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E D I T O R I A L  
by Elliot Horton  
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"The barbarians have done it again" seems a suitable response to the news that the new state budget, far from increasing state funds to libraries, actually cuts such aid again. The current budget appropriation is \$8,352 less than last year's and \$14,882 lower than the year before that; in effect adding insult to injury. Such a progression, in the face of ever increasing inflation and the material rewards orientation of our society, clearly indicates the value of libraries in the estimation of the majority. Clearly there has been little or no communication or pressure on the legislators from the library public. Evidently it has been assumed that lip service will somehow magically solve all library problems.

Dora Ruth Parks, Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Library Commission, has indicated that "We're disappointed"; I personally am disgusted and enraged. After facing possible loss of Federal funding and curtailment of services because of inadequate funding on the local level it is appalling to face the same problem on the state level: states must spend a certain amount on libraries to qualify for Federal assistance.

We librarians seem to have a genius for accepting adversity quiescently. It is small comfort to know that after the horse has been stolen we will have lots of help in locking the door; that to those who will be telling us "If I had only known..." we can say "I told you so".

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Another year begins for WVLA. What it holds for the future of libraries remains to be seen - and it largely depends on your efforts as individual members of WVLA. One major factor, will be the fate of the Library Commission budget in the hands of the West Virginia Legislature now in session. Your assistance: writing, wiring, phoning or personally buttonholing your delegates, will help.

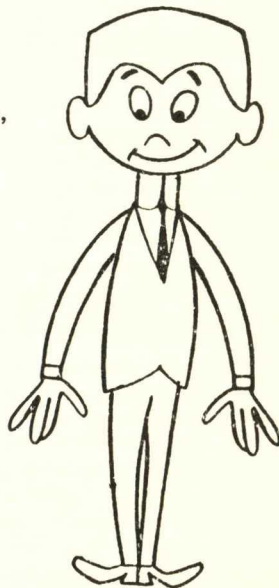
In the meantime, the work of WVLA goes on. Several committee assignments have been made, and a special charter given the legislative committee: to compare the present activities of the West Virginia Library Commissions with the "Minimum Standards for the Library Service at the State Level" and to make recommendations from those comparisons. That committee consists of:

- Term expiring 1972: William C. Myers, Eloise Newlon,  
Perry O'Brien, John E. Scott
- Term expiring 1973: H.W. Apel, Chairman,  
C.E. Campbell Beall,  
Mary Louise Graham,  
Sam R. Harshbarger
- Term expiring 1974: Elliott Horton, Elizabeth  
Fair, Donald E. Riggs,  
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Don Riggs also serves as Federal Relations Coordinator.

Other committee assignments include John Scott, Constitution and Bylaws chairman; Elliot Horton, awards chairman, with Bob Murphy and Jim Gribble members; Margaret Bobbitt, ALA membership and recruitment; and Louis Gill, exhibits chairman. Other assignments will be announced later.

If any member of the association feels they should serve on a committee, please let me know. If you ask, you will serve.



HELP YOURSELF TO ECOLOGY  
AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
SELF-LEARNING CENTER, by  
Kenneth L. Carvell, Professor  
of Silviculture, West Virginia  
University

A new audio-visual library opened recently at the Forestry Center on the Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University. Called the Natural Resources Self-Learning Center, it offers a unique opportunity for forestry students and other nature enthusiasts to see and hear programs on topics related to ecology and land-use management. Funds for equipping and operating this facility were provided by a grant from the Benedum Foundation.

Many of the present holdings have been developed for use in conjunction with regular University courses; however, the Center actually has a broader objective--this is, a facility for independent study, where persons interested in specific topics may see and hear programs specially prepared by authorities in many areas of outdoor education.

Rear-projection carrels with combined slide projectors and tape recorders are used for viewing slide-tape programs. The slides for each program are permanently stored in slide trays, so that they are ready for instant use. The cassette tape gives the narrative, and is coded to change the slide at the appropriate place.

Other instructional materials consist of taped lectures with supplemental guide booklets. In these guides are graphs, photographs, and tables referred to in the lecture.

Many of the Center's tape programs are course lectures with material too recent to be available in texts.

Many slide-tape programs are produced in the Self-Learning Center. Initially a script is prepared; then the slides are accumulated which illustrate the major points emphasized in the program.

A large collection of slides is maintained at the Center for students who wish to develop talks for special groups or prepare programs for the Center. In this way, students may gain experience in preparing audio-visual programs and in the use of modern projection equipment.

One novel type of program consists of taped lectures for use on the various hiking trails at the West Virginia University Forest. Persons wishing to use these trails sign out a small battery-operated recorder and the appropriate trail tape. Along the trails, markers indicate where the recorder would be turned on for a description of particular points of interest.

Study collections of wood-rotting fungi, mosses, butterflies, insects and wood specimens are currently available in the Center.

More than a hundred motion pictures are available for viewing in the Center or for loan for group programs. Motion pictures are obtained either through direct purchase or on long-term loan. The Center also cooperates with primary and secondary schools by providing films for biology classes.

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University Magazine)

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 3, 1956

AMENDED 1957, 1960,

1962, 1965, 1966,

1967, 1969, and 1970

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the  
West Virginia Library Association

Article II Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the West Virginia Library Association shall be to promote:

- A. Library service in West Virginia
- B. Librarianship in West Virginia

Article III Membership

Section 1. Active members shall include any person in West Virginia engaged in library work or in any activity involving library work such as trustees and advisory committee members.

Section 2. Associate members shall include all other persons interested in the promotion of library service.

Section 3. Institutional members shall include any library, club, or other organization interested in furthering the purpose of the West Virginia Library Association.

Section 4. Honorary members shall include any person who has rendered outstanding services to the library interests in the state, but who is not at the time actively engaged in library work within the state, and who, on nomination by the executive board, is elected by unanimous vote at any annual meeting of the Association.



Section 5. Sustaining membership shall be accorded any individual, and institution as defined in Section 3, upon payment of the sustaining fee as provided in the by-laws.

Section 6. All types of membership except honorary are contingent upon the payment of the annual dues as provided in the by-laws.

#### Article IV Governing Body

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president, the ALA Councilor and the chairmen of the sections provided for in the by-laws. The Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Library Commission, the State Supervisor of School Library Services of the West Virginia State Department of Education, and the Editor of the Association's periodical publication West Virginia Libraries, shall serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the executive board.

#### Article V Officers

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be as follows:

- A. President
- B. First vice-president who shall be president-elect
- C. Second vice-president
- D. Secretary
- E. Treasurer

Section 2. The first vice-president, the second vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the association.

Section 3. These officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the by-laws.

#### Article VI Meetings

Section 1. The association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the executive board shall decide.

Section 2. The executive board may call special meetings of the association should the occasion demand it.

- Section 3. Meetings of the executive board shall be held upon call of the president or upon request of a minimum of four members of the executive board.
- Section 4. The executive board may decide, in case of an emergency or for other good reason, that an annual meeting not be held in a specific year.
- Section 5. Committee meetings shall be called and conducted by their respective chairmen.

#### Article VII Quorum

- Section 1. Twenty-five active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of any regular or called meeting of the association.
- Section 2. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the executive board.

#### Article VIII Affiliation

- Section 1. This association shall be a chapter of the American Library Association and representatives shall be elected in accordance with the ALA constitution and by-laws.
- Section 2. This association shall be a member of the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Federation and representatives shall be appointed under such conditions as may be provided in the by-laws or authorized by the executive board.

#### Article IX Amendments

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the active members present, provided that written or printed notice of the proposed amendment be sent to the members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

THE BY-LAWS

Article I Dues

- Section 1. Annual dues for active members shall be \$5.00 per calendar year.
- Section 2. Annual dues for associate members shall be \$2.00.
- Section 3. Annual dues for institutional members shall be based upon the annual operating expenditures of the library. Annual operating expenditures for personnel and library materials of the previous year.

ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	DUES
\$ 24,999 or under	\$ 5.00
49,999 or under	10.00
99,999 or under	15.00
199,999 or under	20.00
200,000 and above	25.00

- Section 4. Honorary members shall pay no dues.
- Section 5. Individual sustaining members shall pay a minimum of \$15.00 annually and institutional sustaining members a minimum of \$20.00 annually in addition to regular institutional dues.
- Section 6. The fiscal year of the association shall be from December first to November thirtieth.
- Section 7. The membership year shall be from January first to December thirty-first.
- Section 8. The annual dues shall be due on January first.
- Section 9. Members who have not paid their dues by January first shall be billed by the membership chairman.
- Section 10. No members whose dues are unpaid shall be entitled to vote and members in arrears for more than one year will be dropped from the membership roll.

Article II Executive Board

- Section 1. The duties of the executive board shall be as follows:
- A. To transact all business for the association in the interval between meetings.
  - B. To fill vacancies except the positions of president, first vice-president, and second vice-president, which may occur between the regular meetings of the association.

Section 2. The executive board may authorize a travel allowance not to exceed 8 cents per mile for required attendance at board meetings and for other authorized travel on association business.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The duties of the president shall be as follows:

- A. To plan, with the help of the executive board, a program for the association and supervise its progress.
- B. To be responsible for the program for the annual meeting.
- C. To present a budget of anticipated revenue and expenditures to the executive board.
- D. To preside at all meetings of the association and of the executive board and perform the other duties of the office of president.
- E. To approve all orders drawn on the association and any contracts authorized by either the executive board or the association.
- F. To appoint, with the approval of the executive board, such committees as prescribed in the by-laws, and any special committees as required to carry on the work of the association. He may define the duties of the special committees.
- G. To appoint, with the approval of the executive board, members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Federation.

Section 2. First Vice-President. The duties of the first vice-president shall be as follows:

- A. To perform the duties and exercise the authority of the president in his absence and also in the event of the president's becoming incapacitated or vacating the office.
- B. To serve as chairman of the membership committee.
- C. To serve as member of the resolution committee.

Section 3. Second Vice-President. The duties of the second vice-president shall be as follows:

- A. To assume the duties of the first vice-president in case of his leaving office.
- B. To assume the duties of the president in case the president and first vice-president have vacated the office of president.
- C. To be the historian for the association.

Section 4. Secretary. The duties of the secretary shall be as follows:

- A. To prepare a report of the annual meeting and any special meetings of the association and send one copy to the Library Journal and one copy to the Bulletin of the American Library Association, one copy to the president, and keep one copy in the secretary's file.
- B. To take minutes of the executive board meeting and of the annual association meeting for use of these bodies.
- C. To summarize the minutes of the executive board meetings and the annual association meeting and submit to the editor of the West Virginia Libraries for publication.
- D. To open for inspection all records and papers in the custody of the secretary upon request of any active member of the association.
- E. To aid the president in official correspondence and in other ways as requested.
- F. To serve as chairman of the resolution committee.

Section 5. Treasurer. The duties of the treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. To be present or have a representative present at the annual meeting to receive or supervise the receipt of dues and other monies.
- B. To have custody of all funds and securities of the association, and to deposit same in a bank approved by the executive board.
- C. To pay by check bills against the association when signed by the president.
- D. To make an itemized written report of the year's work to the auditing committee at the end of the fiscal year.
- E. To report to the membership chairman the names of all members who have paid their dues.

- F. To present in person or by a proxy a financial statement to date at each executive board meeting and annual meeting.

#### Article IV ALA Councilor

- Section 1. The American Library Association Chapter councilor shall represent the chapter at the ALA mid-winter and annual meetings and report back to the executive board and the membership.
- Section 2. The executive board may pay up to \$300.00 per year for the councilor's expenses to ALA meetings.

#### Article V Committees

- Section 1. The standing committees shall be the following: auditing, constitution and by-laws, legislative, membership, nominating, finance, resolutions, West Virginia indexing and publications, and intellectual freedom.
- Section 2. The chairman of each committee shall present a report whenever requested by the president and shall present a yearly report at the annual meeting of the association unless otherwise specified by the executive board.
- Section 3. Special committees may be created by the president with the consent of the executive board to carry out a definite assignment. Membership should include those who are especially interested in the project, or with training that fits them to deal with it.
- Section 4. Duties of standing committees shall be as follows:
- A. Auditing. To check the treasurer's books at the close of the fiscal year and report the findings to the executive board and to the membership.
  - B. Constitution and By-Laws, To study needed and proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws and to make recommendations to the executive board and to the annual meeting.
  - C. Legislative.
    - a. The membership shall consist of twelve appointed members. Initially, four members shall be appointed to serve for three years, four for two years, and four for

one year. Thereafter, appointments shall be for three years. Appointments to fill vacancies on the committee shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Annually, a chairman and a Federal Relations Coordinator shall be designated by the president from the membership of the committee.

b. Duties.

1. To **study** the need for federal and state library legislation and make reports and recommendations to the executive board and the membership.
2. To actively promote the legislative programs of the association and its sections.
3. To provide information to the membership on current legislation.

D. Membership. To promote membership, to keep proper membership records, and to report to the president, executive board, and the association as requested.

E. Nominating.

- a. To present at the annual meeting a slate of one or more nominees for each of the following offices: first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and to present one or more nominees for the office of ALA councilor every fourth year or as often as required by the ALA constitution and by-laws.
- b. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the nominating committee to contact each nominee, outline the duties and responsibilities of the office, and to secure consent of the nominee to have his name appear on the slate.

F. Finance.

- a. The membership shall consist of the president of the association as chairman and the first vice-president and the treasurer.

b. Duties

1. To prepare a budget for the new year including anticipated revenue and expenditures and present the budget to the executive board at its first meeting of the year.

G. Resolutions.

a. Membership shall consist of the secretary as chairman, the first vice-president, and the editor of West Virginia Libraries.

b. Duties.

1. To draw up resolutions in the name of the association as requested by the Board of Directors or the annual meeting.

H. West Virginia Indexing and Publication.

a. To promote the indexing of West Virginia periodicals and the publication of these indexes.

b. To promote local, regional, and state-wide union catalogs.

c. To make and to promote the making and publication of state bibliographies and other needed bibliographic aids.

I. Intellectual Freedom.

a. The membership shall consist of five appointed members comprising at least one person from each section of the association. Initially, one member shall be appointed to serve for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Thereafter, appointments shall be for five years. Appointments to fill vacancies on the committee shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Annually, a chairman shall be elected by the members of the committee.

b. Duties

1. To recommend to the executive Board and/or to the membership such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the rights of library users, libraries, and librarians in accordance with the Bill of Rights of the United States and the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the Council of the American Library Association.



#### Article VI Elections

- Section 1. At the annual meeting, after the nominating committee has presented its slate, nominations may be received from the floor for each office in turn.
- Section 2. The President shall appoint three (3) tellers, members whose names do not appear on the ballot. Additional tellers may be elected from the floor.
- Section 3. Each active and honorary member, and each sustaining member who qualified as an active member, shall be eligible to cast one vote for each office. Members must be present to vote.
- Section 4. Unless otherwise provided, the tenure of office shall be one year for all officers, section chairmen, and committee members, of until their successors are elected and qualified in case there is no regular annual meeting. The ALA Chapter councilor shall serve a four-year term.
- Section 5. Officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

#### Article VII Sections

- Section 1. Sectional groups may be formed within the association after written petition to and approval of the executive board, with final approval of the association.
- Section 2. The officers of the sectional groups shall be a chairman, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the section, and who shall become a member of the executive board; and a secretary who shall be elected at the same meeting.
- Section 3. Sectional constitutions and by-laws shall be approved by the association.

#### Article VIII Parliamentary

- Section 1. The president shall appoint a parliamentarian, who upon assuming office, does not sacrifice any of the privileges of membership, and retains the right to vote.
- Section 2. Robert's Rule of Order shall be accepted as the authority in conducting the meetings of the association where it does not conflict with the constitution or by-laws.

#### Article IX Amendments

- Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present at any regular or called meeting of the association.

**BETSY BYARS WINS  
THE NEWBERY AWARD,**  
by Olive Lewis, Ass't.  
Professor of Library Science,  
West Virginia University

For the third time within fifteen years a West Virginian has been honored by a coveted national award in the area of writing for children. On January 19, 1971 Mrs. Edward F. (Betsy) Byars of Morgantown received a call from the midwinter meeting of A. L. A. in Los Angeles notifying her that she had been named winner of the 1971 Newbery Medal for her book Summer of the Swan which is set in northern West Virginia. The story describes the love of a 15-year-old girl for her mentally retarded brother.

Mrs. Byars' first stunned surprise was followed by the excitement of preparation for the flight to Los Angeles, which the informant insisted must be made the following day.

Although such a piece of news must have come as a shock, Mrs. Byars should not have been entirely lacking in preparation. Her writing through the past several years has received increasing recognition and praise. Starting with Clementine about the toy stuffed dragon, which children have taken to their hearts, there have followed at the rate of about one a year The Dancing Camel, Rama, the Gypsy Cat, The Groober (illustrated by the author), Trouble River, The Midnight Fox, and now Summer of the Swans. Her next book, written for very young children, will appear in March.

Mrs. Byars' writing has been published in Canada and England, translated into Danish and Dutch, appeared in paperback, placed on the Notable Children's Book List for 1969 by the Children's Service Division of A.L.A., and listed in the periodical, Bookbird, among the U.S. children's books of international interest.

Wife of the Chairman and Professor of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics in the College of Engineering at West Virginia University, Mrs. Byars is the mother of four children, the oldest of whom is in college. The author's understanding of youth through constant contact is evident in the actions and speech of the characters in her books.

A graduate of Queens College in Charlotte, N.C., Mrs. Byars started writing magazine articles when her husband was a graduate student at the University of Illinois. One of the magazines to which she contributed was The Saturday Evening Post.

During the nine years that she has lived in Morgantown Mrs. Byars has been most generous about sharing her experiences with the students in the Department of Library Science at the University. She has spoken repeatedly to the classes in Library Materials for Children and has charmed the listeners with her warmth, informality, modesty and ability to laugh at herself. Although she has received high praise from the reviewing media, one of her most amusing stories concerns a blistering attack which The Dancing Camel drew from one important paper.

Published by the Viking Press, Summer of the Swans was illustrated by Ted CoConis. CoConis illustrations, says Mrs. Byars, are "part of the reason the book won." Since the award-

ing of the prize, Viking has ordered another 75,000 copies of the book to be printed.

In Summer of the Swans Mrs. Byars demonstrates that her insight into the thoughts and feelings of young people extends also to those who deviate from the "normal". In this sensitively told story Sara is subject to the mercurial moods of a 15-year-old, accentuated by feelings of inferiority to her pretty sister, resentment of the aunt in whose care the motherless children have been left, and affectionate concern for her mentally retarded brother. Life seems full of insoluble problems until one night when Charlie, the brother, disappears. In the agonizing hours of search for him Sara's self-pity and worries about her appearance pale into insignificance, and she gladly accepts at last the help and comfort of a boy whose overtures to her had been repulsed in the past. The moving portrayal of Charlie's frustrations and his terror while lost reflect Mrs. Byars' hours of study of the subject of retardation. Interestingly enough, Mrs. Byars is now a part-time student in special education at the University.

Betsy Byars is the second West Virginia recipient of the Newbery Award, the first having been Jean Lee Latham, formerly of Buckhannon, who won the distinction in 1956 for her Carry on, Mr. Bowditch. Then in 1961 the Children's Services Division of A.L.A. bestowed on Agnes Smith (Mrs. Richard Parrish) of Farmington the Aurianne Award for An Edge of the Forest. This was an annual honor granted for a number of years as the result of a bequest of a former New Orleans school librarian and given for an animal story which developed "humane attitudes towards animal life."

The official bestowal of Mrs. Byars' medal will take place at the annual conference of A.L.A. this summer in Dallas. On the basis of the talks which she has given to Library Science classes it is safe to assume that Betsy Byars' acceptance speech will be one of the most charming ever given at that great Newbery-Caldecott banquet.

Sponsored by the Children's Service Division of the American Library Association, the Newbery medal is the oldest honor awarded to authors of children's books. Established in 1922, the medal is named for eighteenth century British publisher John Newbery.

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James L. Smith of Morgantown attended a library institute at Wayne State University in Detroit last October. The institute was on the topic of "Library Education for the Disadvantaged".

#### LIBRARY WORKSHOP HELD

The Annual Library Workshop of the U.S. Department of the Interior was held September 28 through October 2, 1970, at Skyland Lodge, Shenandoah National Park, and Washington, D. C. The first three days at the former. This was the fifth such workshop. It is designed with the field libraries in mind and hopefully will be held in various parts of the country. Last year it was held in Denver, Col. where there are many libraries in the Department. Next year plans are for Portland, Oregon at the Bonneville Power Administration, one of the largest installations.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.  
November 5, 6, and 7, 1970

Department of Education  
A.L.A. Councilor's Annual Report,  
1969-1970  
Middle Atlantic Regional Library  
Federations, Report 1970

Thursday, November 5

The opening general session was called to order by Merle Moore, Chairman, Public Libraries Section, who introduced the Speaker, Hans McCort, West Virginia State Senate. The Honorable McCort spoke on "Finance and Library Legislation", giving suggestions for having library legislation approved by the State Legislature.

Friday, November 6, 10:40 a.m.

The second general session and the annual business meeting was called to order by Robert Willits, President. A telegram from A.L.A. President Lillian Bradshaw was read.

It was moved by Mary Louise Graham and seconded that the minutes of the 1969 annual meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,472.05.

Reports for the following were distributed to the members and no oral report given:

Minutes of the 1969 College and University Section  
Minutes of 1969 Public Library Section  
Minutes of 1969 School Library Section  
Minutes of 1969 Special Library Section  
Annual report of the Program Specialist of Library Services, State

West Virginia Libraries

Lois Murphy, editor, reported application is to be made for a third class mailing permit which would allow West Virginia Libraries to be mailed for 1.6¢ instead of 6¢ per issue. Advertising is now being accepted. Articles, both scholarly and personal, are needed.

There were no reports from the floor.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership - James Nelson reported there were 358 active members before the convention and several had been added during the convention. A membership list will be published in the next issue of West Virginia Libraries.

Constitution and By-Laws - John Scott moved the acceptance of the following:

Article V Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be the following: auditing, constitution and by-laws, legislative, membership, nominating, finance, resolutions, West Virginia indexing and publications, and Intellectual Freedom. (the words, and Intellectual Freedom, being added.)

Section 4. 1. Intellectual Freedom Committee (Entire division added)

- a. The membership shall consist of five appointed members comprising at least one person from each section of the Association. Initially, one member shall be appointed to serve for 5 years, one for 4 years, one for 3 years, one for 2 years, and one for 1 year. Thereafter, appointments shall be for 5 years. Appointments to fill vacancies on the committee shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Annually, a chairman shall be elected by the members of the committee.

b. Duties:

To recommend to the Executive Board and/or to the membership such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the rights of library users, libraries, and librarians in accordance with the Bill of Rights of the United States and the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the Council of the American Library Association.

Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Nominating - Mr. Nelson reported the following nominations for 1971:

1st Vice President and President-Elect - Robert Murphy

2nd Vice President - Merle Moore

Secretary - Judy Rule

Treasurer - James Smith

ALA Councilor (a four-year term) -  
Nicholas Winowich

Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Harold Apel seconded the acceptance of the report. Motion carried. There were no nominations for any office from the floor. It was moved by Arthur Upton and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Mr. Apel moved and Mrs. Apel seconded the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith corrected the error in the treasurer's report giving a balance on hand of \$3,906.97

Resolutions: Judy Rule, chairman, announced Lois Murphy would read the resolutions. Mrs. Murphy moved the resolution honoring Hattie Tiller Ashworth be accepted. Nick Winowich seconded the motion. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Murphy moved the resolution honoring Dr. William O. Armstrong be accepted. Nicholas Winowich seconded the motion. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Apel moved the words "and to the family of . . ." be included in the resolutions. Mrs. Graham seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

National Library Week - It was announced Merle Moore and Jim Smith are co-chairmen for the coming year. Miss Moore read Philip Place's report

from last year which reported the theme was "Mountain State Memories" and some specific activities were free days, art shows, open house, poster contests, local history displays and taping of local history.

The Committee on Incorporation's Chairman, Nancy Canterbury, reported the certificate of incorporation cost \$10, no name change would be necessary, members could not be sued. Mr. Stone, a lawyer who was consulted, said it would be to our advantage to incorporate in that it would define our assets.

Mrs. Graham moved and Mrs. Ruth Early seconded the motion that the assembly accept the report and take steps to incorporate. Perry O'Brien and Kathrine Traubert seconded the motion to amend Mrs. Graham's motion to read the assembly accept the report and give the Executive Board power to incorporate the West Virginia Library Association. Motion carried. After discussion the main motion was voted and passed.

Announcements were as follows:

A census users conference is to be held in Charleston December 4.

A cooperative Educational Research Information Center system is being considered for West Virginia. Eloise Newlon has further information.

Conference of Eastern College Librarians will meet November 28 at Columbia University in New York. All college librarians are invited.

The West Virginia Library Association will have its next annual conference at the Heart-of-Town Hotel, October 7, 8, and 9, 1971.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The third general session was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mr. Harold Apel who introduced the Speaker, Dr. Eugene Hoyt, Director, Education Activities Staff, Appalachian Regional Commission. His topic was "The Profile of Planning and Development in the Appalachian Region." After reviewing the work of the Commission, Dr. Hoyt pointed out that after the gaps in the physical facilities of the region have been filled, the human resources must be up-graded.

The second speaker of the afternoon was Paul Kauffman, Director, Appalachian Research Aid Defense Fund. His subject was "Wistfulginia Revisited" which is reprinted in this issue of West Virginia Libraries.

The meeting adjourned.

The fourth general session was called to order at 9:45 p.m. by Robert Murphy. Burton Lampkin, Associate Commissioner of Education for Libraries and Educational Technology, United States Office of Education, spoke on the topic "Role of Federal Government in Library Development." He pointed out the need for defining library's existing capabilities, needs, and goals, for working for better communication between the library and community, state, regional, and national agencies, and planning for action.

Mr. Winowich presented the 1970 awards to the Board of Trustees of the St. Albans Library and to Mr. C. E. Campbell Beall. Mr. John Scott then presented a 1970 award to Mr. Nicholas Winowich.

The last general meeting met at 12:00 for luncheon and the speaker was the Honorable Jennings Randolph. Senator Randolph urged libraries to set forth priorities and plans for the future development of West Virginia. He also proposed a committee of librarians to meet him in Washington to devise original legislation for training librarians.

Mr. Winowich presented Senator Randolph with the West Virginia Library Association certificate of Merit Award following his speech.

Since the persons in attendance left the hall during the break following the speaker, Mr. Willits announced the meeting was adjourned.

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### WISTFULGINIA REVISITED

(Remarks of Paul J. Kaufman to the West Virginia Library Association Annual Meeting at White Sulphur Springs on November 6, 1970. Mr. Kaufman is the Director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, Charleston, West Virginia.)

A few years ago, I wrote a piece about a mythical state, not unlike the one in which we live, that I called Wistfulginia. In that story, I attempted to illustrate the unfairness and unproductiveness of our taxing methods, the pitiful inadequacies of our pollution control laws, the weaknesses of our human rights law and the bleak future we West Virginians faced unless the raw excesses of manufacturing and mining, especially strip mining, were brought under control. The Mordecai Muck Manufacturing Company and the Uriah Ceep Coal Company were the chief villains of my little tale, which the people of the state and their legislators cast in supporting roles. My story was written to portray what I saw as being West Virginia's most serious problems and to suggest possible solutions to those problems.

The story of Wistfulginia was reprinted and widely read throughout the state, but, judging by results, it would seem that many persons were afraid to look at what they saw. Like the Halloween story about the lady who answered the timid knock on her door and found a small girl in a witches' costume, except that she wasn't wearing a mask. When the child opened her bag for her treat, the lady saw the mask in the bottom of the bog. "Why aren't you wearing it," the lady asked. "Because," a little voice whispered, "it scares me".

And so we find ourselves today, pretty much in the same condition we were in some four years ago. Our state continues to lose people in the midst of a world-wide population explosion.

Some progress has been made in changing our tax structure, but Mordecai Muck and Uriah Ceep continue to do far more damage than they pay for in both taxes and jobs. The social and economic costs to the people of the state in terms of polluted streams, poisoned air, devastated hills, damaged roads and blighted lives is almost beyond measure. Yet, the taxes paid by the big out-of-state manufacturers are a trifle when compared to their huge profits. In fact their total taxes were, until recently, little more than were paid by cigarette smokers. The mining industry was never more prosperous, but their safety record was never worse. Their pollution activities and their destruction of the land go virtually unrestrained and the number of jobs they provide dwindle as fast as the mine operators are able to replace men with machines. Less is collected in taxes, by the way, from the entire coal industry than is collected by the state from the sale of liquor.

The story is told about the minister who was calling on a parishioner. As he started into the yard, a large dog from next door rushed at him growling ferociously. The minister picked up a stick and drove the dog back. About that time, the dog's owner appeared and said: "What do you mean beating my dog? Didn't you see him wagging his tail?" "Yes, I did," said the minister. "But he wasn't coming at me with that end."

I have taken a leave of absence from the private practice of law and



from politics in an effort to get at the right end of the dog. I am devoting my time to helping a group of young lawyers in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky defend the Constitution and maintain law and order. Our group is called the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund.

We take the position that when the Constitution says that people shall enjoy the right of free expression and freedom of assembly, that the Constitution means what it says -- even when the exercise of these freedoms threaten the economic supremacy of huge conglomerates and special interests. It is our contention that the Constitution, in particular the Ninth Amendment of the Bill of Rights, was intended to preserve the right of people to breathe clean air. What right could be more basic?

The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund makes so bold as to assert that poor people have the same rights as the non-poor. They have the same right to attend good schools -- not the inferior schools to which they are frequently relegated -- they have the right to be adequately fed, and the right to compete with the rich and the powerful

for government subsidies in order that they may survive.

The police, we feel, are well equipped to protect the people against hoodlums, petty thieves and rock throwers, but are ill-prepared to defend us against the economic royalists who see the law as being something which should only be enforced against the disadvantaged. The disadvantaged, incidentally, have come to view the law in pretty much the same way -- that is, something which is enforced only against them.

Appalachian Research and Defense Fund doesn't think it should be that way. White collar crime in America, particularly in Appalachia, has reached staggering proportions. There is a state law against offensive odors. Motorists crossing the Interstate Highway bridge that spans the Kanawha near Nitro are constantly assaulted by evil smelling stuff from the Monsanto factory nearby. Would you agree that the chemical plants of South Charleston and Nitro are in open violation of the law against offensive odors?

There are state and federal laws against water pollution. Union Carbide, testifying in support of the Blue Ridge Dam which would provide a flood of water to cover up their dirty work, revealed that their plants are continuously dumping hundreds of thousands of tons of chemical garbage into one of the state's prime waterways.

For three and one-half years, through two sets of prolonged administrative hearings, this same company arrogantly refused to give vital information about their operations to state and federal authorities probing into their air pollution activities near Vienna, West Virginia. Finally, upon being threatened with a lawsuit by the federal government, Mordecai Muck piously proclaimed that the needed information was readily available as had always been the case.

From 1956 to 1963, eight electric utility companies each collected over 100 million dollars more from American consumers than they should have collected legally with a normal return on their investment as is usually allowed by regulatory commissions. Included in this elite group of private power company profiteers was Appalachian Power Company, serving W. Va., with an over-

charge to its customers of \$107,274,000, according to U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf.

State law requires property to be declared for tax assessment purposes at its true and actual value. Fifty percent of its market value is acceptable. Yet coal companies, holding hundreds of thousands of acres of coal-bearing lands, repeatedly declare those lands at a fraction of their market value -- thus unlawfully depriving the counties of millions of dollars for the support of public schools. Coal miners are being sentenced to six months in prison for protesting the deplorable conditions under which they must labor while, at the same time, criminal charges against high government officials languish and melt away.

There is a law in West Virginia against prospecting for coal without a permit. You don't prospect for coal any more with a donkey, a pick and a shovel. You do it with a bulldozer. Upon receiving a complaint by poor citizens of Boone County that Consolidation Coal Company was prospecting without a license, the State Department of Natural Resources found the violation to be merely a "technical" one, and Uriah Ceep went unpunished.

A sound, long overdue, Federal mine health and safety law was passed early this year. At the cost of continuing loss of life and limb underground, coal companies defy the government in their efforts to enforce this law -- and through their influence manage to escape without penalty.

Four years ago - the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission adopted a regulation against smoke and fly ash emissions. All Kanawha Valley industrial plants were required to comply with a specific time schedule for abatement. Appalachian Power Company

persuaded the Commission to except their plant at Chelyan from the law on the grounds that it was old and therefore to install abatement equipment would be too costly. If the Commission would only excuse them from compliance for a period of three years, the plant then would be shut down and dismantled. Three years later the smoke-belching plant was still going full blast. Upon complaint by a tiny citizens' group, Appalachian Power Company sought and was granted an extended time within which to do what the law had required three years earlier. No penalty was imposed upon Appalachian Power -- only the residents of the Kanawha Valley suffered from their duplicity.

A candidate for sheriff in Colorado attacked the land exploiters who were mistreating his county in much the same way as the coal barons are mistreating ours. He developed a fictitious opponent whom he called "Bill Greed." Said our hero, "the Reds are evil and the young are crazy but it's hard to imagine how anybody -- whatever their age or politics -- could destroy this valley more effectively than it's being destroyed today, by all the Right and Respectable People." He lost the election.

As librarians, you are charged with the important duty of making a wide variety of information available to the public. You would be appalled at the amount of information that is hidden from the public view by state agencies. Air pollution regulations of great importance to the people are negotiated behind closed doors. The rate-making processes of the Public Service Commission are a mystery to most utility customers. Key provisions are deleted from legislative bills in closed committee meetings and the identity of legislators who are responsible for the deletions are never known.

Votes on the floor of the legislature can vary considerably from votes by the same legislators in Committee. Try to get detailed information on a given subject from any department of state government and too often you will be met with a wall of hostility, indifference, uncertainty or denial in clear violation of the West Virginia Administrative Procedures Act.

The State House is a real treasure trove of facts and statistics known only to a privileged few. To expose these facts would mean the elimination of special advantages to influential lobbyists and would soon end the cozy, backroom comraderie which exists between the representatives of big industries and their supposed regulators.

All governmental records should be indexed and made readily available to researchers and to just plain citizens. Every library in the state should be provided with published lists of materials, including a wide variety of reports, kept by all state agencies. The public's right to know is meaningless unless members of the public and the press are permitted to be present at meetings of every public body whether it be the State Board of Regents, the State Senate Finance Committee, City Council Committees, the County Court, or the State Air Pollution Control Commission. I call upon you as librarians to insist upon the proper indexing and full disclosure of public records, reports, schedules and other materials generated by departments of federal, state and local government. I ask you as citizens to put a stop to secret meetings of governmental bodies and to see to it that the doors of a closed society are unlocked.

To be informed is to know, and knowledge is power. Equipped with the

power of knowing, knowledge power, if you will, the people of West Virginia can transform their state from a threatened wasteland into a veritable fairyland. I'd like to see the people of the books, our librarians, lead the way to free access to all public information, thus providing the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, the press and interested citizens in general with the tools to do the job.

In closing, I would like to repeat a prayer drafted by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England some 40 years ago:

"From all destroyers of natural beauty in this parish and everywhere; from all polluters of earth, air and water; from all makers of visible abominations; from jerry-builders, disfiguring advertisers, road hogs and spreaders of litter; from the villainies of the rapacious and the incompetence of the stupid; from the carelessness of individuals and the somnolence of local authorities; from all foul smells, noises and sights--good Lord, deliver us!"

To which I add, Amen!

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James L. Smith, Coordinator of Library Services, IMC and ITV for the Monongalia County Schools has just assumed the chairmanship of the National Library Week Committee for the American Association of School Librarians. He took over this new responsibility while attending the Mid-Winter Conference of American Library Association in Los Angeles. In this new position he has the opportunity to sit in on the NLW Committee of AIA to find out what is happening across the country during National Library Week.

A Challenge for W. Va.:

National Library Week

by

James L. Smith

What's wrong with professionalism and librarians in West Virginia? After attending the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Los Angeles, I find that we are lagging far behind other states in promoting National Library Week. Since I am Chairman of the National Library Week Committee for American Association of School Librarians, I had the opportunity to sit in on the ALA/NLW Committee meeting. At the meeting thirteen states were represented, either by one or two NLW Executive Directors from these different states.

A brief run-down on what is happening in a few states across the country for NLW ---

Tennessee

In Tennessee the state library association has a state NLW Committee composed of lay people, as well as librarians. Each county in the state has a county chairman who coordinates the activities for the area. The state association sponsors workshops on regional levels on relating to the year's theme. One of the highlights of NLW is a state-wide bookmark contest for children. This starts on a local level, then to regional and on to the state level.

New Jersey

The state of New Jersey stresses the non-library user as the main idea for National Library Week. This year's theme is "Think Libraries." The state

association has been granted \$5000 this year for artists to go into public libraries and display their work, give speeches or present demonstrations. Jim Balton, the ex-baseball player is serving New Jersey as their state honorary chairman for NLW. His pictures will be placed on posters, billboards and bookmarks. The state association budgets \$600 yearly to promote NLW.

Washington

A "Governor's Author Day" is one of the highlights of the state of Washington. The governor honors authors from the state each year at a reception in the governor's mansion. One other outstanding and favorite custom is having high school newspaper editors write articles on some theme on National Library Week. All of these young men and women are brought to the state capitol during NLW to meet the governor.

To my amazement, many of the state library associations support NLW to the fullest extent. In several cases not only did the state association pay the expenses of the Executive Director of NLW, but paid expenses of the director and co-director. The pattern follows suit for the annual meeting in the summer. This seems to be an important factor in developing interesting, outstanding and effective National Library Week programs.

As all librarians know, NLW was "launched in the spring of 1958. National Library Week was the first concerted nationwide effort to focus public attention on reading as a source of personal fulfillment, on the importance of literacy in our national progress, and on the libraries which, used fully and supported properly,

can make reading accessible to everybody."

"National Library Week is now an established, continuing, year-round program to help build a reading nation and to spur the use and improvement of libraries of all kinds, public, academic, school and special."\*

This is not a means to an end but a means to promote library and reading development through-out the year. In other words NLW is "a means for professional librarians to promote library services to all people."

In West Virginia we have a big challenge in front of us. Senator Jennings Randolph confronted us with this challenge at the WVLA Annual Convention at the Greenbrier last November when he stirred everyone's interest in the idea of developing "better" library services in West Virginia. The Honorable Senator Randolph has been working with Senator Claiborne Pell from Rhode Island in setting-up a meeting with the two of them and several members of WVLA. This a theme, project or what have you that is to be an excellent activity for NLW in West Virginia, whether it is this year or next. We now have an excellent opportunity to promote our profession with the help of NLW.

\*Local Organization Handbook for the National Library Week Program.

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"Books must be read as deliberately and reservedly as they were written."  
Henry David Thoreau

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL  
LIBRARY FEDERATION

Report 1970

One meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Federation, Inc. held on May 25, 1970, was attended by your West Virginia representatives Nicholas Winowich and William C. Myers. Miss Margaret Martignoni, acting executive secretary of the New York Library Association, represented that chapter since Nicolas Kobe died this past summer and Charles Gosnell was unable to attend. Dr. Richmond Williams reported that Miss Genevieve Brown, of the Newark Public Library had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Devan who has accepted a position at Cuyhoga County Public Library in Cleveland, Ohio.

All officers were re-elected for another term; President - John Zimmerman; Vice-President - William Rohrenbeck; Secretary-Treasurer - Marie A. Davis.

President Zimmerman reported he had contracted with the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City for October 24-23, 1973, for the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Federation Conference. John C. Frantz has agreed to be General Chairman for the 1973 Conference. The Board of Directors will meet with Mr. Frantz at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore on Friday, November 20, 1970. The main discussion will concern his ideas and the naming of Committees necessary for planning the 1973 conference.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Myers  
Nicholas Winowich

ALA Councilor's Annual Report

1969-70

I consider it a privilege to make my third report to you as your representative to the A.L.A. Council.

I attended the A.L.A. Midwinter Meeting at the Sherman House in Chicago, January 18-24, 1970, at which time two Council meetings were held in addition to an information meeting for the Executive Board and Council Members. During the first Council meeting Frederisk H. Wagaman presented the First Report on the Activities Committee on New Directions for A.L.A. with the subcommittee reports. The President's program on Wednesday January 21st, was devoted to a general discussion on the report which was received in a previous Council meeting. The purpose was to permit the membership to express views for further consideration by the Aconda Committee.

A short time before A.L.A. met in Detroit, June 28-July 4, 1970, each Council member received the Final Report of the Activities Committee on New Directions for A.L.A. (Aconda). Much discussion was held in both the regular and extended membership meetings on various aspects of the report. Limited action and approval was given to some of the recommendations of the report but consideration of much of the report was hindered by a minority who insisted on delaying tactics.

A recommendation from Aconda "That all members of Council be elected at large; that the composition of Council be changed by elimination of past presidents of the Association and that

the number of voting members of Council be fixed at 96." The election of Councilors at large would eliminate Councilors representing Chapters. The membership generally was not in favor of this recommendation and was referred back to the Aconda committee for further study.

A second recommendation concerning reorganization received more favorable response: "That the existing policy of limiting any individual to membership on not more than three committees be enforced." Membership and Council approved.

Council approved the proposal to establish A.L.A. on Library Service to the disadvantaged and unserved. A major portion of the Aconda Report was left untouched which means much work was left undone to be taken care of at its Midwinter programs in Los Angeles and to fill up the Conference-week in Dallas in 1971.

William C. Myers  
A.L.A. Councilor  
Mary H. Weir Public  
Library

SCHOOL LIBRARY SECTION REPORT

1969-1970

As Chairman of the School Librarians' Section of the West Virginia Library Association, it gives me great pleasure to report some of the activities of our school librarians, activities that reveal their growing interest and involvement in the development of media in libraries of the 70's.

Forty-two teachers and librarians from twenty-eight counties attended an ESEA Title II workshop, "The Media Institute for Elementary Teachers", at Morris Harvey College, June 14-26.

Mr. Charles R. Byrd, Title II Administrator, Education Media Specialist, West Virginia State Department of Education, directed the program. The Advisory Committee consisted of Miss Nancy Jo Canterbury, Program Specialist of Library Services in the State Department of Education; June Lay, Supervisor of School Libraries in Wood County; and Eloise Newlon, Library Coordinator for Kanawha County School Libraries.

Speakers and instructors in art, cataloging, lettering, and instructional television came from West Virginia Colleges and universities, public schools, the Department of Education, and neighboring states.

The purpose of this institute was to help elementary teachers in establishing media centers in schools.

A joint meeting of West Virginia School Librarians, a Department of the West Virginia Education Association, and the West Virginia Audiovisual Association will be planned for the 1971 WVEA Convention in Charleston in a joint conference at Cedar Lakes in May. Present at a WVAVA conference initiating this move were two school librarians, Regina Weaver and Katherine Traubert.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Weaver  
Chairman  
WVLA School Library  
Section

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION  
1969-1970

The chairman attended the December 1969 Executive Board Meeting held in Parkersburg, the meeting September 19 and November 5 and 7 meetings at the Greenbrier. She was present also at a pre-conference meeting in Parkersburg September 13.

A special committee was selected to plan ways to better organize the Section. It was composed of the following persons: Miss Anne M. Conner, Mrs. Helen Goodell, and Mrs. Barbara Adams of the Veterans Administration at Martinsburg; Mr. Robert Murphy, West Virginia University Agriculture-Engineering Library; and Miss Brenda Wilson, West Virginia Legislative Reference Library, Charleston. The chairman met with the former three in March to discuss ways and means. The latter two were contacted by telephone. A letter was composed asking for information to update a Directory of the Special Libraries and Librarians. Included in the letter was a reminder of the 1970 Annual Meeting of the Association and urging attendance. These were mailed to each Library. With the additional aid of the West Virginia Library Commission, the Directory was compiled and provision for updating was added. It will be distributed to members at the Annual Meeting in November.

Other persons and organizations who aided in the preparation of the Directory included the following: Mr. Norris Rath, Registrar, and Mrs. Helen Ringer, both of Shepherd College; and Mrs. Blanche Lawson of the staff of the Eastern Fish Disease Laboratory. Without their valuable help, the publication could not have been completed.

Libraries of Huntington, Charleston, and surrounding areas are preparing a Union List of Serials and hope also to add their holdings to the West Virginia Union List. Those responsible for this work are Miss Nancy Taylor, Veterans Hospital Library, Huntington; Miss Kay Gibson, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Library; Mrs. Madeline Meadows, Charleston Memorial Hospital Medical Library; and Miss Carol Turner, St. Josephy's Hospital Library.

Two speakers were chosen for the program of the Annual Meeting November 7. They are Miss Patricia Bentley, Librarian, Cincinnati General Hospital, whose topic will be: Librarian's Role in Continuing Education; and Mr. Paul Handwerk, Staff Biologist and Library Liaison for the Division of Fishery Research, Bureau of Sport Fish and Wildlife, U.S.D.A., Washington, D.C., whose topic will be: A Biologist's Viewpoint of Special Libraries.

The nominating committee selected a new chairman and secretary for 1970-71. Nomination for chairman is Mrs. Beatrice D. Quigley, Veterans Hospital Library at Clarksburg, and nomination for secretary is Mrs. Laura Smith, Veterans Hospital Library at Beckley.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence T. Wright  
SPECIAL SECTION CHAIRMAN

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Greenbrier  
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.  
November 5, 1970

Mr. Willits called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Nelson moved and Merle Moore seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as submitted with the exception of two spelling errors corrected.

A telegram from A.L.A. was read by Mr. Willits.

The agenda for Friday's business meeting and the reports to be given were discussed. It was decided that there was no necessity of oral reports by those committees and officers who had prepared a written report for the conference packet.

Nancy Canterbury reported for the Committee on Incorporation. Legal counsel who was consulted said that incorporation would (1) define the assets of the Association; (2) define the voting members; and (3) give legal protection for the Executive Board.

Judy Rule moved and Ruth Powell seconded the annual meeting of the Association be held at the Heart-of-Town Motel in Charleston, October 7, 8, and 9. Motion carried.

It was announced there would be a "media meeting" in May at Cedar Lakes which could be co-sponsored by WVLA.

Last-minute changes in the program were discussed.

Miss Powell moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

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"My books are friends  
that never fail me."  
Thomas Carlyle



## ANNUAL REPORT

Program Specialist of Library Services  
State Department of Education

During the past year, the Program Specialist of Library Services attended all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board of the West Virginia Library Association.

Title I and Comprehensive Educational Program projects were reviewed. Recommendations for methods of evaluation were suggested.

Serving as Director of the Professional Library of the Department of Education, the Program Specialist assisted with cataloging of certain materials, approved requisitions, served as reference resource person to the staff, the West Virginia Library Commission, and the Legislative Library.

The Program Specialist attended the State Supervisor's sectional meeting at the Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, the ALA Council meetings, and the Encyclopedia Britannica Awards.

The Program Specialist worked with school library section chairmen of the West Virginia Library Association and the West Virginia Education Association.

Materials requested by elementary, secondary, and county media personnel were mailed throughout the year. The Specialist served as co-chairman of the revision of the media section of the Comprehensive Educational Program,

which was revised in accordance with ALA-DAVI Standards for School Media Programs. The Program Specialist worked with selected counties in initial evaluations of media centers in Hardy, Mercer, and Fayette Counties.

The Program Specialist served on the evaluation team of the Library Science Department and the Library-Media facilities of Glenville State College.

From August 16-22, the Library Services Specialist served on the staff of the Student Leadership

Conference, at the University of New Hampshire, sponsored by the New England School Library Association and the Division of Continuing Education, University of New Hampshire.

The Program Specialist also served as coordinator of the West Virginia Student Library Assistants' Association at Cedar Lakes, October 31 - November 1, 1970. She spoke to county student library assistants' groups and state and local groups of school librarians throughout the year.

Currently, the Library Services Specialist is working on a revision of facilities for secondary media centers in the Handbook on Planning School Facilities and the addition of a section on elementary media center facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jo Canterbury  
Program Specialist  
Library Services

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION  
WEST VIRGINIA  
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
1970 Report

The College and University Section of West Virginia Library Association held their annual meeting on Saturday morning, September 27, 1969, in Room 609 of the Hotel Morgan, Morgantown, West Virginia.

At the business meeting conducted by Miss Jean Elliott, 1969 Chairman, Miss Ruth Ann Powell, Circulation Librarian, Fairmont State College, was elected chairman for 1970 and Miss Edith Isner, Supervisor of Technical Processing, Glenville State College, was elected secretary. On July 1, 1970, the chairman received a letter from Miss Isner rendering her resignation as secretary due to acceptant of employment in the Ohio County public school system. The chairman then asked for and received an acceptance to fill the secretarial position from Miss Ann Lorentz, Reference Librarian at Glenville State College.

The form used by the West Virginia Library Commission to obtain library statistics from the colleges and universities was inspected and revised by the chairman.

The 1970 Directory was compiled and will be distributed at the section meeting at the Greenbrier.

The Chairman attended the Tri-State ACRL meeting in May and the Executive Board Meetings in Parkersburg on December 7, 1969, March 7, 1970, and September 19, 1970.

Work was continued on the compilation of a notebook for future chairmen.

A nominating committee to select the 1971 officers consisting of Mr. Clifford Hamrick, chairman; Miss Josephine Fidler, and Mr. Robert Masters will submit their report at the sectional meeting during WVLA. Mr. John Scott has accepted the chairman's invitation to speak on the theme of "Projections '70".

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Powell  
1970 Chairman

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**BURNS TO BE NEW LIBRARIAN AT  
WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN**

Keith P. Burns returned to West Virginia Wesleyan College to become its librarian, President Stanley H. Martin reported.

He was an assistant librarian and a teacher of library science at Wesleyan for two years until he accepted the post of director of the Peru-Miami County Libraries in Indiana in 1969.

Burns succeeds Miss Helen Stockert, who retired December 31 after serving as Wesleyan's librarian since 1953 and as a member of the library faculty and staff since 1946. She has been chairman of the department since 1949.

In addition to the post of librarian Burns is an assistant professor of library science and chairman of the department.

Burns received a masters of library science degree at North Texas State

University before coming to Wesleyan in 1967. In addition, he was a graduate assistant at the university library while working on his degree.

The native of Princeton, Indiana, studied first at Oakland City (Ind.) College and later completed work on a bachelor of music education degree at Texas Wesleyan College in 1959.

There followed five years of experience as a lay missionary in Brazil, where Burns taught in several Methodist schools. Other teaching experience included work in public schools of Fort Worth and independent schools of Birdville.

Burns received training for his missionary work at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Before coming to Wesleyan, Burns directed the choir of the Richland Hills Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

He and Mrs. Burns are parents of two children.

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**R. F. KIDD LIBRARY PUBLISHES  
NEW TABLOID LIBRARY NEWSPAPER**

"CONFRONTATION" West Virginia's newest and perhaps smallest newspaper appeared in November, 1970 on the Glenville State College Campus.

Published by the Robert F. Kidd Library, and edited by assistant librarian Alan Heath, "Confrontation" will become a monthly feature. Each issue will contain reviews and critical evaluations of books, records, films, and other media processed by the library.

The paper is an outgrowth of the regular acquisitions list, a long, somewhat monotonous mimeographed item often too weighty to encourage reading. "Confrontation" hopes to combine the acquisitions list and other bibliographical information with creative art work by students, teachers, and others who wish to submit poems, short stories, or pictures. The paper is distributed to all members of the faculty, the student body, and staff.

Printed on tabloid-sized newsprint, the new paper utilizes the latest methods in offset printing.

Editor Heath, a native of Nashville, in commenting on the publication, said that "the cooperation of students and faculty members at the College has been a terrific asset to this first issue." He especially mentioned the personnel of the campus "Mercury" who assisted his staff in use of the typesetting machine.

Carl A. Kerr, associate professor of English, David M. Gillespie, librarian, and Donald Phillips, director of the learning materials center, constitute the editorial board. Dawn Spears from Burnsville, a student assistant in the Library, is typist.

The second issue of "Confrontation," featuring learning media on the holiday theme, appeared before Christmas vacation.

Copies of this innovative new paper may be secured at the Library. Or interested readers may write for copies by addressing "Confrontation" Robert F. Kidd Library, Glenville State College, Glenville, W. Va. 26351. There is no charge.

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