

# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

THE LIBRARY of the University of California, Los Angeles, has acquired a collection of ninety-five of the papers of Jacques Necker (1732-1804). The collection consists of papers, memorials, and reports, issued either privately or in his official capacity as minister of finance of France, and includes books and pamphlets attacking him. Some of the works are of considerable rarity and do not appear in the standard bibliographies for the period.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has been presented with an extensive manuscript collection providing significant new insight into the Jacksonian era. The papers comprise the bulk of the letters, diaries, memoranda, bank records, and accounting books of Thomas Olcott, nineteenth-century financier and philanthropist. Included are letters from many figures of importance such as Martin Van Buren, William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, and J. Pierpont Morgan. The material, given by Douglas Worth Olcott, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Albany, and its directors, should prove indispensable to anyone studying New York banking and politics during the Jacksonian period.

THE HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY at Independence, Mo., recently added to its manuscript collections scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and World War II aerial photographs of bombing targets, records of commissions, committees, and boards appointed by the former President, sound tapes of some of his speeches, and papers of many of the government officials during his administration.

KNOX COLLEGE, Galesburg, Ill., has received more than thirteen thousand volumes from the valuable personal library of the late Dr. Clarence H. Haring, professor of Latin American history and economics at Harvard University for thirty years.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS has been presented with the papers of the American physiologist, Jacques Loeb (1859-1924), best known for his experimental work in induc-

ing parthenogenesis and regeneration by means of chemical stimuli and for his development of the tropism theory, namely, that all ethics are a product of man's inherited tropisms. Among the papers are letters between Dr. Loeb and his fellow scientists, a large collection of his experimental notebooks and manuscripts, and proofsheets of his books and articles.

ROSARY COLLEGE LIBRARY, River Forest, Ill., has received a gift of 450 books comprising a reference collection of lives of the saints. The donor was the Thomas Moore Association.

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY has received a gift of a hundred books on the art and culture of Japan from the Japanese government in commemoration of the centennial of American-Japanese diplomatic relations.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has acquired the complete library of Dr. José Mogrovejo Carrion of Cuenca, Ecuador. The collection consists of more than seven thousand volumes on Ecuadorian history, government, anthropology, and literature.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY has received the Harry R. Lange Historical Collection of Musical Instruments and Books, to be housed under the jurisdiction of the Music Library at Stanford. The gift of a California businessman, it includes fine violins dating from 1723, violas, a cello, an oboe, and modern copies of old violas and recorders.

THE LONGWOOD LIBRARY at Kennett Square, Pa., will be merged with the Hagley Museum Library near Greenville, Del. The combined library will be known as the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library and will occupy a new building being erected on the original property of the Du Pont Company. The collection includes personal and business papers of members of the Du Pont family from 1588 to 1954, correspondence, journals, family books, and early records of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

THE PIUS XII MEMORIAL LIBRARY, St. Louis University, has just received the library of the Academy of Science of St. Louis, consisting of over eighty thousand scientific volumes. The Academy of Science library is made up of periodicals, books and scientific papers collected since the Academy's founding in 1856. Of use primarily as reference material on the history of science, the material will complement the extensive microfilm holdings of the Vatican Library Manuscript collection in this research area. Included are exchange publications from scientific institutions, universities and museums throughout the world, with many regularly published papers from behind the Iron Curtain. The Academy will continue to collect from these sources and augment the collection at Pius XII Library each year, in order to keep the references as up to date as possible.

THE LIBRARY of the late Walter Eugene Clark, Wales Professor of Sanskrit at Harvard University from 1928 to 1950 has been acquired by the library of the University of California, Los Angeles. The collection comprises well over fifteen hundred volumes relating to Vedic and Sanskrit literature, works of Pali, Tibetan, Buddhist, and Jan provenance in both original editions and translations, and materials on Indian philosophy, religion, folklore, medicine, grammar, poetics, rhetoric, drama, astronomy, mathematics, lexicography, history, and other fields.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARY has recently acquired many groups of manuscripts. Among them are the Drumheller Family Papers which include the diary of Leonard J. Powell, former president of the University of Washington; and the Edwin B. Stevens Papers, correspondence and papers relating to the administrations of presidents Graves, Kane, and Suzzallo of the University of Washington.

VALUABLE ADDITIONS to the University of Florida holdings of Florida manuscript letters include the gift from United States Senator Spessard L. Holland of papers covering his terms as a member of the Florida Senate (1932-1940) and as Governor of Florida (1941-1945). In presenting the papers to the P. K.

Yonge Library of Florida History at the University, Senator Holland told library officials that he expects to add papers from his term in the U. S. Senate at a later date. These papers are of vital importance as source materials in the writing of the political and historical development of the state.

Other recent acquisitions of historical significance to the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History include the gubernatorial papers of William Sherman Jennings, eighteenth Governor of Florida, 1901-05. Presented by Mrs. William Sherman Jennings and her son Sherman Bryan Jennings, the bequest also includes some of Mrs. Jennings' papers; Mrs. Jennings has been very prominent for many years in civic and club work throughout the state of Florida.

## BUILDINGS

BELOIT COLLEGE was the chief beneficiary in the will of Iva Marion Butlin, alumna and librarian emerita. An endowment in the amount of approximately \$190,000 will be used for the maintenance and operation of the new Colonel Robert H. Morse Library on the campus.

A NEW \$1,600,000 modular three-story-and-basement library building will be started at the University of Wichita. This building will care for 350,000 volumes and provide 1,000 seats for students and faculty. By the addition of a fourth floor room can be provided for 500,000 volumes and 1,400 seats.

BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE recently broke ground for the new library building planned with funds from businessmen, firms, and members of the Nazarene churches in the Oklahoma City area.

THE LIBRARY of the College of Education at Cortland, N. Y., will move to a new building late this summer or early fall. The three-story structure is located in the center of a rapidly expanding campus and cost \$1,100,000, exclusive of furnishings and equipment.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING of the new John M. Olin Research Library at Cornell University was heralded by extensive publicity. The *Cornell Daily Sun* issued a souvenir edition February 10, containing pictures, editorials, special articles, comments by the dean and

by professors, a history of the library, and an account of the ceremonies marking its opening. The picture page of the *Ithaca Journal*, February 11, was devoted entirely to interior views including the study carrels, the catalog section, and the business office, and a photograph of the exterior was carried on the front page. In addition, *John M. Olin Library Introductory Guidebook* (Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University Library, 1961, 14 p.) describes the services and gives the floor plans.

THE NEW WAHLERT MEMORIAL LIBRARY on the Loras College campus in Dubuque, Iowa, with a total seating capacity of 644, can accommodate nearly half of the student body at one time. Its stack area has a capacity for 300,000 volumes. The building is a two-story structure in the shape of an asymmetrical cross, built of red Tudor brick. The main section of the building is 222 feet long and 62 feet wide. The extensions to north and south are of unequal size, that to the north being 62 x 60 feet, that to the south, 42 by 42 feet. The four end-sections have glass and wall bays reaching from ground level to the projecting gable roof. The reference and reading room contains 6,000 volumes and seats 282 readers. Sixteen double steel carrels provide individual study cubicles for 32 students.

WHILE WORK on the new \$2,679,000 University of Nevada Library at Reno goes steadily forward with an anticipated completion date of early fall, plans are under way for a library building at the Las Vegas campus. Each is distinctive. The Noble Getchell Library at Reno will be a completely air conditioned building three stories high with 91,125 square feet of floor space. It will seat 1400 students and accommodate 300,000 volumes. The collection will be on open shelves in a divisional arrangement—humanities, social science, and science and technology.

Plans for the library building at the Las Vegas campus represent a novelty in library design in the area. The general plan is circular, with access to all working areas controlled from the main desk. The stack area will have a capacity of 100,000 volumes and will be open to the patrons. The building will contain separate rooms for listening, for audio-visual materials, and for microfilms.

In addition, there will be three seminar rooms that can be converted into one large lecture hall. Nineteen study carrels for the use of faculty and graduate students are planned. If the appropriation is passed in the present legislative session, construction will be started in the fall.

WORK HAS BEGUN on major alterations planned for the far eastern library of the University of Washington. Expansion and remodeling will include doubling of the present stack capacity, increasing the reading area, and adding new and renovated space for the staff and office of the librarian. Other improvements planned are new stacks, special shelving for unbound periodicals and newspapers, and improved lighting and air circulation.

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

TWO GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES have been made recently by the Council on Library Resources, Inc. The library of the University of Illinois, Chicago Undergraduate Division, received \$50,000 to apply advanced data processing techniques to university library procedures, to develop and overall system utilizing latest electronic equipment, and to adopt business machines for library use. Louis Schultheiss, serials-acquisitions librarian, is the director of the project. The University of Pittsburgh received \$58,886 to test and refine techniques developed by its computation and data processing center for information retrieval in the legal field.

THE MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER has been awarded a grant by National Science Foundation for continued partial support of the Scientific Journals Center. The center is intended to assure that the midwest area receives one copy of every significant journal published anywhere in the world in the fields of chemistry and biology. The project is supported jointly by the group of twenty midwestern universities that are members of the Midwest Inter-Library Corporation and the National Science Foundation in the interest of making the latest scientific discoveries in these fields available to American scientists.

THE A. W. CALHOUN MEDICAL LIBRARY, Emory University School of Medicine, and

the Biochemical Library, University of California at Los Angeles, have received grants from the U. S. Public Health Service for the training of medical librarians. Each will offer three internships yearly to outstanding graduates of library schools accredited by ALA. Applicants must be U. S. citizens or have received their first citizenship papers. Each intern will receive \$4,800 for the year, plus tuition and a travel allowance to attend the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. Program for the coming year will begin June 8, 1961. Inquiries may be addressed to Mildred Jordan, Librarian, A. W. Calhoun Medical Library, Woodruff Research Building, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga., or to Louise Darling, Librarian, Biomedical Library, University of California Medical Center, Los Angeles 24.

## PUBLICATIONS

THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE on Reference and Research Library Resources, New York, has issued a report entitled *A Cooperative Program for the Development of Reference and Research Library Resources in New York State*, an interim report to Dr. James E. Allen, Commissioner of Education. Recommendations include the establishment of a state reference and research library board, establishment of a network of five regional reference and research library systems, assistance by the state in establishing and developing cooperative library programs by providing a minimum annually of ten dollars for each student enrolled in each category in the fall semester, state assistance in developing a cooperative program by allotting five dollars annually for each professional person in New York, and a review of the entire program after five years of operation.

"THE FUTURE OF LIBRARY SERVICE: Demographic Aspects and Implications" is the title selected for the combined July and October issues of *Library Trends*. Editor of the issue is Frank L. Schick, assistant director, Library Services Branch, U. S. Office of Education. Some twenty librarians will contribute sections dealing with the future of library service from 1960 to 1980 in public, school, college and university, state, and federal libraries. Library education, personnel, materi-

als and resources, documentation, and a summary of the library's mission and program in the next two decades will round out the total library picture.

"THE NATIONAL LIBRARY of Medicine Index Mechanization Project," issued as Part 2 of the January issue of *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* (96 p.) is available from the National Library of Medicine, Washington, D. C. The report describes the details in transforming the *Current List of Medical Literature*, compiled and published in the traditional manner, into the *Index Medicus*, now published as the end-product of a mechanized system. The new procedure results in a significant increase in coverage, faster reporting, and superior presentation.

*The Care and Repair of Books* (New York, 1960, 122 p., \$6.15) has been published in a revised edition by Bowker Company. Regarded as standard in its field by librarians, booksellers, and collectors, the work was originally written by Harry M. Lydenberg and John Archer. Brought up to date by John Alden of the rare book room of the Boston Public Library, the new edition emphasizes new scientific developments and includes material on the special problem of book preservation in southerly climates. It stresses methods most likely to be widely available and practicable, and possible to use without recourse to exceptional skill or machinery.

*Cooperative Library Service to Higher Education* (New York, 1960), issued by the Council of Higher Educational Institutions, reviews the problem of cooperation, and facts relating to students, colleges and their libraries, and student use of New York libraries. As a solution, it recommends a cooperative program, and a supplementary academic library system. It concludes with an estimate of costs and outlines the role of the Council of Higher Educational Institutions.

KRAUS REPRINTS, INC. is publishing a photo-offset edition of the *Catalogue of the John Carter Brown Library, 1919-1931*. For it the staff of the John Carter Brown Library has marked with an asterisk the entries that have been corrected or emended in their own interleaved copy and urges users to write

for further information about individual items. The library has prepared a mimeographed list of the corrections for owners of the original edition who would like to mark their copy.

**PHENOMENAL GROWTH** of traditional services of the Library of Congress is evident in the *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960*. Substantial increases are reported in Congressional inquiries, in the number of book catalogs and printed catalog cards sold, and in the number of claims to copyright, to name a few. New developments include establishment of a Near Eastern and North African law division, and creation of an African section in the reference department. About 868,980 items were added to the reference materials, bringing the total number available to the government and the public, 38,995,221 items of diverse nature.

*Guidelines for Library Planners*, edited by Keith Doms and Howard Rovelstad, (Chicago: ALA, 1960, illus., 128 p., \$3.75) is an authoritative work on library planning and construction, based on the proceedings of the 1959 Library Buildings and Equipment Institute sponsored by the Buildings and Equipment Section of Library Administration Division. The report includes discussions by experts in architecture, library consulting, and researching, as well as information regarding layout, interiors, flooring, equipment, specifications, lighting, heating, and ventilation.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

A STUDY of library costs and operations of Purdue University is being made for the business office by Gerald L. Quatman, Ph.D. candidate in industrial psychology and part-time research assistant at the library. The purpose of the study is to determine portions of total expense of various types of library service and to establish total costs per student or per faculty member. The information will be of value in negotiating research contracts with sponsoring organizations.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES will hold the Fifth Biennial Law Librarians Institute at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass., June 19-23. There will

be a series of general lecture and demonstration sessions as well as small group discussions of pertinent problems. Earl C. Borgeson, librarian of the Harvard Law School, director of the institute, is accepting reservations. The association's annual meeting is scheduled the following week, June 25-29, at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston.

THE SIXTH SEMINAR on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials will be held July 6-8 at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Problems related to acquiring library materials from Colombia and Venezuela, problems of bibliographic information on Latin America, and reports of progress made on previous seminar recommendations will be the chief concern of the meeting. Further information may be obtained from William A. Bork, Director, Latin American Institute, Southern Illinois University.

A STUDY OF INDEXING of conference reports by C. W. Hanson and Marian Janes, of the Research Department of ASLIB (England), revealed that of 205 publications examined, 103 had no index whatsoever. Of the remainder, 32 had no author index; and 18 had no subject index; thus, only 52 of the 205 had both subject and author index. Further study revealed that the situation is growing worse rather than improving as publications increase. The investigators concluded that organizers of conferences, congresses, and symposia could materially increase the usefulness of the reports of their proceedings by providing them with indexes. Results of the study were published in *Journal of Documentation*, XVI (1960), 65-70.

THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER of ACRL will meet Saturday, May 20, at Lincoln University, near Oxford, Pa. At 10:30 A.M., Dean Jack Dalton, of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, will speak on "The Work of the ALA International Relations Office." At 2:00 P.M., Mrs. Eleanor B. Allen, librarian, Lippincott Library, University of Pennsylvania, will speak on "Library by Remote Control—Karachi" and Dr. Yu-shu Pu, assistant technical services librarian, Drexel Institute Library, will speak on "The Libraries and the National Classification System of the People's Republic of China."

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Pennsylvania Library Association has approved the following resolution:

Recognizing that an effective educational program at the college level requires intelligent and efficient use of a variety of educational materials to meet curricular demands, be it resolved:

That the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Library Association request the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Library Education Division of the American Library Association to recommend that library orientation, covering formal instruction in the use of books and libraries, be required of all freshmen; and further, that credit be given for such a course.

ALA REPRESENTATIVES at collegiate ceremonies this year were Mary D. Herrick, associate librarian, Boston University, at the inauguration of James Forrester as president of Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass., October 12; Wyman W. Parker, librarian, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., at the Silver Convocation honoring President Albert N. Jorgensen on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his service at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., November 12; Jens Nyholm, university librarian, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., at the inauguration of William Graham Cole as president of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., November 19; John H. Knickerbocker, director, Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa., at the dedication of the library building at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., November 19.

Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, coordinator, children's services, circulation department, New York Public Library, at the inauguration of Edward J. Mortola as president of Pace College, New York City, January 19; Humphrey G. Bousfield, librarian, Brooklyn College, at the inauguration of Lawrence Lee Jarvie as president of the New New City Community College, Brooklyn, N. Y., February 16; Mildred Wyatt, librarian, Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Tex., at the inauguration of Howard Clifton Bennett as president of East Texas Baptist Col-

lege, Marshall, Tex., February 16; Sarah L. Wallace, public relations director, Minneapolis Public Library, at the inauguration of Owen Meredith Wilson as president of the University of Minnesota, February 23; Patricia Paylore, assistant librarian, University of Arizona, Tucson, at the inauguration of G. Homer Durham as president of Arizona State University, Tempe, March 11; Sidney B. Smith, director of libraries, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, at the inauguration of Herbert Eugene Longenecker as president of Tulane University, New Orleans, April 15; Lewis C. Branscomb, director of libraries, Ohio State University, Columbus, at the inauguration of James Morgan Read as president of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, April 30; Jens Nyholm, university librarian, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., at the inauguration of George Wells Beadle as chancellor of the University of Chicago, May 4, and Wen Chao Chen, librarian, Kalamazoo College, Mich., at the inauguration of James Miller as president of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

SEVEN AMERICAN librarians are touring the Soviet Union as part of a cultural exchange mission. The American exchange mission left New York City early in May and are studying library techniques in the USSR for about thirty days. Their Russian counterparts visited the United States during April. The American librarians who are touring Russia include: David C. Clift, executive director of the ALA; Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, president of ALA; Rutherford Rogers, chief assistant to the Librarian of Congress; Raynard C. Swank, director, International Relations Office of the ALA; Melville Ruggles, vice president Council on Library Resources, Inc.; Emerson Greenaway, director, Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Sallie Farrell, field representative of the Louisiana State Library.

THE MIDWESTERN, Mississippi Valley, and Plains-Mountains regional groups are jointly sponsoring a regional meeting of the Bibliographical Society of America at the Rowfant Club, Cleveland, Ohio at 2:30 p.m., 10 July, for all members of the society or of the Rowfant Club. Speakers at this meeting will be Kenneth Nebenzahl, Robert Vosper, and David Kaser.

# Personnel

SAMUEL ROTHSTEIN, associate librarian of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, will be the director of its new school of librarianship, scheduled to open in September 1961.



Samuel Rothstein

Dr. Rothstein received his bachelor's and master of arts degrees from British Columbia in 1939 and 1940 and subsequently did graduate work in romance languages at the universities of California and Washington. After

service in the Canadian army he obtained his bachelor of library science degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1947.

In 1951 Dr. Rothstein received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation for advanced study at the University of Illinois, and he was awarded the doctorate by the university in 1954. His thesis was published as an ACRL monograph as *The Development of Reference Services Through Academic Traditions, Public Library Practice, and Special Librarianship* (1955).

Dr. Rothstein joined the University of British Columbia Library staff in 1947 and has served successively as head of acquisitions, assistant librarian, and associate librarian.

WARREN J. HAAS became associate director of university libraries at Columbia University January 1. In this capacity he will serve as operations officer for some thirty different professional school and departmental library collections. For the past year and a half, Mr. Haas has been library consultant to the Council of Higher Educational Institutions in New York City. He has conducted the Council's Library Research Program with the objective of finding effective cooperative solutions to some of the problems colleges and universities encounter in providing library service and materials for the large

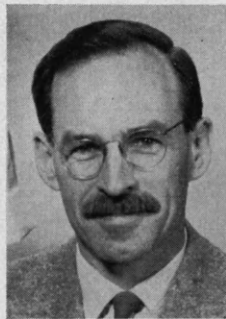
and growing student population of the metropolitan area.

In addition to preparing a report recommending the development of a regional library system designed to serve higher education, Mr. Haas completed a study of the use students make of libraries other than those at their own schools, reviewed the holdings of many academic libraries, prepared a directory of the resources of the collegiate libraries in the area, and conducted several other specialized studies of library services and resources available to students in the New York City area. Mr. Haas will continue his work with the Council on a part-time basis for several months until the research program is completed.

Before coming to New York City, Mr. Haas was acquisitions librarian and later assistant librarian of the Johns Hopkins University Library. From 1950 to 1952 he was with the Racine, Wis., Public Library.

Mr. Haas, who is thirty-six years old, is a graduate of Wabash College. He did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, and is a graduate of the library school of that university. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

ROBERT VOSPER assumes administrative control of libraries at the University of California at Los Angeles in July as university



R. Vosper

librarian and professor of library service. He succeeds Lawrence Clark Powell, who as dean will devote full-time to the new library school. This is a return to familiar scenes for Mr. Vosper, who was head of the acquisitions department and later associate librarian at UCLA from 1944 to 1952.

This position carries unusual responsibilities. New graduate programs and student-body growth present obvious administrative problems. UCLA has in recent years in-

creased its holding percentage faster than any other large university library. The budget has more than doubled since 1952. Under its new chancellor, Franklin Murphy, formerly of the University of Kansas, UCLA has undertaken commitments which will greatly increase the present rate of collection building and may make this the leading American institution in library acquisitions. Much of the future of the institution will depend on the knowledge, judgment, and vision of the new librarian.

Mr. Vosper has much in common with his great predecessor, Lawrence Clark Powell. Both have been men of vision and courage. Both have been aggressive in getting financial support. Both are wise bookmen, widely read, with uncanny skills in ferreting out valuable libraries and arranging transfer of title and transportation. On the trail of a collection Mr. Vosper organizes his resources and armament with the zest, skill, and detail of a Teddy Roosevelt setting off for a shoot in Africa.

Both librarians have been imaginative, resourceful administrators in building programs, organization of services, and staff procurement. When faced with a low salary scale and few applications, Mr. Vosper ran an ad in *The Times Literary Supplement* that is, five years later, still pleasantly remembered in British library circles. From it came some seventy applications, and a series of talented librarians.

Mr. Vosper (like Mr. Powell some years ago) spent 1959/60 in England on a Guggenheim fellowship. His letters to his staff are redolent with references to mossy stone cottages, pubs with draught Guinness, fine old libraries, and second-hand bookstores where he leisurely gathered books for K.U. and data on his research topic.

Seemingly this good man has unlimited time for bookstore browsing, catalog reading, and sundry other academic whittling. He takes time with his family of three teen-age daughters, young son, Stevie, and talented, attractive wife, Loraine. Slight of frame and gentle in manner, he delights in the informality of tie-less, short-sleeved shirts, walking shorts, and even sandals.

Robert Vosper has both his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Oregon. He went to Berkeley for his library certificate (1940) and served briefly there and at Stanford before

going to UCLA in 1944 and to the University of Kansas in 1952. He has had many important assignments and offices in ALA and for the Association of Research Libraries, and takes special satisfaction from his role in establishing a unit within ACRL concerning rare books when president of ACRL. He has exercised leadership in these and other professional circles by a rare combination of independent thinking, tactful persuasiveness in council, and diligence in execution. He is equally effective before a thousand people or with one key personality in a quiet corner. His past accomplishment and tested abilities augur well for the future of libraries at UCLA. We will miss the frequent references in our literature to the banks of the Kaw and rolling plains golden with harvest, but these will doubtless be replaced with equally refreshing pictures of the azure skies and majestic, white-crested combers of southern California.—*Arthur T. Hamlin, University of Cincinnati.*

EDWARD N. MAC CONOMY became the librarian of Albion College, Albion, Mich., on February 1, 1961. Born near Albion in 1916, Mr. Mac Conomy received his B.A. degree from the College of William and Mary in 1938. He completed the M.A. in political science at the University of Maryland in 1943 and the M.A. in library science at the University of Michigan in 1951. He is at present completing work on the Ph.D. degree in political science at the University of Michigan with the dissertation topic "The Political Thought of William Temple, Archbishop of York, 1929-1942, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-1944." Mr. Mac Conomy's scholarship has been recognized by election to Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Kappa Phi.

From 1940 to 1960 he was a member of the staff of the Library of Congress, since 1948 as an analyst in political science (American national government) in the Legislative Reference Service. He brings to his new position an extensive background in reference librarianship and bibliography and a strong interest in academic librarianship. His rare sense of humor and sound perspectives toward men and books will distinguish his career at Albion.—*Stephen Ford, University of Michigan.*



# Appointments

MRS. EDNA ALCOMBRACK is a library assistant in the book order section of the acquisitions division, University of Washington, Seattle.

MRS. ESTHER BOATRIGHT ANDERSON is curriculum materials and serials librarian, Savannah (Georgia) State College.

JOHN C. L. ANDREASSEN, formerly director of administration, Library of Congress, is now archives and records management consultant, Bureau of Government Research, New Orleans.

WILMER BAATZ is chief, library branch, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C.

JULIUS BARCLAY has been named chief librarian of the division of special collections at Stanford University Library.

PATRICK T. BARKEY, formerly head of circulation, University of Notre Dame (Indiana) Library, is now head of circulation, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

ROBERT BECKER, formerly a staff member of the Bancroft Library reference division, University of California, Berkeley, is now assistant director of the library.

MRS. LEA M. BOHNERT, formerly with RCA and lecturer at the American University, is now chief, information retrieval section, library branch, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM BRACE is on the faculty of the library school, Florida State University.

GEORGE CALDWELL will become head of the reference department, University of Kansas Library, Lawrence, on July 1.

PATRICIA CHIN-WEN CHANG, formerly library service fellow, University of Michigan, is now with the catalog department, University of California, Los Angeles.

DWIGHT L. CHAPMAN, formerly senior divisional librarian in charge of Museums Libraries, University of Michigan, is now assistant librarian, Amundsen Junior College, Chicago.

HOWARD F. CLINE, director of the Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, has been appointed an advisory editor of *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History*.

RICHARD DAUBERT is assistant loan librarian, University of New Hampshire.

GEORGE B. DAVIS is head librarian, Bennett College, Hillbrook, New York.

RICHARD DAVIS is assistant professor, graduate school of library science, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia.

DÉSIRÉE DE CHARMS is music library assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana.

MRS. DORIS DODDS is documents assistant, University of Illinois Library, Urbana.

GILBERT DONAHUE is research librarian, Wayne State University, Detroit.

ROBERT E. DYSINGER, formerly assistant librarian, Bowdoin College, is now librarian, Alton Center, Southwestern Illinois Campus, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

ROBERT WILKINSON EVANS will become head of the acquisitions and binding department of the Oberlin (Ohio) College Library July 15.

MRS. CAROLYN W. FIELD is a staff member of the graduate school of library science, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia.

STUART FORTH will become associate director of libraries, University of Kansas, Lawrence, on July 1.

LORNA D. FRASER, formerly head of the cataloging department, University of Toronto, is now the assistant librarian and head of the cataloging department of York University, Toronto, Ontario.

EDWIN BLACK GEORGE, formerly chief of the economics division in the legislative reference service, Library of Congress, has been appointed deputy director of the legislative reference service.

MISS HOWARD W. HUBBARD, formerly administrative assistant to the assistant director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, is now assistant director of the ALA Washington office.

FRANK JACOBS is assistant librarian in charge of public circulation, Loyola University, Chicago.

RICHARD D. JOHNSON is administrative assistant to the director, Stanford (California) University Library.

DOROTHY KAHN is librarian for Science Research Associates, Chicago.

WALDEMAR KLUNDT is a staff member of the humanities division library, San Jose (California) State College.

FRANCES LIVINGSTON is professional assistant to the head of the serial record department, University of Louisville (Kentucky) Library.

ELLEN MAYEUX, formerly reference librarian, National Library of Medicine, is now the librarian, medical library, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C.

AARON I. MICHELSON is assistant professor of library science, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma,

DONALD MILLER is now on the staff of the catalog department, University of California, Santa Barbara, not Berkeley as reported in the March issue.

CORA L. MULDER is librarian of the United Nations Library, Mexico City, Mexico.

JACK POOLER is engineering librarian, Stanford University.

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## Necrology

ROBERT DEVORE LEIGH died suddenly of a heart attack on January 31 in Chicago, where he had gone to attend the midwinter meeting of ALA. He was born in Nebraska in 1890 and grew up in Seattle; but he was always proud of his New England ancestry, and he came back east to attend Bowdoin College. He was graduated in 1914 as valedictorian. In 1927 he earned his doctorate in political science at Columbia. He taught at Reed College, 1914-19, and at Williams College, 1922-28; then he was Bennington's first president, 1928-41.



Robert D. Leigh

Dr. Leigh became well known to librarians when he was director of the Commission on Freedom of the Press, 1944-46, and of the Public Library Inquiry, 1947-50. He served Columbia's School of Library Service, 1950-59, as visiting professor, acting dean, and dean.

He brought to the School of Library Service a vigorous and far-sighted leadership supported by close attention to details and tempered by unflinching personal kindness to colleagues and students. In his many assignments outside the school, his voice and vote were always clear, forceful, and kindly—and always guided by trained good judgment and innovating vision.

His first wife, Mildred Boardman, died after long illness in May 1959. In September 1960 he was married to Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, librarian of the California State Library.—A. T. Hazen, *Columbia University*.

The name of W. C. BERWICK SAYERS is known throughout the world of librarianship for his works on the theory of library classification. His *Introduction to Library Classification* has appeared in nine editions and his *Manual of Library Classification* in three. These have become standard text-

books in countless library schools. He taught for twenty years as a visiting lecturer at the London University School of Librarianship, and his interest in classification was caught up by S. R. Ranganathan who attended his lectures in 1924, and who himself has gained an international reputation for his work in this subject. In the United States Bliss and later, Shera have paid their tributes to his influence.

If these had been his only contribution to librarianship, they would have been more than most of us can hope to do. But Sayers was a full man: he wrote ten books altogether, and they covered aspects of library work as diverse as work with children, annotation in catalogues, and methods of stock control. Some of them went outside library work: he wrote the standard biography of Coleridge-Taylor, and the official history of Croydon in the Second World War (one of the worst bombed towns in England).

The needs of his chosen profession demanded that he should teach (and with his love for young people, he never refused to help them) and so he taught and wrote textbooks on library techniques. But he was no biblio-technician: he had a glowing love for literature, and was himself a lyricist of no mean ability. His knowledge of nineteenth-century writers was unrivalled, yet his receptivity to new writing made him foremost among the admirers of James Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake* when it first appeared, to the consternation of the weekend book reviewers. He was a librarian who read, but was never lost.

For my generation of British librarians however, his passing signifies the loss of a respected older friend, for he was already the outstanding name in British librarianship when we entered the profession over twenty years ago: yet when we grew a little older he could find time and opportunity to encourage us in our professional interests, however obscure the libraries from which we came. Our gaucherie and dogmatism never irritated him. He was a great man, and I count myself honored to have known him so well in the last fifteen years.—Bernard I. Palmer, *The Library Association, London*.

EUGENE F. GILROY, librarian of St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa., died suddenly on December 23, 1960.

VLADIMIR GSOVSKI, chief of the European law division in the law library, Library of Congress, died January 12 at the age of sixty-nine.

PHILIP KRICHBAUM, a staff member of the subject cataloging division, Library of Congress for nearly twenty years, died January 14.

JEROME VALENTINE, senior research analyst in the air research division, Library of Congress, died January 18.

## Selection of Library Sites

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the bearing strata by removing the overburden. This made it necessary to include a basement in the building, and this involved a drainage problem. The basement and the drainage difficulties could have been avoided if the site had not been so small that it was necessary to plan for a five-story building.

### SUMMARY

A specific example illustrating some of the considerations involved in the selection of a site may be provided by the Lamont Library at Harvard. This site was selected from four possibilities after some weeks of discussion and preparation of rough sketches of a suitable building in each location. Its actual position was chosen because:

1. It was the only remaining available site in the Yard large enough for a building of the desired size. A location in the Yard close to the two other central library buildings, Widener and Houghton, to which it could be connected by tunnel, was an important factor.

2. It was so placed that the freshmen had to pass its front entrance six times a day going to and from their meals in the Freshmen Union. It was on a main walk between the houses where the upper classmen lived and the classrooms, and closer to the latter.

3. It had a long east-west axis, giving the most desirable long north and south exposures for the reading areas.

4. The ground slope was such that two levels with windows below the main entrance, which was only one short step

up, were possible, with two more without windows below them. It was possible to have the entrance level, plus its mezzanine, a full second floor, and a penthouse with a good deal of useful space in it; even the latter is closer to the ground than the main reading room in Widener. Moreover, the building, which would have been a little large for its site if it had been taller, does not give that impression.

5. Policy decisions on the part of the university permanently limiting the size of the undergraduate college and on the part of the library limiting the size of the undergraduate book collection meant that provision did not have to be made for a future extension.

To recapitulate, the site must be large enough to provide for the building and for projected additions, and it must be in as convenient a location as possible. This does not mean that it ought to be in the exact center of the campus; but it ought to be readily accessible from classroom buildings, particularly those for the humanities and social sciences. The orientation, ideally, should be on a long axis running directly east and west, with the entrance on the south. A site that slopes downward from the entrance to the rear may be advantageous, and costs of construction may be greatly increased if ground conditions are unsatisfactory. Parking and delivery problems should not be forgotten. Since a site will rarely be found that is ideal in every respect, careful assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of each possible site is called for before a decision is made.

# Second Conference on Rare Books

ACRL's RARE BOOK SECTION will have its second special conference as a preliminary to ALA's conference this summer. The rare books meeting will be in Oberlin, Ohio, July 6 through July 8. Accommodations for the registrants will be in a dormitory of Oberlin College, and the program meetings are scheduled for Oberlin's Hall Auditorium.

Attendance at the rare books meeting will not be limited to members of this section or of ALA, and early registration is strongly advised as the total number of registrants must be limited to two hundred, somewhat less than the total registration at the similar meeting at Charlottesville, Va., two years ago. The fee for the entire meeting, including quarters and meals, will be thirty dollars per person. Reservations or inquiries should be directed to Robert W. Evans, Librarian, Muskingum College Library, New Concord, Ohio. The deadline for registration will be June 6. Announcements of the meeting have been mailed to all members of the Rare Books Section and to all institutional members of ACRL.

The care and preservation of rare books will be the general theme of the meeting. Considerable time will be left in the schedule, however, for informal intermingling of the participants.

Discussions of the basic theme of the meeting will include Herbert T. F. Cahoon, Pier-

pont Morgan Library; Ellen Shaffer, Free Library of Philadelphia; Thomas R. Adams, John Carter Brown Library; J. Terry Bender, The Grolier Club; Howard H. Peckham, William L. Clements Library; David Randall, Lilly Library; H. Richard Archer, Chapin Library; Harold W. Tribolet, Lakeside Press, and others. Walter Muir Whitehill of the Boston Athenæum, Frederick G. Kilgour of the Yale Medical Library, and Richard E. Banta of Crawfordsville, Ind., will be the speakers for special programs. Leading discussions on special interests will be Robert O. Dougan, Henry E. Huntington Library; Irvin Kerlan, Washington, D. C.; James Wells, Newberry Library; Mrs. Frances Brewer, Detroit Public Library; Helmut Lehmann-Haupt, New York City; and John Cook Wyllie, University of Virginia Library.

There will be a short business meeting of the section on Friday, July 7. Mr. Archer will report on the status of the preliminary manual for rare book librarians and Mr. Wyllie will make a report from the group's Committee on Appraisals. Officers of the Rare Books Section are Frederick Goff, Library of Congress, chairman; Mrs. Frances J. Brewer, Detroit Public Library, vice chairman and chairman-elect; and William H. Runge, University of Virginia Library, secretary. Mr. Cahoon is the section's representative on the ACRL Board of Directors.

## Harwell Resigns ACRL Post

Richard Harwell has resigned as Executive Secretary of ACRL and Associate Executive Director of ALA to accept an appointment as librarian of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., beginning September 1. He will continue his work with ACRL through ALA's Cleveland Conference and until the end of July. It is expected that the appointment of a new Executive Secretary of ACRL can be announced in the July issue of *CRL*.

# ACRL Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report to the Board of Directors, June 1960

On June 19 and 22, 1960 the committee met at the Montreal Conference to consider necessary changes in the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws as printed in *College and Research Libraries*, September 1957, and as amended at the San Francisco Conference, 1958.

The changes to be considered by the committee are necessary to bring the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws into agreement with the Constitution and Bylaws of ALA.

The committee recommends the following changes or amendments:

## *Constitution*

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. *Members*.—Change first sentence to read: Any . . . member (deleting the words, "personal or institutional or life".)

Sec. 2. *Suspension and Reinstatement*.—Delete entire section. This is taken care of by ALA Constitution, Article III.

### ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS

Sec. 1. *Adoption, Suspension, and Amendments*.—Change last sentence to read: "provided that notice of the proposed changes has been published not less than one month before final consideration."

## *Bylaws*

### ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Sec. 4. *Right to vote*. In accordance with amendments at San Francisco, delete the last 13 words: "and the director who will represent that section on the Board of Directors."

Sec. 5. *Elections*.

(b) *Sections*.—Change section to read: "Elections to elective positions for sections shall be made as each section determines. The election of officers shall be reported to the Executive Secretary."

### ARTICLE III. QUORUM

Sec. 2. *Association*.—Change to read: "100 members shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of all business except elections by mail."

### ARTICLE VI. VACANCIES

Sec. 1. *Elective Positions*.

(c) Change to read: If vacancies occur in the offices of president and vice-president within the same term, the Board of Directors shall elect as president *one of the directors-at-large* [deleting "directors or"] for the remainder of the term. When a regular election is next held, a president and a vice-president shall be elected.

The committee recommends that these proposed changes or amendments be presented at two general meetings of the Association and be printed in *College and Research Libraries* one month before final consideration in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution.

The committee has carefully studied the Constitution and Bylaws of ACRL and can find no other apparent conflicts with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth K. Porritt, Chairman 1959/60  
ACRL Constitution and Bylaws  
Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The foregoing report is printed in compliance with the recommendation of the committee and with Articles VIII and IX of the ACRL Constitution.*