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## LIBRARY TRAINEE PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

### Financial Assistance for Professionals

As Miss Merle Moore completed her Masters training in Library Science at the University of Pittsburgh in June, there were several reasons for rejoicing: As a graduate professional, she could accept the directorship of the Clarksburg Public Library, replacing Miss Charlotte Bailey who wanted to retire after forty years of service. Miss Moore envisions the library as a communications center for all Harrison County residents.



FIRST TRAINEE

Attendance at graduate school was an ambition realized after years of planning. Miss Moore had received her AB degree from Glenville State College, and served for several years as a teacher and high school librarian at both Cowen and Webster Springs. At the time when she was accepted as a trainee, she had served the Library Commission for two years with the Book Express Service in Mercer, McDowell, and Logan counties.

Three West Virginians are entering graduate schools under the new program this fall: Mrs. Dora Goodin from the Kingwood Public Library, is entering the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Goodin had several years experience in Fayette County Library and is sponsored by the new Morgantown Service Center Library.

Trainees who have obtained their library experience at Kanawha County Public include: Mrs. Aaron Rapking, who has been working with Handicapped Readers in the Extension Department, will attend Catholic University; Carleton Smith, who has served an internship in Adult Services, is a student at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

REGULATIONS  
FOR  
TRAINEES

The library trainee program was organized to fill the state's urgent need for professionally trained librarians in the public library service and on the Library Commission Staff.

1. An applicant must have worked in a public library in West Virginia or at the Library Commission for one year.
2. The trainee must be accepted by an American Library Association Accredited Graduate School of Library Science before making application. (There are now forty-eight library schools, but none in West Virginia).
3. The applicant must be sponsored by the library board of a Regional or Service Center Library or the Library Commission. Since the trainee is carried on the payroll as a "library assistant" with annual salary roughly \$6,000, application is processed through the Center or Regional Library.
4. The trainee must pay all schooling expenses from salary and earn the graduate degree within eighteen months.
5. Two years work in a public library in West Virginia are required by the trainee after earning the degree.

"STOP WHISPERING  
AND  
START TALKING"

When representatives from eight libraries convened in Ritchie County for the annual Alpha Regional Workshop, the theme was "Take a Look." There were discussions about improving the library's image using newspots on TV and Radio, regular Newspaper announcements, and active involvement by librarian and trustee in local civic groups.

The first general session was held in Ritchie County's modern library building. Emphasis was placed on "Budgets, and Buying." This event was followed by luncheon in the unique new lodge at North Bend State Park near Harrisville.

The luncheon session featured David Gillespie, Director of the Glenville College Library, who discussed "Inter-Library Cooperation, 1969." A report on the teletype network and the systems employed at Glenville College was made by Ann Lorentz, reference librarian.

Frances Jones, Field Consultant from the Library Commission, reported on "New Developments" at the state level: "Significant advances were made for public libraries with the passage of Senate Bill 39, which made cash grants from state monies possible." In a final session the Workshop members went on record as

officially supporting the Library Commission's budget request in 1970 to raise state grants to libraries, meeting standards from 10¢ per capita to 40¢ per capita.

Regional Librarian, Mrs. Lucile McNary, and chief clerk, Mrs. Adena Sherill, deserve plaudits for a job well done.

"COOL IT WITH  
BOOKS"

Weirtca's Mary H. Weir Library enrolled 100 youngsters in a Summer Reading Club. This activity and theme was widely used across the state. The new Cameron Library sponsored both a Story and Reading Club. Vienna reported an average attendance of fifty boys and girls at story sessions and Keyser-Mineral Library listed attendance at forty. Martinsburg-Berkeley Library had large enrollments at the main library and both branches with Naylor Memorial going all out with a covered dish supper for boys and girls. A picnic was staged for Reading Club members at Shepherdstown.

TRANSITION

There have been many personnel changes this past summer, and one noteworthy death, Miss Anna E. Taylor, who organized the public library in Parkersburg and served as librarian for forty-five years, died June 27. She was aged ninety at death.

Two resignations include Miss Charlotte Bailey, who had served Clarksburg devotedly since 1924 and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, who had been librarian at Keyser since 1955.

New appointments include Mrs. John W. Bosley to replace Mrs. Johnson at Keyser; Mrs. Mark Miller at Oak Hill branch in Fayette County; Miss Phyllis Coburn at Princeton Library; Mrs. Woodrow Woods at Sutton Library; and Miss Patricia Jersey, who is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, will serve as the new assistant to the librarian at Mary H. Weir Library.

On the college campuses, there are some newcomers and a resignation. John J. Clopine and his wife have retired as librarians at Bethany College. A former Bethany graduate - Larry J. Frye will direct the library. He has recently been a librarian at Milliken College in Illinois. Assistant Librarian will be William C. Meyers, who retired at Mary H. Weir last spring. Benjamin H. Crutchfield, graduate of the Library School at the University of North Carolina, is joining West Virginia Wesleyan as an instructor in library science. Freya Pugh, with a graduate degree from the University of Kentucky, comes to the staff of Glenville State College as an assistant librarian and instructor in library science. Douglas Oleson is the new Director of the library at Davis and Elkins College. He has a Masters degree from the Library School at the University of Indiana and most recently served on the staff of the Ohio State University Library.

To fill a much needed cataloging position, the Library Commission is delighted to report the appointment of Miss Judith Prosser, a graduate of the School of Library Science at Columbia with special work in automation at the University of Southern California. Miss Prosser has served for a number of years on the staff

Richard Pastorett has returned to Auburn University to organize a new library for a branch campus in Montgomery.

Governor Arch Moore has made four appointments to the State Library Commission. Joining Mrs. William B. Hopkins of Gassaway, the only holdover member, are Mrs. S. Glaser and Mr. Arthur G. Stone of Charleston, Mrs. J. Holland Rannels of Romney, and Mr. Harry H. Esbenshade of Parkersburg. Mrs. Randall Murrill resigned due to her husband's transfer to Wilmington, Delaware, and Earl E. Rich resigned due to employment as business manager of the Welch Emergency Hospital.

PLANNING  
FOR  
BETTER FACILITIES

Cabell County Library, according to James Nelson, Director, has asked the County Court to sponsor an application to be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a planning grant for \$42,000. A new downtown library to be built across Ninth Street from its present location on Fifth Avenue. According to urban renewal plans, the structure should contain about 75,000 square feet. Replacement of three branch facilities is also included in the total program.

Other cities which are becoming concerned about preparation for buildings are Bluefield, with a new library board scheduling a special fund raising drive for this fall. Marion County Library Board has made a tour of the new library in Washington, Pennsylvania, and reports that meanwhile their Friends Groups has installed air conditioning in the present structure. Adequate operating funds and a professional public library building consultant should be considered by all trustees as they work toward new library buildings.

West Virginia Institute of Technology is the most recent college to announce plans for a new building on its Montgomery campus. Charleston Architect, Henry Eiden has been hired to design the \$1,500,000 structure.

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The National Citizens Committee to Save Education and Library Funds has elected Detmer W. Bronk as its President. The Committee's chief aim is to prevent the proposed slashes in the federal education and library budget. On July Ninth, C. Reeves Taylor, an attorney who has served on the Keyser-Mineral Board, participated in a March on Congressmen in their Washington offices. Representatives from the new SELF group sparked the program, and Mr. Taylor reports a successful day on the hill. Before Congress recessed in August, the House restored L.S.C.A. Title I & II (cut by the Bureau of the Budget) to 1969 level, \$35 Million and \$9 Million respectively. Action by the Senate is scheduled for September.

Mr. Bronk, President Emeritus of Rockefeller University and Past President of the National Academy of Sciences, cautioned members of Congress "that the proposed budget slash would imperil the nation's future." Mrs. Virginia Young, Vice-President of SELF commented, "We, as trustees, have a prime interest in these educational banks, and it is up to us to see that they have proper funding."

PROFESSIONAL  
READING

"The Importance of Program Planning Budget to Libraries" by Willard Fazar of the Bureau of Budget. We have copies of this paper which created a heated discussion at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Atlantic City; "Library Service to the Disadvantage" a selected list of Readings compiled by the New Jersey Library Association; and "Reference Books for the Small and Medium-Size Public Libraries" compiled by Mary C. Barter, Chairman, Reference Book Committee of the American Library Association (Cost \$5.00).

These should be purchased by larger libraries. It will also be available through the Headquarters Library of the Library Commission at 1718 Washington Street, Charleston.

IMPORTANT  
DATES

West Virginia Library Association meeting at Hotel Morgan in Morgantown, September 25-27. Theme: "The Variables: People and Books."

American Library Association Membership Day, October 21, 1969. Theme: Libraries, "a Resource for Human Understanding." Brochures, reprints, posters, bookmarks, and ads are free on request. American Membership Promotion Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois. 60611.

National Employment of the Physically Handicapped, October 5-11. (Use this week to promote Reading Aids for the Handicapped, and ask for special materials from your local employment office.)