"Ignorance of ideas, as of facts, may defeat the noblest intentions. The people of America, and not their soldiers and government officials alone will make the final decision. To do this the people must not only be informed concerning the issues, but must be alert to their significance and implications. The library, more than any other single agency, must aid them in this process."

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Statement of policy for 1942.
New Policy for Bulletin

With this issue the New Mexico Library Bulletin becomes the joint publication of the State Library Commission and the Extension Library, the State Library Association, and the State Law Library. The Bulletin was originally published to give news of the libraries in the state and to furnish annotated lists of books, as they were added to the Extension Library, for the benefit of its borrowers. The mimeographed New Mexico Librarian issued by the State Library Association has had a precarious existence with a new editor each year. The Law Library has had no way to make its services more widely known over the state, and too many people are unaware that the services of this beautiful library with its fine collection are available to all citizens in the state. By combining news and financial resources it is hoped that the Bulletin can be made more interesting and more truly representative of all state library activities.

Annotated lists of new books in the State Library Extension Service will now be confined to borrowers and sent out on mimeographed sheets.

Chapter Affiliation

Miss Freda Conrad of the Albuquerque Public Library, immediate past president of the Association, has been appointed as a committee of one to secure chapter affiliation for the N.M.L.A. with the American Library Association. Action was taken at the annual meeting in Santa Fe to affiliate the New Mexico Association as a chapter of A.L.A. in order to give the Association representation on the A.L.A. Council.

State Library Conference

The first state-wide library conference in New Mexico was sponsored by the State Library Commission and held in Santa Fe on November 28th preceding the meeting of the State Library Association on the 29th. Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund, Chairman of the Commission, presided over the meeting. The attendance and the active interest and participation in the discussions were very gratifying. Many state organizations sent representatives, several members of library boards, and citizens interested in library betterment came from distant parts of the state, and librarians were well represented.

The theme of the discussions was cooperation among all people and all agencies interested in library matters in New Mexico. Mrs. Irene S. Peck, director of the State Library Extension Service, talked briefly on rural library service as it is carried on by the Extension Library and of its cooperation with schools and small libraries. Leonard Fritz, librarian of the Harwood Foundation, spoke of the work of the Taos Project as an example of county rural library service.

Cooperation from and to federal agencies was brought out in the very interesting talks of Miss Isabel L. Eckles, state director of the W.P.A., Community Service Division, and Mrs. Nina Otero Warren, supervisor of Adult Education, N.Y.A. Miss Eckles pointed out the great need for information in rural areas, a need that can be filled through wider distribution of books to these areas, and stressed particularly the fact that rural communities are easy breeding grounds for propaganda and the vital need for information to keep the people thinking straight. Mrs. Warren emphasized the fact that school work, adult education and libraries all belong together—the job, to have an informed public, that people who have learned to read can not keep on unless they have something to read and that it must be something interesting to them. Mrs. Warren then spoke of her work with the Spanish-speaking groups in the state and stressed the point that while many of these people are not literate, they are not ignorant, a point which it is well for us, as librarians, to remember.

Dr. Thomas V. Calkins, state supervisor of W.P.A. education and recreation projects, told of the illiteracy in certain villages and counties of approximately 16% to 35% of the inhabitants and said that more than half of them had been literate but had lost these skills largely because they were without library service.

I. W. Clark, supervisor of secondary education, in his brief talk brought out the change in school policies in recent years. Schools, he says, are no longer for children but for all the people. He went on to speak of the need to pool our facilities to make them operate efficiently.

R. H. Grissom, state educational budget auditor, spoke of the increase in the school library budget from $24,581 in 1931 to $84,197 in 1941 and the effort to provide good school libraries, but warned that retrenchments may be necessary. He also spoke of the difficulty in seeing that funds budgeted for school libraries were not diverted to other uses.

R. J. Mullins, executive secretary of the State Educational Association, and E. W. Bahr, chief Curriculum Division, Department of Education, also asked for cooperation between the schools, the Commission and other agencies.

Means of financing libraries in New Mexico were set forth in a talk by Arie Poldervaart, State Law librarian.

During the afternoon session Freda Conrad, librarian Albuquerque Public Library, told of her cooperation with officers at the Air Base in getting books to the men there.

Standards for librarians and libraries in New Mexico, reported elsewhere in this issue, occupied a part of the afternoon session.

The final topic for consideration was the question of organized help for local libraries. Mrs. Fred E. Dennis, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, talked of the interest of the Women's Clubs in library extension. Wilma L. Shelton, librarian University of New Mexico, discussed "Friends of the Library" and other citizens library groups, and pointed out the great need for active organizations of that type in New Mexico.

Points in all these informal talks were brought out in general discussions, and at the end of the conference the Commission felt that it had learned a great deal about New Mexico's needs and that future lines of work for the Commission were clearly indicated. Some things which were planned to begin at once may have to be deferred because of more immediate war needs and the part our librarians must take in this national crisis, but they are only postponed.
Standards for New Mexico Libraries and Librarians

One of the important subjects to be considered at both the conference and the State Library Association meeting was that of standards for school and public libraries and librarians in New Mexico.

Before the October meeting of the New Mexico Educational Association a committee from the Schools Section, with Mrs. Hazel Petty, Librarian of the Portales High School as chairman, prepared recommendations for secondary school libraries in the state. Much time and thought were given to it by Mrs. Petty and her committee resulting in a carefully graded plan suitable for New Mexico schools and complying with the standards of A. L. A. and the North Central Association.

These recommendations were presented to the State Board of Education early in November and approved by them. They were also approved by the State Library Commission at its meeting on November 29th. It is hoped that they can gradually be put into effect in all the secondary schools in the state.

Standards for elementary school libraries have yet to be considered. Many reading habits which carry on through life are established during these formative early years and good libraries are as necessary in the lower as in the higher grades. We hope something soon can be done about library standards in these schools.

At the first meeting of the State Library Commission Mrs. W. Grover Murphy was appointed to work on standards for public libraries. Mrs. Murphy talked on the subject at length at the Conference and it was debated at the Association meeting. No definite decisions have yet been made and investigations are being continued.

Victory Book Campaign

The Victory Book Campaign to collect 10,000,000 books for men in the armed services began on January 12th. Established libraries of the army and navy are no longer adequate for the heavy demands of wartime. Many new posts and camps are entirely without books.

The Army Air Base at Albuquerque was one of the bookless posts. The Albuquerque Library was unable to supply their needs and Miss Conrad appealed to the State Library Extension Service for help. The State Library Commission felt that the men must have the books they wanted and needed, and authorized the director of the Extension Service to spend $100.00 for new books. Others were added from the Extension Library and more than 100 books were donated to make up a loan collection of 320 books. They were sent to the Air Base during Book Week. Lieutenant James O. Nesrtra, library officer for the Air Base and Private Lora Peters, post librarian, came to the conference to express to the Commission the great appreciation of the officers and men.

Subsequently an appeal was made for more books for men at the Air Base Hospital. There are an average of seventy-five men hospitalized there and without access to any library. Donations were asked for again, the Commission added $10.00 from its small gifts and grants fund for new books, and nearly 200 volumes were sent to the hospital just before Christmas.

This concrete evidence of needs so close to us, which are equally great in so many other camps, should spur us all to the greatest possible effort to make our drive in New Mexico a success. Because we are not a bookish state, those of us who have books will have to give generously.

Mrs. Irene S. Peck, director of the Extension Library, has been appointed director for the Victory Book Campaign in New Mexico. The following people have been appointed to the state executive committee: Arie Poldervaart, president of the State Library Association; Charles J. Eckert of Santa Fe, and C. T. French of Albuquerque for the United Service Organizations; Kenneth Brough, Librarian, Eastern New Mexico College, Portales, Mrs. A. S. Lathrop of Santa Fe, and Mrs. Peck for the Red Cross.

The state has been divided into fourteen districts with a librarian at the head of most districts. Each chairman will appoint local chairmen for towns and small communities in his district.

The books will be checked and sorted at district headquarters and held there until instructions arrive concerning distribution. When possible they will be sent to the nearest camps.

It is too early now to know how many books New Mexico will have but if we remember how many New Mexico boys are among the valiant defenders of Hawaii and the Philippines it should strengthen our determination to do anything we can to see that our soldiers and sailors have the books they want for study and recreation.

New Mexico Library Association

The nineteenth annual meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was held, following the conference of the New Mexico Library Commission in Santa Fe, on November 29th, 1941, at the auditorium of the Santa Fe Public Library. The Commission met on Friday, November 28th. The annual “Friends of the Library” dinner was held at La Fonda that evening. Dr. Joaquin Ortega, instructor at the University of New Mexico, was the chief speaker. Saturday was devoted to the business meeting and program of the library association.

Exhibits were on display by the Villagra Book Shop, Santa Fe Book & Stationery Store, State Museum, and the Rare Book Shop.

“Development and Maintenance of Democracy Through the Library” was the main theme of the convention. It furnished the topic for a Round Table discussion representing different types of libraries in the state. Those taking part in the Round table were: Miss Myrtle Whitehill, Librarian; Alamosa High School; Miss Reba Hill, Librarian, Portales Junior High School; Miss Mary Ellen, Librarian, State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Miss Wilma Shelton, Librarian, University of New Mexico; Miss Ethel Witley, Librarian, Raton Public Library; and Miss Marie Lusk, Assistant Librarian, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at Las Cruces. Following the Round Table there was an informal discussion on local problems in meeting defense demands. Viewpoints and experience of the High School, College and University, Public Library, and Extension Service were presented. Miss Louise Acraman of...
the Girl Scouts organization told about the Girl Scouts’ part in democracy and national defense.

A high light of the convention was an address, "Aerial View of Latin America with Regard to Certain Specific Problems," by Dr. F. M. Kercheville, Spanish Department, University of New Mexico. Dr. Kercheville had recently made a trip to Central and South America and had some very interesting experiences and impressions to relate.

Miss Mary Brindley, Reference Department, University of New Mexico Library, talked on "Cooperation with Latin America in the Library Field." On leave of absence last year Miss Brindley worked in Washington, D. C. with Dr. Rodolfo O. Rivera, who is Executive Assistant of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Cooperation with Latin America.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. Arie Poldervaart, Librarian, New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe.

Vice President—Miss Myrtle Whitehill, Librarian, Alamogordo High School.

Secretary—Miss Leslie Murphy, Librarian, New Mexico State Museum, Santa Fe.

Treasurer—Mr. Leonard Fritz, Librarian, Taos County Project, Harwood Foundation.

Library Association Editor, N. M. Library Bulletin—Miss Reba Hill, Librarian, Portales Junior High School.

An invitation was extended by Miss Lillian L. Swenson in behalf of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library to hold the next annual meeting in Las Cruces.

**News Notes**

**Portales Elementary Schools Libraries**

Formerly there has been no centralized library in any of the three Portales Grade Schools. The project of a library in every building was started this year as an experiment growing out of a concentrated desire to increase interest in reading.

The problem of securing enough books at a nominal cost has been a great one. Books have been obtained by using money from the supplementary book fund paid in by the children, by making book drives among the townspeople, and by borrowing books from the State Extension Library.

The circulation per building is about 200 books per day. Children who had not been interested in recreational reading are now reading two and three books weekly. Each teacher is realizing the great value of the library.

**New Mexico Military Institute**

"The dominant long-range objective of the New Mexico Military Institute Library is to be of greater aid to the teaching process within our institution. We are endeavoring with all concentration to divorce ourselves from the status as an isolated unit within the educational scene. To pursue this objective, our library began publishing monthly a bulletin for the cadets, advising them of the most interesting of the new books received and the various services the library can offer them. With this bulletin is sent a supplement which includes all other acquisitions made during the month. In the faculty supplements are suggestions as to how the library can aid them in the teaching processes.

Most recent of new developments in library activity here is our new series called Forum Five O'Clocks, held every Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Mondays are given over to phonograph records while Wednesdays are devoted to educational movies. "White Cliffs of Dover" and Dickens "Christmas Carol" were pre-Christmas phonograph selections. "Forest Treasures" and "The Story of Bananas" were the movie selections. These thirty-minute programs held in our library Forum have proved very popular."

**Albuquerque Public Library**

The national defense work of the Albuquerque Public Library has consisted of the supplying of reading material for the newly established Air Base at Albuquerque and getting technical materials for men and boys wishing to prepare themselves for defense jobs.

Through a plan of co-operation worked out by the Library Officer of the Air Base and the Librarian, approved by the City Manager, the materials of the Public Library were made available to the men of the Air Base and their families. Records were kept of all requests made by the Army in the hope that additional materials might be obtained from some source to help take care of this additional burden on our already heavily taxed book stock.

During the summer we learned that by applying to the State Library Commission we might borrow a collection of books for the use of the Army men to be operated as a station of the Public Library. With the records of requests as a basis for selection, the Commission has loaned us some 320 books, which are taken care of and circulated by Private L. S. Peters under the direction of Lt. J. O. Neersta, Library Officer, and Freda A. Conrad, Librarian of the Public Library.

For the needs of the men and boys wanting technical materials to prepare themselves for defense jobs, as well as the Army men enrolled in the defense courses at the University and High School, approximately $300 worth of technical materials were purchased this past summer. All this is but a drop in the bucket compared to what we need, but at any rate, it is a start and a very great help indeed.

**Committee on New Members**

In order to build up the membership of the Association in a systematic manner your president has appointed seven librarians with Miss Myrtle Whitehill, vice-president of the Association, as general chairman, to comprise a Committee on New Members. Miss Whitehill's committee will be divided into two committees of three members each. Miss Ruth Krausbeck, librarian Senior High School, Gallup, Captain P. P. Price, assistant librarian of the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, and Mrs. Hazel H. Petty of the Portales Junior High School have been asked to work with Miss Whitehill as a subcommittee to build up the membership of school librarians. Miss Evelyn Schuler of the Raton Public Library, Mrs. Jessica L. Currie, Hobbs Public Library and Miss Salome Anthony of the Santa Fe Public Library have been asked to serve on the subcommittee for new members among public librarians and library boards.
1942 Annual Meeting

The Executive Board of the New Mexico Library Association has voted unanimously in favor of accepting the invitation of the librarians from Las Cruces to hold the 1942 annual meeting in their city. The dates selected for the meeting are Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, 1942. The idea of holding a spring meeting as suggested at the 1941 annual meeting was abandoned after several of the school librarians disapproved of a spring meeting on the grounds that it would come but a few weeks before schools closed for the summer and would not give them sufficient time to take advantage of the benefits derived from attending the meeting. The fact that the State Library Commission members might not be able to attend a spring meeting, the fact that a fall meeting would be more desirable from the standpoint of considering possible library legislation for presentment before the legislature and the fact that only about four months would intervene between the annual meeting which was held rather late this year and the one next spring were other persuasive factors in deciding upon a fall meeting.

Supreme Court Library

The Supreme Court Library is an integral unit in the state library system. Unfortunately many citizens of the state are not familiar with the facilities and collections of this library located in its spacious new quarters in the Supreme Court Building, and that it is open to their use. Much of the material in the library is, of course, of a technical and specialized nature and, therefore, not of general interest to the public. Yet there are many occasions when our citizens can be served by the material in this library.

The law library, which comprises the principal unit, is for use not merely by the Supreme Court and the justice department of the State of New Mexico, but is open to all attorneys in the state. Many members of the bar have not been aware of the fact that they are as much entitled to the use of the library as are the state officials.

It is, therefore, for the purpose of acquainting the members of the bar and the people of the state in general with the facilities of the Supreme Court Library that a regular section setting forth the nature of these facilities and news about the library will be included in the New Mexico Library Bulletin.

Arie Poldervaart,
Supreme Court Librarian

Regulations for Use of the Supreme Court Library

Introductory

The Supreme Court Library consists of three main divisions: the law library established in 1851; the depository library also established in early territorial days; and the official state archives established by the legislation of 1931. The library is essentially a reference library, but many items may be withdrawn as set forth in the library rules herein.

Library Rules

1. Who may use library. All citizens of the State of New Mexico are privileged to use the library.

2. Quiet. All persons using the library are expected to refrain from talking as much as possible and when doing so to speak in a low voice. Persons desiring to dictate to stenographers are asked to use one of the alcoves in the back of the library and to close the door when so doing.

3. Leaning books on tables. Persons engaged in research may keep their references on the table in one of the alcoves. A "Do not disturb" card should be placed in each volume, or if a large number of volumes are to be left out they may be stacked in neat piles and a "Do not disturb" card placed on top of each stack. A supply of these cards will be found in the drawers of each table. Please remove cards and return them to the drawers when finished. Books which do not show a "do not disturb" card will be returned to the shelves each day. In no case will books, though marked with cards, be left upon the tables for more than three days unless special arrangements are made therefor with the librarian.

4. Who may withdraw books. Books from the depository section of the library may be withdrawn by any citizen of the state with but few exceptions. Attorneys licensed to practice in the State of New Mexico may withdraw books from the law library. State officials, members of the Legislature and other librarians may likewise withdraw law books upon application to the librarian. Material in the state archives may be used only in the library. Rare volumes, citators, digests, encyclopedias and similar much used reference works shall not be removed from the library.

5. Period for which books may be withdrawn. Most books may be withdrawn from the library for a
period of seven days by local residents and for ten days by out-of-town patrons, subject to the restrictions outlined in rule 4. Arrangements for renewal or for a longer period of time may be made with the librarian, but books may be recalled in event other requests or reservations for the volumes in question are received. No books may be withdrawn while previously withdrawn books are past due and arrangements for their renewal have not been made.

6. Signing for books. No book shall be taken from the library until its title is recorded in the Register and the book has been properly signed for by the person withdrawing the same.

7. Withdrawal by mail. The library will lend and send out by express or parcel post any volume (subject to restrictions mentioned under rule 4) to borrowers in the State of New Mexico. Transportation charges each way must be paid by the borrower. Books are to be returned so as to reach the library not later than the date due.

8. Returning books. Books which are returned in person should be left on the receiving table on the second floor. Transportation charges must be prepaid on all books returned by mail or express.

9. Penalty for removal of books. Any person not authorized by the rules and regulations of the board of trustees so to do, who shall take from the library any books or other property . . . either with or without the librarian’s consent, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of ten dollars for every book or other property so taken. Provided, that in case of a felonious taking of such book or property, the person guilty thereof shall be punished in the manner and to the extent now provided by the law for the punishment of such felonies.” (Chap. 133, Sec. 110, N.M. Stats. 1929 Comp.)

10. Damages for injury. “Any person injuring, defacing or destroying a book or other property belonging to the library shall forfeit twice the value thereof to be sued for and recovered by the state, and it shall be the duty of the librarian to promptly notify said board of trustees of any such offense.” (Chap. 133, Sec. 111, N.M. Stats., 1929 Comp.)

11. Defacing books. Leaves of books, pamphlets or magazines must not be turned down. Underlining of words or the making of any other type of mark in the text or margins is prohibited. Book marks will be found in the table drawer.

12. Lending books to others. Persons entitled to receive books from the library shall not transfer that right or privilege to others, nor shall books taken from the library be loaned to others without permission therefor being first obtained from the librarian. Any person whose name the books are withdrawn will remain fully responsible for their safe and prompt return.

13. Penalty for infractions of rules. In addition to the penalties provided for under rules 9 and 10, any person guilty of infractions or violation of any of the rules of the library shall be subject to temporary suspension from its privileges, and the case shall be reported to the board of trustees for such further action as it may deem proper.

Bar Reports

The Supreme Court Library now has a complete set of the New Mexico Bar Proceedings with exception of the 32nd annual report covering the annual meeting held Aug. 29 to 31, 1918. Any person who has a copy of this report and is willing to contribute or trade the same is asked to communicate with Arie Poldervaart, Supreme Court Librarian, Santa Fe, or with Herbert Gerhart, clerk of the Supreme Court, Santa Fe.

The library also has need for copies of many other New Mexico Bar Proceedings for exchange purposes, particularly reports prior to 1927, for 1928-29 and for 1935. Anyone who has copies of these reports which he no longer needs, and is willing to exchange or donate to the library, is asked to contact Mr. Poldervaart about them.

Speaking of bar reports, the only comprehensive index to bar association proceedings, indexing 2,158 volumes including proceedings of all the states as well as the proceedings of the American Bar Association, will be published soon. When used in conjunction with the Index to Legal Periodicals this Index to the Bar Association Reports and Proceedings will give coverage to an extensive field of legal serials hitherto unavailable. While, of course, few of our readers have collections of these reports, the Supreme Court Library has built up a large collection and any person who locates an article in which he is interested through this index has access to the proceedings in the library.

Orders for the index should be sent to Mr. Sidney B. Hill, President of the American Association of Law Libraries, 42 West 44th Street, New York. The pre-publication price is $30.00.

Checklist New Mexico Bar Reports

For the benefit of New Mexico historians, members of the bar and librarians who have files of New Mexico Bar Proceedings we are publishing herewith a complete checklist of the printed proceedings of the New Mexico Bar Association from its origin in 1886 until the present date. The list shows that including the Proceedings for 1941, a total of 48 proceedings have been printed. A few copies of some of the later Proceedings are available on exchange with the Supreme Court Library, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1891. Minutes. 6th annual session. (Jan. 6, 12, 19, 26, 31). 91p.
1892. Minutes. July session, 1891, special session in November and December, 1891, and regular annual session in July, 1892. 55p.
1894. Minutes. 9th annual session July (31) and Aug. 29. 55p.
1900. Minutes. 14th annual session. (Jan. 3, 10, 11, 18) 63 (1)p.
1904. Minutes. 18th annual session. (Jan. 6). 75 (1)p.
(The address of S. H. Cowan before the New Mexico Bar Association at the regular annual session held at Roswell, August 22, 23, 24, 1907, also printed separately. 56p.)
(1908-14 sessions incorrectly numbered; correct numbering resumed 1915)
(Includes minutes of 24th and 25th sessions, Feb. 28, 1910, and Oct. 18, 1910).

The Bernalillo County District Court Library is putting in a large section of legal periodicals. Anyone who has publications to donate to the library should contact Mr. Theo. E. Jones in the office of Mr. Will H. Keleher, Albuquerque.

The annual meeting of the American Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries will be held in Milwaukee, June 22-27. Your president hopes it will be possible for New Mexico to be well represented this year and would like to have the names of any members of the New Mexico Library Association who are planning to attend.