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1958 A.A.L.L. Convention News:

At the meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, in Atlanta, Georgia, August 22-24, 1957, it was voted to hold the next meeting of the Chapter in Washington, D.C., the day preceding the Annual Convention of the American Association of Law Libraries. The recent information from Miss Elizabeth Finley, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the A.A.L.L. Convention, to be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, June 30 - July 3, 1958, contains a card for room reservations. We hope that in making your room reservation for the A.A.L.L. Convention you will plan to attend the meeting of the Southeastern Chapter on June 29. If you have already made a room reservation for the A.A.L.L. Convention, please notify the hotel of your earlier arrival.

Information on the program for the Southeastern Chapter meeting will be sent to you later. We shall look forward to seeing you on June 29.

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Executive Board,
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A.A.L.L.

Mr. Ervin Pollack, President-elect, has sent out a list of A.A.L.L. committees. Send your committee preferences to assist him in making appointments for the year 1958-59!

Washington, D.C., the nation's capitol, with its monuments, museums, government buildings, and historic background makes an excellent site for a convention. We hope that as many of our Southeastern Law Librarians as possible will attend the convention. Advance notices promise an excellent meeting, sightseeing and sociability. Y'all come!

News Notes

Mr. William F. Grant has been appointed the new Law Librarian at the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. Mr. Grant is a member of the Georgia Bar and is teaching Legal Bibliography. Welcome to the ranks of SECAALL!

The Law Library of the University of Kentucky was the recent recipient of the Stanley F. Reed Book Fund, established in honor of Justice Stanley F. Reed by his former law clerks on his retirement as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This fund will be used

to purchase material relating to the Supreme Court; legal biography, with emphasis on judicial biography; and constitutional law. The Library also received a number of volumes of reports from the personal library of Mr. Justice Reed.

The Emory University Law Library is expanding its facilities by adding a new stack area and offices to its growing collection. The new stacks when completed will house some 24,000 volumes, contain 20 study carrels and provide work space for the growing staff.

From The Louisville Lawyer, December, 1957, came the following announcement:

Anonymous Donation Increases Library by 15,000 Volumes
The Louisville Law Library was anonymously given to the Law School of the University of Louisville recently. This was a privately owned library which was located in the Kentucky Home Life Building and which consists of some 15,000 to 18,000 volumes.

It contains the complete National Reporter system, State reports prior to the National Reporter, a good collection of old statutes, a large collection of text books, and a great deal of English material including many rare books. Of local historical interest is a complete collection of city directories from 1855 to the present.

The University of Georgia Law School, Institute of Law and Government announces the publication of an Index to Georgia Bar Journal V. 1-15. For further information about this index see the next issue of the Newsletter.

Minutes of the 1957 Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, held at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, August 22-24, 1957.

August 22, 1957

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries was held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 22 through August 24, 1957.

Among those present were:

John Folger, Georgia State Library
Vera Jameson, Georgia State Library
Ruth Corry, Georgia State Library
Stanley Bougas, Emory University
Mrs. Phillip Bryant, Georgia Dept.
of Archives and History
Margaret Pendergast, Mobile County
Law Library

Francis Mc Coy, University of Florida
Caroline Heriot, University of N.C.,
Madge Tomony, Louisiana State Library
Mary Oliver, University of N.C.
Corinne Bass, University of Miss.,
M. Minnette Massey, University of Miami
Sarah Leverette, University of S.C.
Dorothy Salmon, University of Ky.

After Registration at the Georgian Terrace Hotel from 2 - 5 p.m., a Cocktail Party and Banquet were held at the East Lake Country Club.

Banquet speakers were:

John M. Elliott, Pres. Harrison Law Book Co.,
Carroll Hart, Ass't. Archivist, Georgia Dept. of Archives and
History,
Justice Bond Almand, Georgia Supreme Court.

August 23, 1957

From 9:00-10:00 a.m. on August 23, the group toured Emory Law Library. At 10:00 a.m., at the Candler Library, President Bass introduced a Panel consisting of:
Evalene P. Jackson, Emory,
Martha Jane Zachert, Southern College of Pharmacy,
Mary Oliver, North Carolina, who discussed Law Library Recruitment.

Miss Oliver stated that we are failing to do a selling job to library science students. She emphasized the following elements which should be stressed in recruitment: 1. Opportunity for advancement; 2. More job openings than applicants; 3. Opportunity for further study; 4. Opportunity to participate in human affairs; and 5. It is not only a part of the library profession, but also a part of the legal. Our selling job must be done to ourselves, Deans and faculties of law schools, and library science students. Miss Oliver advocated that an organized system of recruitment be evolved with the assistance of vocational guidance experts.

Miss Jackson outlined and discussed "A Study of Factors Related to Student Choice of Librarianship as a Profession", a dissertation for the University of Illinois, 1957, by Agnes Reagan.

Mrs. Zachert enumerated the recruitment procedures utilized by the Special Libraries Association.

Following general discussion, the group adjourned to the Emory University Alumni Memorial Building for a luncheon at which Dean William M. Hepburn was the guest speaker.

In the afternoon a tour was made of the new Georgia State Library and Court Rooms. At 3:00 p.m. a discussion of successful public relations programs was led by Miss Eunice Coston of the Atlanta Public Library. Miss Coston presented a very interesting picture of the techniques she uses in the Atlanta Public Library.

August 24, 1957

A Panel consisting of:
Sarah Leverett, University of South Carolina, and
Dorothy Salmon, University of Kentucky
discussed Legal Bibliography as taught and as practised.

The first business meeting was called to order by the president, Corinne Bass, at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Stanley Bougas the Chapter dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.

The treasurer's report was then presented. The balance on hand

us of this time was \$172.85. It was moved and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Stanley Bougas gave a report of the status of the Newsletter. It was moved, seconded, and duly voted by the Chapter that Stanley Bougas be appointed editor of the Newsletter for a second term.

After discussion and motion duly made, it was decided that the files of the Association be placed in Atlanta under the custodianship of Ruth Corry.

After discussion the Chapter then decided that the next meeting of the Southeastern Chapter be held one day preceding the A.A.L.L. Convention in Washington, D.C.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Local Arrangements Committee for their splendid hospitality, and to Corinne Bass for an excellent job of presiding.

Miss Helen Hargrave president of the A.A.L.L., was then introduced. Miss Hargrave discussed a proposed midwestern site for the 1960 annual meeting of the A.A.L.L. She also discussed the possibility and need for establishing a national headquarters and an executive secretary.

The slate of officers unanimously accepted by acclamation included:

Dorothy Salmon	President
Kate Wallach	President elect
Ruth Corry	Secretary-Treasurer

The following is a reprint of the address of the Hon. Bond Almand, Associate Justice, Georgia Supreme Court, delivered at the opening banquet of the 1957 Annual Meeting:

LAWBRARIANS - YESTERDAY AND TO-MORROW

I suppose that the reason I was invited to say a few words to you tonight was because I am an appellate judge; one of those who's judicial ancestry goes back for seven centuries and who's judicial utterances occupy 80% of the space in a law library. Perhaps these judges are the best friends of the lawbrarians.

The common definition of the word "librarian" is a keeper or custodian of books. I have given you the name "lawbrarian" because you are the custodians of the laws.

It has been during my lifetime that libraries in the "Grade A" law schools have grown from a small collection of reports and texts to a large assortment of court reports, texts, treatises, digests, reviews, statistics, public laws, etc. During this time, I have seen the position of one having the administrative custody of the law library grow from a job to a profession. Fifty years ago, the library of the average law school was the neglected orphan of the universities -- the budget for new books did not provide for keeping the library current -- most of the new books received were gifts of old books from lawyers retired or deceased. The one in charge of the library was just an employee who had no technical training in the operation of library service.

One seeking to find a certain book had to do so on his own. About forty years ago, the custodian of the library had its beginning as a trained profession. At first, they were persons who had experience in general library work. They brought order, form and system to the law library through index files by title, subject matter and author. The library was made readily accessible and usable to the teacher and student. However, one essential of a lawbrarian was lacking. The average lawbrarian was wholly without any legal training or knowledge of law. It has been within the last 25 years that this deficiency has been corrected. Today, a lawbrarian must not only be a competent administrator, but he must also have a speaking acquaintance with the children under his care. To properly help the teacher, student and researcher, he must have a general understanding of legal terminology. His task is not only to help one to find a particular book, but how to use it after it is found. A law library is not a mere mausoleum for the interment of books -- it is rather an active depository of knowledge and information, where the mind of the seeker may be filled and where the work of the searcher for the truth is recorded. It is the storehouse where the past and the present is preserved so as to guide the future. The library is no longer an accessory to the law school but is a part of it -- a part just as important as the teacher. Law books are the chief tools that a lawyer uses, but if he knows not how to use them, they are of little value to him. In the field of instructing the student on how to use law books, the lawbrarian has a vast field for constructive service.

The law library of today contains not only books pertaining to law, but also books pertaining to fields related to law -- political science, economics, finance, social sciences and governmental operations. It must not only be equipped to supply the needs of the teacher and student, but must also supply the demands of the researcher, the practicing lawyer, and the governmental agencies. The law library can never become static - it must retain what it has today as well as be prepared for tomorrow. Tomorrow is the greatest problem for most law libraries - the problem of space incident to continual growth. With the number of reports of courts, texts, pamphlets, law reviews, and countless volumes of current digests, law schools are confronted with the problem of space. How is this problem to be met? Although one, on going through a law library, could conclude that several thousand books could be thrown away without doing damage to the library, who is going to decide which should be kept and which should be thrown away? Microfilming appears to be one solution to this problem. It would also be helpful if all of the appellate courts in the United States would do two things: (1) cease publishing the reports of cases that decide no new principles of law, and (2) shorten the written opinions that are published. It has been estimated that it requires 100 lineal feet annually in a library to accommodate the housing of the reported cases from the courts of the 48 States and the Federal courts. With the increased cost of housing and keeping the library current, law schools and their librarians today are faced with problems that will have to be answered tomorrow.

The demand for well-trained and competent young lawyers is greater today than ever before in our history. Our "Grade A" law schools on the whole are doing an excellent job in preparing the law student for active and alert work in the legal profession. Good libraries and skilled lawbrarians have performed, and are performing, an important function in this work. In preparing young men and women for the legal and judicial professions, you really are a part of the machinery that

administers justice - and, speaking for both professions, I want to commend you for what you are doing.

May I close my remarks with a bit of doggerel - and with apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson:

Law books to the right and left of them,
Law books in front, over and under them,
Questioned and requested by teacher and student
 Boldly they stand the ferment
 Into the files
 Into the stacks
March the Lawbrarians.

When can we their help forget
Of one search for a book or text
 Or a decision buried in the dust?
Honor their patience and fortitude;
Honor the Lawbrarians -
 To them our gratitude.

The Georgia Local Arrangements Committee was happy and gratified at the many expressions of pleasure experienced by those attending the August meeting.

Reminder:

Dues are now due!! The Chapter must make its annual request for refunds from the National Association and must include all the names of those in good standing. Attach your check to the following form and mail NOW! Dues are payable by March 15, 1958. Y'all pay!

✓ AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ⁶³⁷
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