



Library Notes

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LIBRARIAN'S CONFERENCES

April 21 A plan incorporating a job classification scheme and pay scale for student assistants, with provision for pay increases for meritorious service, has been devised and is now in operation. Student assistants are engaged as library employees. The wages payroll is not intended as a student aid program. Our practices in employment and advancement should be predicated on a work rather than an aid principle. Fortunately, the use of students in library part-time positions does operate in effect as a student aid program, but this is incidental. An effort will be made to improve the salary scales of student assistants. The Librarian's Office will issue Personnel Bulletin 17, Student Assistant Positions and Pay, so that the fair practices we seek to establish will be on open record.

Three new personnel forms were described: a student assistant application form, an interview appraisal sheet, and a rating form. The rating form may be used to establish merit increases and must be used in connection with exit interviews. Some references were made, in the course of discussions, to budget preparation and planning for 1956/57. It is believed that sound budget preparation must be based upon full staff participation.

April 28 (Thursday, 10:00 A.M., Assembly Room)

Subject: Reduction in Number of Copies of Donor Files
To attend: EAL, MWW, LMW, WG, BGZ, RET, OVC, ITL, ANH

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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE, APRIL 30

The NCLA Committee on Library Education and the UNC School of Library Science are jointly sponsoring a one-day conference on Library Education in North Carolina, Saturday, April 30. Staff members are urged to attend, and may arrange to do so by notifying Sarah Reed. There is no registration fee.

Ila Taylor (Head, Dept. of Library Science, Appalachian State Teachers College) is the Chairman of the Conference Committee which includes Carlyle Frarey, Alice Hicks, Norris McClellan and Sarah Reed. The morning session, moderated by Elaine von Oesen, will feature a panel discussion of library education needs in North Carolina. Luncheon will be in Lenoir Hall, the only cost of the conference. After lunch representatives of various library schools will describe the current library education programs in North Carolina. Small discussion groups will then consider the existing curricula, effectiveness of present teaching methods, and potentialities of alternative techniques. The program will conclude with a session, moderated by Carlyle Frarey, to recapitulate and synthesize the day's program.

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It was discovered that one of our addressograph plates reads:

Department of Social Work

and the suggestion was kindly made that the name of this unit is the School of Social Work, and that we might find school easier to spell than department anyway.

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JEWISH EXHIBIT

The exhibition of Jewish art sponsored by the Hillel Foundation is now on display in five cases on the main floor. The Library is indebted to Rabbi E. M. Rosenzweig and Marvin A. Kastenbaum (Ph.D. candidate in Biostatistics) for supervising the arrangement of the exhibit, for providing the notes, and for lending the majority of the objects. Other contributors have been Rabbi Harold A. Friedman of Statesville, Chaplain Solomon M. Kaplan of Fort Bragg, Temple of Israel in Wilmington, and Temple of Israel in Charlotte.

The Library is also pleased to display in this exhibit one of its own new prize acquisitions -- the Roth-Szyk Passover Haggadah (designed by Arthur Szyk and edited by Cecil Roth). This is a magnificent product of the art of bookmaking in our time. After the first of May this volume will be in the Rare Book Room. Printed on fine vellum, it is noted for its excellent typography, the clarity of the illuminations, the artistic design of each page, and the beautiful gold-tooled morocco binding.

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EXCELLENT NORTH CAROLINA MAP COLLECTION ACQUIRED

Through the exchange program which we conduct with the Library of Congress we recently acquired 118 sets of insurance maps of Tar Heel towns and cities. These maps, drawn to a very large scale, show every building, its type of construction, the purpose for which it is used, its shape and size, and other information. They date from the early Nineteen-twenties through the Thirties. In most cases these are the maps as originally issued but in a few cases both the original and a revised edition are included. For months we have been wishing for just such a file. If the latest edition of each of these maps were bought from the publisher the cost would be something over \$7,000.

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BOOKS IN THE LEAD ON THE LOCAL FRONT

The author's visit to Chapel Hill to speak at a Bull's Head Bookshop tea last Thursday probably created the required additional demand to put The Scotswoman by Inglis Fletcher on the top among the fiction best-sellers last week. Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift From the Sea continued as non-fiction best-seller at the Bull's Head.

Book-of-the-Week featured in the central display case in the Library foyer, April 24 - May 1 is The North Carolina Guide edited by Blackwell P. Robinson and published by the University of North Carolina Press on April 23.

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BIBLICAL MANUSCRIPT ON EXHIBIT AT L.C.

The Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, was the main speaker at the opening of the exhibit of the manuscript of the New Testament known as the Yonan Codex, called the world's oldest known copy of the entire New Testament. The ceremony took place in the Great Hall of the Library at 4 p.m. on April 5 and was attended by more than 200 invited guests, as well as members of the staff and of the general public. The Secretary of State called upon Dr. John Shapley of the Aramaic Bible Foundation to recite Hebrews 12:1 in the language of the codex (Syriac) and the Secretary then translated: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." He spoke of learning by heart many passages of the Bible, of the inspiration it had been to him all his life, and of the "great avenues of hope" the Bible has opened up to so many people, as well as of the continuing need for great deeds wrought by faith.

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