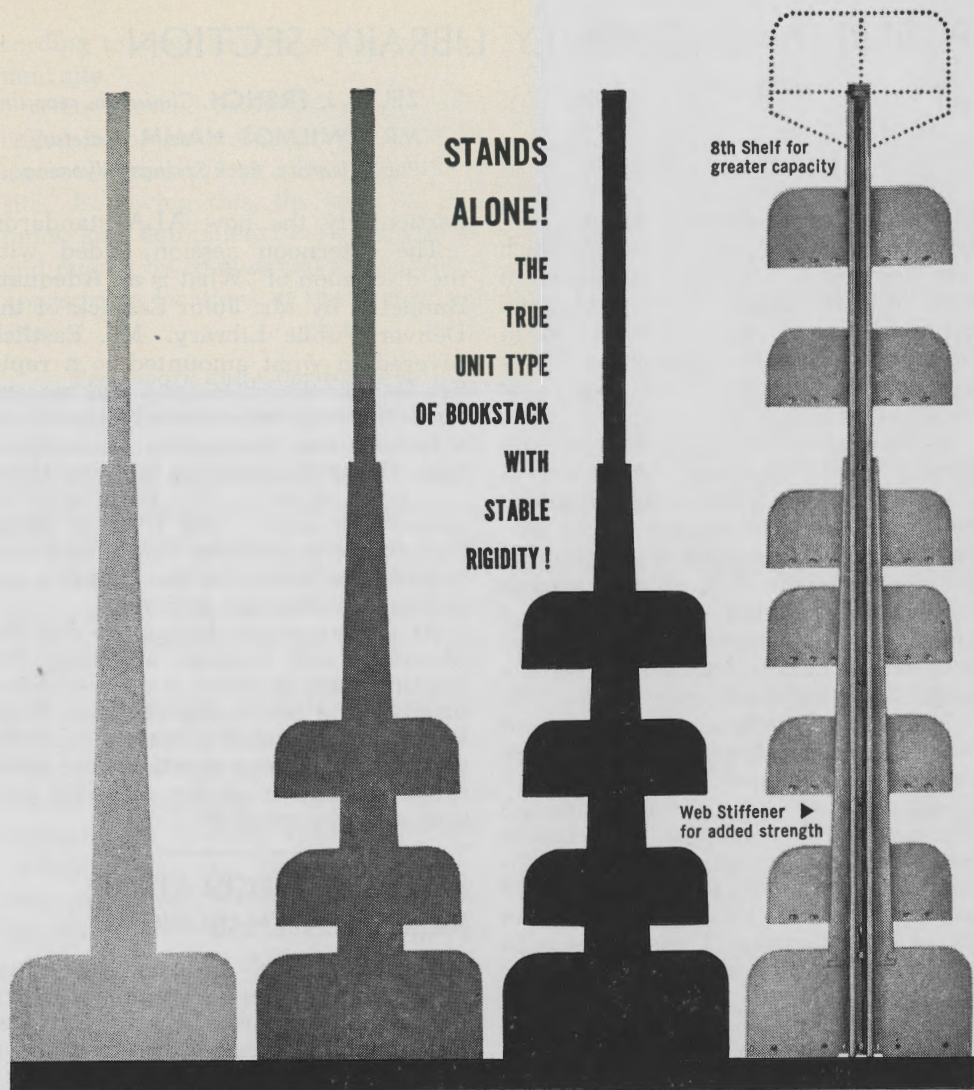
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## WYOMING LEGISLATURE PASSES LSA ENABLING ACT

The Wyoming Library Roundup, publication of the Wyoming Library Association, reports Library Services Act enabling legislation has been passed. Says the Roundup:

"Senate File 14, introduced by Senators Rudolph Anselmi and Frank C. Mockler, was passed by both houses of the Wyoming Legislature and signed by Governor J. J. Hickey on February 5, 1959.

"This enabling legislation allows Wyoming to accept Federal funds under the Library Services Act and designates the State Library, Archives and Historical Board as the official state agency to administer the funds. Before funds are allocated to Wyoming, a comprehensive plan must be devised by the State Library . . . and this plan accepted by the United States Commissioner of Education."



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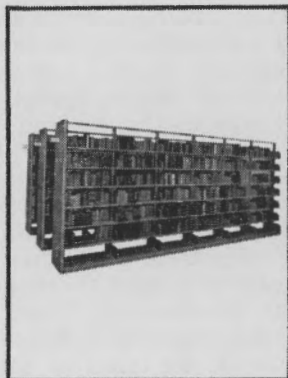
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FLORENCE WILSON and ROBERT TREFZ, *Editors*

## MOVING THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY LIBRARY

By **GEORGE V. FAGAN**,  
*Lt. Colonel, USAF*  
*Director of the Library*

Moving an entire educational institution is not an enviable task. The Air Force Academy recently accomplished this feat. After being located at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver since 1954, the entire Air Force Academy, with the exception of a few support activities, was moved to its permanent site near Colorado Springs during the closing days of August 1958. The move involved 1,145 cadets, plus the entire Faculty and most of the staff officers, along with civilian employees.

The logistical problems were impressive. Over a million and one-half pounds of equipment and operational necessities were moved from Denver. This amounted to well over one-hundred commercial vanloads. The temporary Library portion of the shipment amounted to over 40,000 pounds. During Phase II, seven vans transported 131,880 pounds of library materials.

### *Moving In Four Phases*

Because the Library wing of the main Academic Building was not scheduled for completion until mid-November 1958, it was necessary to move the Academy Library in four phases. Phase I provided for the establishment of a temporary Library housed in seven classrooms during the first semester of the 1958-59 academic year. Phase II consisted of the movement of all library materials from Lowry Air Force Base to the permanent Library wing. Phase III called for relocating all the books and library materials from the temporary classrooms to the main Library. Phase IV provided for the relocation of the wooden library furniture to the

Community Library located about six miles from the main Academy Library.

How did we go about relocating our Library in its new quarters? Months of careful, detailed planning certainly paid off. Construction design drawings were obtained and diagrams of the Library's temporary area were studied closely. Each piece of shelving to be moved was scheduled into a specific location in the temporary library area.

Initially, a representative collection of 15,000 volumes was selected by the Library staff for transfer. This selection was then reviewed by members of the academic departments, and additions and deletions were made where deemed advisable and/or necessary. In this way, the number of volumes to be moved was reduced to 10,000, which was the capacity of the wooden shelving used while the Academy was at Lowry Air Force Base. Duplicate book cards, in a green color to distinguish them from the regular book cards, were typed and placed in the volumes being transferred.

The selected volumes were next placed on the shelves in the Main Reading Room in Library of Congress classification order. Cardboard library tote boxes, measuring 18"x12"x12½", were purchased and assembled. Library staff members took the selected volumes from the shelves, removed the green duplicate book cards, and packed the books in shelf-list order in the tote boxes for removal to the permanent site.

The green book cards were retained at the interim site in Denver so that Library personnel there would have a record of the volumes at the temporary Library at the permanent site. All tote boxes were labeled with the room number and area assigned to the contents of the boxes. A color code was also used to identify the contents of the boxes which were arranged for shipment ac-

cording to their location at the permanent site.

A commercial moving company was called in to dismantle, transfer, and reassemble the shelving at the permanent site. Following this, the selected volumes and equipment were picked up and moved by commercial vans to their appropriate locations at the permanent site.

#### *Teamwork and Coordination*

Teamwork and close coordination between the two points, as well as the excellent cooperation of the Library staffs and others involved in the move, enabled the temporary Library to be set up a day and a half ahead of schedule so that it was operational one week prior to the arrival of the Cadets from Denver.

From August until mid-December 1958, library services were provided at both the old and new locations. Telephone communications were of utmost importance. A daily courier run between Denver and the permanent site was established. Over 2,500 books and an equal number of bound periodicals were carried on this shuttle service during these hectic months. Library personnel as well as materials often had to be shuttled back and forth between the two points sixty miles apart.

When the time for Phase II arrived, the staff had gained a great deal of experience in running a peripatetic library. Mistakes made during the initial phase were remedied and the whole plan refined. One professional librarian was placed in full charge of the move which involved between 65,000 and 70,000 items. Responsibility for specific portions of the collection was given to other professional librarians. Again, all tote boxes were coded and assigned to permanent locations in the new Library. Close coordination

was vital to insure a smooth operation. Once more, the collection was moved in record time in eight working days.

Phase III was relatively simple since it merely meant relocating books on different floors in the same building. More than 10,000 books were relocated and reshelved in less than one and one-half days. As Phase IV, the wooden shelving was dismantled and transported to the Community Library during the Christmas holidays. The Community Library, which will serve as a public library for all Academy officers and enlisted personnel (other than those connected directly with the education of Cadets), their dependents, and civilian employees, was scheduled to open its doors on 16 February 1959.

On 5 January 1959, our magnificent new Academy Library was opened for service. Another landmark in the Air Force Academy's educational history was passed.

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## CLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Executive Board of CLA held its business meeting on Dec. 6, 1958, at the Denver Public Library with Mrs. Margaret Reid presiding.

Among the items discussed were the need for the Legislative Committee. Miss Phoebe Hayes, National Farmers Union Library, agreed to be chairman, and the rest of the committee will be appointed soon. It was suggested that by the end of the first year a definite program of action be formulated and presented to CLA. The Legislative Committee could support Gordon Bennett in his request for state aid for Colorado libraries, could assist him in securing state legislation to implement his library program, and might formulate a CLA legislative program of its own.

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## NEWS FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT

Officers of the Western District of CLA were elected in Gunnison, May 3, 1958: Chairman, Mrs. Ann Sroaf, Palisade High School Library; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Louise Floyd, Grand Junction Public Library; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Brown, Grand Junction Public Library. The group decided to devote some of the money in its treasury to two workshop scholarships to be given each summer. One of the scholarships (of \$25) will go to a school librarian, the other to a public librarian.

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Mrs. Marie Fredrick, Librarian, Cortez Public Library, was cited as a "woman of distinction" by the Cortez Sentinel, June 19, 1958. Mentioned in the citation was her work as city librarian, a post she has held since 1951, and also her work in "Operation Bootstrap," which was organized to take action in civic affairs.

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The new librarian of the Craig-Moffat County Library is Mrs. Victor Allen, who previously served on its board. She takes the place of Mrs. John Farhar, who resigned last summer.

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"Local library cooperation" is a goal of librarians in the Grand Junction area. As a follow-up to the state convention, a meeting was held under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Hensler so that librarians, teachers, and citizens could investigate means of bringing better library service to all. A slogan was suggested: "You are as close to us as your telephone."

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The Grand Junction Public Library now has an officially organized Friends of the Library with officers as follows: President, Mrs. John Barry; Vice-President, William Morgan; Secretary-Treasurer, James Perry; and Publicity Chairman, Miss Verna Waterman. The group has been holding monthly meetings since the fall of 1958.

— Mrs. Louise Floyd, Reporter  
Public Library, Grand Junction

## NORTHERN DISTRICT WILL MEET APRIL 4 AT GREELEY

The Northern District Library Association meeting will be held April 4 at the Heath Junior High School Library in Greeley. The topic of discussion will be "Modern Techniques for Better Library Service," and will include co-operative library systems, modern machines, and introducing the patron to the library. At the evening banquet Miss Caroline Bancroft will speak on "100 Years of Colorado." Pre-registration forms will be sent out by March 16 and the deadline for pre-registration will be March 28. If you do not receive a form, please write to Miss Ellen Maddox, Local Arrangements Chairman, Heath Junior High School, Greeley, Colorado.

— Mrs. Elizabeth Adcock, Reporter  
Weld County Library, Greeley

## ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Miss Lillian McNutt, Librarian, has almost completed cataloging the 4,000 volumes of the Hugo Library, with the aid of volunteers.

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Huerfano County Library, Walsenberg, will be adding pictures to their lending collection.

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Mrs. Ruth A. Justin, Librarian, Trinidad Public Library, has volunteered to lead a workshop in book mending when there are a sufficient number of participants.

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Robert B. Kirchgraber, Library Service Act Area "A" Director, attended a three-day workshop in Denver in December to discuss materials and activities concerning the "Rush to the Rockies" centennial and National Book Week.

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The staff of the Public Library of Pueblo entertained student library as-

sistants of Pueblo Central and Centennial High Schools one afternoon during Book Week. The students visited the exhibits of new books, made lists of titles which they would like in their school libraries, and then attended a "get acquainted" social period. The event was planned jointly by Miss Knox, Librarian of the McClelland Public Library, and Misses Thelma Matthews and Phyllis Miller, high school librarians, to serve as "subliminal recruitment."

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For several years the McClelland Public Library under Miss Knox's direction has arranged for several book companies to set up exhibits of new books during November to assist Pueblo school librarians and teachers in preparing their annual book orders. This is one of the many ways that the public library and the school libraries work together to provide better library service for the youth of Pueblo.

— Mrs. Mabel Goeringer, Reporter  
Rocky Ford High School

## BUSINESS MEETING HELD BY DENVER DISTRICT

The annual business meeting of the Denver District Library Association was held Nov. 7, 1958, at the U. S. Geological Survey Library at the Denver Federal Center. The following officers were elected for 1958-59: Chairman, Miss Madge Ferguson, Librarian, Aaron Gove Junior High School; Vice-Chairman and Chairman-elect, Glenn Johnson, Librarian, Colorado State Historical Society; Treasurer, Miss Eleanor Faudel, Denver Public Library; and Secretary, Miss Louise Hiller, Dept. of Library Instruction, Denver Public Schools.

After the business meeting the group toured the U.S.G.S. Library. A member of the mapping staff of the Survey gave an explanation of the maps made there and there was a demonstration of mapping from aerial photographs.

— Miss Barbara Condron, Reporter  
Colorado Highway Department  
Technical Library

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# BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER NEWS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MIDWINTER

The following 17 members of the Bibliographical Center for Research met January 28th in Edgewater Beach to discuss the progress of the Center:

Robert Hartshorn, Utah State Library; Robert Thomas, Hutchinson Public Library, Kansas; Ralph Ellsworth, Chairman Executive Committee, Director of Libraries, University of Colorado; Edward Werner, Vice Chairman of the Council, New Mexico Western College, Silver City, New Mexico; R. C. Janeway, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas; Le Moyne Anderson, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado; Stuart Baillie, University of Denver; Mark Gormley, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Forrest Carhart, U. S. Air Force Academy; Richard B. Sealock, Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri; William Baehr, Kansas State College, Manhattan; Mrs. Doris V. Martinez, Nevada State Library, Carson City, Nevada; Miriam E. McNally, Denver, Colorado; Gordon Bennett, Colorado State Library; K. L. Janecek, South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Brookings, South Dakota; Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, State Library Commission, Bismarck, North Dakota, and Eulalia Chapman, Bibliographical Center.

### *Agenda*

Dr. Ralph Ellsworth, Chairman, Executive Committee presided. The following topics were discussed: Report of the Executive Committee meeting held at MPLA, August, 1958; Treasurer's report and a summary of the Finance Committee reports given by Forrest Carhart.

The financial statement as of January 1, 1959, is printed in the Bibliographical Center Annual Report in this issue of the *Quarterly*. Mr. Carhart said the staff salaries had been raised and finances were improved. Eulalia

Chapman reported on the new members. She said letters had been written to all who had used the services to a very great extent. All members asked had raised their fees willingly.

### *Union Catalog*

A sample of the removing the uncoded LC cards was given. From March 1958 on letter M, 104 drawers were filed, coded and defiled. After defiling, 51 drawers to date were left in the Union Catalog. The defilers filed and coded 110,000 cards and removed 36,000 LC cards. (The voluntary helpers are mentioned in the Annual Report.)

### *Acquisition Committee*

A report of the Acquisition Committee prepared by Jane Gould, chairman, led to a discussion of the purchase of the Bibliotheque Nationale Catalogue. It was voted to authorize the Acquisition Committee to present to the Finance Committee a proposal to purchase the set if the money could be secured.

### *Membership Committee*

A letter from Mrs. Ione McClain, chairman, brought out that the Committee was trying to get material about the Center in each state publication urging people to join, and that each committee member would speak in behalf of the Bib Center in his or her state.

The three members of the Nominating Committee for libraries paying less than \$100.00 were appointed. They are: Esto Hatfield, Librarian, Public Library, Pierre, South Dakota; Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, North Dakota State Library Commission, and Ruth Hanson, President, Kansas Library Association, Emporia, Kansas.

The Annual Meeting of the Center will be held with MPLA in August 27-29, 1959.

— Miriam E. McNally  
for Victoria Barker, Secretary

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### NEWS FROM NEVADA

#### *Joseph Shubert Is Named Acting State Librarian*

Nevada's Governor Grant Sawyer has named Joseph F. Shubert Acting State Librarian upon the resignation of Mrs. Constance C. Collins. Mrs. Collins left Nevada January 10th, and will become director of the New Canaan, Conn., Public Library. Governor Sawyer is one chief executive who has been in close touch with libraries. He was formerly District Attorney of Elko County, serving as legal adviser to the library board, and is the son of Fallon High School Librarian, Mrs. H. W. Sawyer.

#### *Series of Workshops*

Nevada librarians have been engaged in a series of workshops. The two most recent one day meetings were on budget making and reference books,

respectively. A similar one day meeting on audio-visual services of public libraries was held in Las Vegas, February 14.

#### *New Librarian at Elko*

Mrs. Dorothy Dalton, formerly Children's librarian at the Washoe County library, has become director of the Elko County Library at Elko.

### WYOMING L. A. ELECTS NEW 1959 OFFICERS

Officers of the Wyoming Library Association for 1959 are: President, James Ranz, University of Wyoming Library, Laramie; President-elect, Mrs. Esther Picard, Worland Junior High School Library, Worland; Vice-president, Mrs. Frances Taylor, Mountain View Library, Mountain View; Secretary, Miss Mary Carpenter, Laramie County Library, Cheyenne; and treasurer, Miss Malinda Root, Campbell County High School Library, Gillette.

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# Bibliographical Center for Research

## Rocky Mountain Region Biennial Report — 1957-58

With the establishment of the Mountain Plains Library Quarterly it was decided to publish the Center's News, Bulletin and Annual Report in pages of the Quarterly, the Center agreeing to pay the amount the three separate publications had cost annually. The inclusion of the Bibliographical News has proven to be an economical and cooperative measure. Therefore, the Annual Report appears for the first time in this issue of the Quarterly.

Service from the Center is essential as shown by the functions carried out in 1957-1958. During this period the main operation was location and arranging of interlibrary loans. The total requests numbered 12,115 in 1958 which is the highest submitted to the Center in its history of twenty-four years. The number would have been greater if we had not encouraged the libraries and institutions to route the easier requests to other agencies such as to the State and local libraries and to borrow directly when a location was known. Service to Arizona and Nevada State Libraries also changed the picture.

### Changing Pattern of Activity

In order to effectively locate and arrange loans, a decision was made to improve the Union Catalog. An expenditure of \$4,000.00 was necessary to

purchase files to hold the unfiled cards so that they would be in one large file. A survey committee composed of Officers and Executive Committee members met in March, 1958 to discuss the problem. This group inspected the Union Catalog and voted to remove all LC cards which were not coded, for the dates 1898-1941. It was agreed to purchase the 167 volumes of the LC Catalog of Printed Cards to replace the cards removed. Additional filers were placed on the payroll to accomplish the task of "De Filing."

### Voluntary Filing

At the present time in addition to the Staff of the Center the following librarians have given many hours to voluntary filing cards into the Union Catalog: Mrs. Mary Wegg, Margaret Fish, Mrs. Florence Wilson, Mary Firor, Margaret Goodrich, Mrs. Evelyn Brewster, Jane Gould, Mrs. Josephine Shepherd, Isabel Anderson, Mrs. Vance White and Mrs. Inez Brower.

There are three full time paid filers at present: Gladys Gregg, Mrs. Lillian Fisher and Mrs. Olive Rodgers. Lucille Durzo, Ione Dibble and Dawne Shioya, staff members, spend one-half of regular hours filing.

The following chart gives a summary of statistics of the Union Catalog:

1958	Cards Received John Crerar Library	Princeton University Library	Library Withdrawals	Additions Loaned to DLC for 1956-58	Regional Additions	Circular- ized	Totals
January	—	—	—	—	9,209	14	9,223
February	1,487	—	—	—	7,295	18	8,800
March	—	—	—	—	8,179	7	8,186
April	—	422	26	—	12,085	5	12,538
May	—	445	180	—	11,954	7	12,586
June	1,453	—	41	—	6,208	6	7,708
July	—	—	—	—	7,925	8	7,933
August	—	—	50	—	8,807	13	8,870
September	—	—	700	1,650	12,503	5	14,858
October	—	—	—	1,000	10,350	13	11,363
November	—	—	394	—	6,924	12	7,330
December	1,242	378	—	2,425	4,589	7	8,641
Year Totals	4,182	1,245	1,391	5,075	106,028	115	118,036
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>							<b>118,036</b>

## New Members

The friendly Bib Center welcomed seventeen new members in 1957 and sixteen in 1958.

Recent new members include the following: Stearns-Roger Manufacturing Co., Denver, Colorado, David Birrell; Office of the Church Historian, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 47 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, Earl Olson, Librarian; Research Department, Ideal Cement Co., Fort Collins, Colorado, Mrs. Marjorie Warren, Librarian; Pittsburg Public Library, Pittsburg, Kansas, Miss Ruth H. Nevin, Librarian; Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska, Miss Alice Paine, Librarian; Houston Public Library, Houston, Texas, Mrs. Harriett D. Reynolds, Librarian; Western Live Stock, Marketing Research Committee, New Customs, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, Harold Abel.

## Cooperative Activities

The Center has emphasized the co-ordination of library services with the following: joint purchasing; distribution of the Journal of the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Science; housing the Rand publications; checking locations for bibliographical centers; cooperating with Mountain Plains and Colorado Library Associations in publication of the expanded Quarterly; temporary housing of serials; international cooperation with foreign guests and students and recruitment for librarianship.

A check showed the Center spent 104 hours of clerical time keeping records of the Quarterly. This included paid memberships, billing for subscriptions, labels and change of addresses. Very few issues were returned due to proper checking.

## Foreign Visitors

The Bibliographical Center entertained guests from Burma, Germany, China, Australia, Greece, India, England, Guatemala, Iran, Italy, Copenhagen, Israel, Japan, Free China, Formosa, Indonesia, Denmark, Nigeria and Jakarta. Many librarians from all over the United States who came to see the new Denver Public Library came to the headquarters of the Center.

## Officers, Committees, Representatives and Staff — 1957-58

**Officers of the Council:** Chairman, Ray Janeway, Librarian, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas; Vice-Chairman, Fleming Bennett, Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona; Treasurer, John Eastlick, Librarian, Denver Public Library, Colorado; Secretary, Phyllis Osteen, Denver, Colorado.

**Executive Committee:** Chairman, James Ranz, Director, University of Wyoming Libraries, Laramie; Stuart Baillie, Director of Libraries, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver, School of Librarianship, Denver; Miriam McNally, representing MPLA Quarterly; Mrs. Elsa Thompson, Librarian, Albuquerque Public Library, New Mexico; Dr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Ex-Officio, Librarian Emeritus, Denver Public Library, Colorado.

**Finance Committee:** Chairman, Forrest Carhart, USAF Academy Library, Air Force Academy, Colorado; Harold Batchelor, Librarian, Mathews Library, Arizona State College, Tempe, Arizona; Jo Battle, Librarian, Hutchinson County Library, Borger, Texas.

**Acquisitions Committee:** Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Reid, Librarian, Colorado Springs Public Library, Colorado;

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Jane Gould, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver, Colorado; Henry Waltemade, University of Colorado Libraries, Boulder.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman, Robert Jones, University of Denver, Mary Reed Library, Colorado; Stuart Baillie, Director of Libraries, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver, School of Librarianship, Denver; Zelia French, Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission, Topeka, Kansas; Donald Powell, University of Arizona, Tuscon; Mrs. Kathryn J. Gesterfield, Librarian, Scottsbluff Public Library, Nebraska; Harold Batchelor, Librarian, Mathews Library, Arizona State College, Tempe; Baxter Polk, Librarian, Texas Western College, El Paso; Mrs. Ruth Tyler, Librarian, Salt Lake County Free Public Library, Midvale Utah.

**Representatives to the Council:** Mrs. Elizabeth Adcock, Weld County Library, Greeley, Colorado; Mrs. Marie C. Anderson, Manti Public Library, Manti, Utah; Mary J. Carpenter, Laramie County Carnegie Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Charlotte C. Davies, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota; Octavia Fellin, Gallup Public Library, Gallup, New Mexico; Miss Ruth Harris, Hastings College Library, Hastings, Nebraska; George Hovey, Doubleday and Company, Colorado Springs; Dale S. King, Southwestern National Monuments, Globe, Arizona; Miriam McNally, Public Relations Planner, Denver, Colorado; Robert Thomas, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Kansas.

**Staff of the Center 1957-1958:** Eulalia Chapman, Director; Lucille Durzo; Ione Dibble; Ruth Matlick; Belen Aranda; Lillian Fisher; Dawne Shioya. **1958—** Gladys Gregg, Olive Rodgers.

The Officers and Committee mem-

bers with the Ten Representatives to the Council for 1958 have been listed in the MPLA Quarterly, Summer issue, 1958.

### Appreciation

The Officers, Committee Members and directors appreciate very much the fine support given to the activities of the Bibliographical Center for Research. It is difficult to express in words our thanks to Dr. Malcolm G. Wyer, our founder. We wish to give credit to the staff of the Center, the National Union Catalog, Bibliographical Centers, members and libraries all over the United States who have made possible the dynamic regional library service offered by the Bibliographical Center for Research.

EULALIA CHAPMAN  
Director

Note: Financial data for the biennium appear on pages 22-24.

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### VALUABLE LIBRARY BEQUEATHED TO COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

The library of the late Dr. Joaquin Ortega, professor emeritus of the University of New Mexico, has been bequeathed to the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, Albuquerque. The collection, the largest and most valuable ever received by the College library, consists of more than two thousand books in both Spanish and English and includes works of Spanish literature, histories of Spain and Latin America, biographies and periodicals.

The rarest items in the gift are a nearly complete set of the *P.M.L.A.* magazine from 1931 to 1954, and the issues of *Hispania* from 1929 to 1940.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

December 31, 1957

Balance in Colorado National Bank on January 1, 1957.....\$ 5,074.28

*Income:*

Sale of bibliographies: Coover .....	\$ 20.25	
Sale of bibliographies: Kitzhaber .....	1.00	
Sale of bibliographies: Makepeace .....	263.00	
	283.25	\$ 283.25

*Memberships:*

Colleges and Universities.....	\$ 9,645.00	
Public Libraries .....	6,146.00	
State, Federal, Denver Public Schools, Library Commission .....	3,877.23	
Individuals, Societies, Museums, Library Assns.....	615.00	
Business Firms .....	1,397.20	
	21,680.43	\$21,680.43

*Reimbursements:*

Teletype .....	\$ 1.05	
<i>Olive Long Memorial Fund:</i> .....	17.00	
Total income, plus balance in Bank on January 1, 1957.....		\$27,056.01

*Expenditures:*

Net salaries .....	\$16,052.01	
Stationery .....	123.80	
Miscellaneous (includes advertising, memberships, annual meetings expenses, printing of Makepeace bibliography, annual report, \$700 loan to Adult Education Council, etc. ....)	1,319.54	
Equipment —		
Catalog Cards .....	84.90	
Postage .....	313.67	
Bibliographies .....	392.74	
Travel .....	426.12	
Taxes — Federal, Social Security, and State withholding .....	3,315.86	
Teletype .....	121.05	
	22,149.69	\$22,149.69

Balance in Colorado National Bank on December 31, 1957.....\$ 4,906.32



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**Financial Statement as of January 1, 1959**

Balance in Colorado National Bank as of January 1, 1958.....\$ 4,906.32

*Income:*

Sale of bibliographies: Coover I .....	\$ 12.25	
Sale of bibliographies: Kitzhaber .....	3.00	
Sale of bibliographies: Makepeace .....	88.00	
		\$ 103.25

*Memberships:*

Colleges and Universities .....	\$10,146.00	
Public Libraries .....	6,221.00	
State, Federal, Denver Public Schools, State Library Commission.....	3,269.62	
Individuals and Societies, Museums, Library Associations .....	430.00	
Business Firms .....	1,784.18	
		\$21,850.80

*Other Income:*

Interest on loan to Adult Education Council.....	\$ 55.44	
Sale of duplicate set of bibliographies.....	25.00	
Sale of magazines.....	18.00	
Reimbursement for luncheon reservation (annual meeting) .....	2.25	
		\$ 100.69

Total income, plus balance in Colo. National Bank on Jan. 1, 1958...\$26,961.06

*Disbursements:*

Net salaries .....	\$17,645.55	
Stationery .....	81.34	
Miscellaneous (includes memberships, card signs, flowers, meeting expenses, telephone calls, etc.....)	356.82	
Equipment .....	72.37	
Catalog Cards .....	206.49	
Postage .....	330.86	
Bibliographies .....	321.89	
Travel (includes Survey expense) .....	649.94	
Taxes — Federal and State withholding, Social Security .....	4,092.27	
Teletype .....	121.32	
Binding .....	31.60	
Expenses for printing Coover Bibliographical II.....	303.28	
		\$24,213.73

Balance in Colorado National Bank on January 1, 1959.....\$ 2,747.33

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH**  
**Estimated Budget for 1959**

Estimated Balance in Colorado National Bank, January 1, 1959 . . . . \$ 2,747.33

*Income:*

Sale of bibliographies: Coover . . . . .	\$ 150.00	
Sale of bibliographies: Makepeace . . . . .	50.00	
		\$ 200.00

*Other Income:*

Interest on loan to Adult Education Council . . . . .	\$ 40.88	
Sale of duplicate bibliographies and serials . . . . .	50.00	
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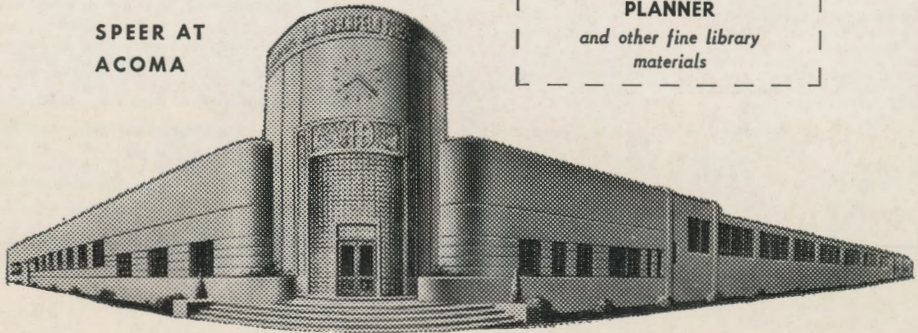
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