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The State Library Extension Service
was created for the purpose of making
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BOOKS AND BOOK-WRITERS
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A young New York playwright, Wes-
ley Towner, reads only one book. Well,
he's used to it, he says; he knows what
he's going to find in it, he's not going
to be surprised or disappointed. So,
satisfied as he is, why should he take
a chance and open another?

But most writers open hundreds of
books, (even other people's) a year.
They might not be able to tell you the
plot or the story of any of these books,
(though, curiously enough, by some
process of osmosis, they can, usually)
but neither plot nor story is what they're
looking for. They look, often, for
points of technique. How did some
other author handle the climax or res-
olution, the opening paragraph or the
final one? Of two treatments of the
point at issue which was the more ef-
fective?

Very often the not-quite-perfect writ-
er is of greater technical help than the
perfect writer. The very awkwardness
of the seams and patterns make both
more visible for study.

Often a writer will study portfolios of
paintings and drawings for technical
stimulation. An economy of line, an
exaggeration or odd placement of color
may suggest to him an economy of
words of a way of placing color—words
the better to bring out the quality of
each. A painting by Raphael Saway, for
instance, may show the writer that
the mere line of an arm (or description
of such) is sufficient to give the por-
trait of a whole woman. Or, the writer
may find, through this allied art, that
the description of a shadow against the
wall is a more effective way of describ-
ing the furniture in a room than a com-
plete description of that furniture
would be.

Writers read books not only for tech-
nical suggestions but for the stimulation
of their own creative saliva. A Shake-
speare sonnet did this for Katherine
Mansfield, a paragraph from Martin Bu-
ber did it for a writer whom I happen
to know.

It is, of course, the great writer who
gives the young writer the courage of
himself, the courage to be naive, un-
plever, fundamental and honest, wheth-
er he so admonishes, as did Emerson,
Rilke and Wolfe, or not.

Writers read cook books and career
books (and anything else printed any-
where) not because they want to cook
or to learn how to operate a compo-
tometer, but because the preoccupations
of men, whatever the preoccupations
may be, are the very "Stuff" of their
work.

They read city directories and tele-
phone books for possible names of char-
acters, of course.

They read "Letters" and "Notes" and
"Journals" of fellow artists and work-
ers, for comfort and encouragement,
and for the friendship that is essential
to any lonely person, writer or non-
writer.

They read books in the hope that a
word somewhere will strike a chord to
remind them of experiences of their own
that may be turned into literature. A
book on childhood will not necessarily
remind them of their own childhood,
but a book on biology, physics, on Egyp-
tian Hieroglyphics may.

They read books that will arouse
their imagination or their protest.

They read books to ascertain wheth-
er they're in step or out of step with
other observers of their age, and then
continue in their own step. They read
books of contemporaries for obvious
reasons, not all of which are friendly.

As to the historical material to be
found in books, a husband of mine who
was beginning an historical novel, said:
"We must go up to the Columbia Li-
brary so that I can do my research for
this. It's a rich period, there'll be a lot
of fascinating material on it."

The suggestion was made every two
weeks for five months. But the book
was finished before we ever reached
the library. In merely the anticipation
of what he would find in the books re-
garding seventeenth century France, he
had reconstructed the period. (But of
course he wasn't exactly an illiterate
even before he began the book!)

The Bible is the book of greatest im-
portance to most writers. Not only be-
cause of its prose but because of its
magic. Many people have commented
on the curious personalism in the Bi-
ble; it looks directly into the eyes of
each who opens it, and answers each,
whomever the "who," whatever the
question.

But all the rest of the books, on the
shelves (and in the heads) are neces-
sary, no doubt, to give definitions and
examples to prove and to clarify the
eternal truths and the archetypal tales
in the Bible.

Was it not Gibran who said: "I have
learned as much from the unwise as
from the wise?"

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novelist, lecturer, critic, translator of
important foreign writers, and editor of
"The New Palestine." Mrs. Lewisohn
collaborated with her husband on a book
called "Haven," a double-interview biog-
raphy covering each other's lives.
She is now working on a novel.

REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION MEETING

The State Library Association held
its annual meeting in Silver City on
November 10-14 with Stith Cain, li-
brarian of State Teacher College as
host, assisted by Cloma CAIN. Mem-
bers who attended felt it was one of
the best meetings in the history of the
Association. Various sections of the
state were well represented, there was
lively interest and participation in dis-
cussions, and some definite things were
accomplished. It was deeply regretted
that Salome Anthony, president of the
Association, whose careful planning
contributed so much toward the suc-
cess of the meeting, was unable to at-
tend because of the sudden death of her
mother. Lillian Swenson, vice-presi-
dent, presided in her absence.

The first session was devoted to gen-
eral business and to the discussion of
the question of certification for librari-
ans. Lillian Swenson and Mildred Bar-
rett stated the case for certification,
presented ALA recommendations and
led the discussions regarding: (1)
whether the members wanted certifica-
tion; (2) whether they wanted legisla-
tion with teeth; and (3) methods of
obtaining it. The answer to the first two questions was a positive "yes." It was decided that a committee should be appointed to draft a tentative certification bill to be presented for approval or amendment at the next annual meeting and to be ready for presentation at the next session of the legislature. Arthur M. McCaulley, librarian of the University of New Mexico, was named chairman of this committee.

The afternoon meeting was devoted to the reports of Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund and Mrs. Irene S. Peck, on the work of the State Library Commission and the State Library Extension Service. Mrs. Asplund emphasized the great need for rural library extension and Mrs. Peck reported on the use of the matching fund money granted by the last legislature.

Saturday morning Mrs. Kathleen Blakely, librarian of the Albuquerque Public Library, talked on "Friends of the Library" groups, how they are organized, what they can do as local and state organizations, and the need for such groups in New Mexico.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the New Mexico Library Association in annual meeting assembled in Silver City, New Mexico, on November 16th and 17th, 1945:

APPROVES state participation in disposal of government surplus property which might be available for library service.

GOES ON RECORD as approving the formation of a state chapter of the American Library Association when such organization shall be feasible.

COMMENDS the legislature for making it possible for the State Library Commission to match local funds for the extension of rural library service.

FAVORS enactment of legislation providing for a state system of certification for librarians—such legislation to include some provision for enforcement of library standards. The incoming president is requested to appoint a committee to draft legislation to be considered by the Association at the next annual meeting.

EXTENDS its sincere sympathy to Miss Salome Anthony in her loss, and regrets that she was unable to meet with the Association.

PEELLS KEENLY the passing of Mrs. Ivy Kate Henry and expresses to her family its sympathy and its appreciation for her devoted service to the organization.

EXpresses its gratitude to its hosts:

State Teachers College at Silver City for the generous hospitality in receiving the Convention and entertaining at luncheon.

The Women's Faculty Club for the use of their building.

Mrs. Nelson Gray, our gracious hostess, at luncheon on Saturday.

President James for his inspiring address at dinner on Friday.

Mr. Stith Cain, Librarian of the College and his assistant, Miss Glona Barron, for their untiring efforts in making the Convention the complete success it has been.

Mrs. Ruth Brough, Eastern New Mexico College; Kathleen Blakely, Albuquerque Public Library; and Evelyn Shuler, Carnegie Public Library, Raton, Resolutions committee.

There was play as well as work. Members of the convention were the guests of the College at a very attractive luncheon on Friday. Friday night a banquet was held at the home of Mrs. Lora Newell, with Dr. H. W. James, president of State Teachers College as guest speaker. The convention ended with a delightful luncheon given by Mrs. Nelson Gray, who during the years she was librarian at the College took a very active part in all state library affairs. Members of the Association are most grateful to Dr. James, Mr. Cain, Miss Barron and the many Silver City people whose hospitality and interest helped to make this an outstanding meeting.

It was voted that the Association accepts the cordial invitation of Evelyn Shuler to hold the next meeting in Raton.

New officers elected were President, Lilian Swenson, librarian at State College; Vice-President, Stith Cain, State Teacher's College; Secretary, Imogene McClure, librarian, Las Cruces Senior High School; Treasurer, Elizabeth Beasley, assistant librarian, Santa Fe Public Library.

BOOKS FOR CATRON COUNTY

Catron county had long been on my mind as one of the areas most needing a program of library extension and as I drove to the State Library Association meeting in Silver City I kept wondering if perhaps this was not the time to begin. Grant county adjoins Catron county. But where to begin was the question! I knew no one there and everyone said "It's a long lonely drive to anywhere in that county."

Catron county is a place of extremes. It is one of the most beautiful spots in New Mexico. It is larger than Connecticut—5,498 square miles—the largest county in the state. The last census says it has 0.7 persons per square mile. Boys and girls ride fifty and sixty miles a day to school. There is not a library in the county.

Friday before the luncheon I was looking at the exhibition of Randall Davery pictures in the lounge when a woman came up to me and introduced herself as Mary Orr of Reserve. She had learned of the meeting, she said, and, her own car being up for repairs, had climbed into the mail car and had come to Silver City to see what could be done to get books for her friends and neighbors. I knew of Mrs. Orr's work as Home Demonstration agent in the county and had hoped to talk with her if I went there.

What I did not know about was Mrs. Orr's own love of books, her fine library of New Mexicans and Southwest books, and her remarkable knowledge of the history, geology, plants, birds, and wild life of the state. Her love of the country has made her familiar with every mountain trail in her county and her work has brought her in close touch with all the small communities. I could not have found a better guide to Catron county. Mrs. Orr thought that there were at least six little communities which would welcome special loan collections of books from the State Library Extension Service and that she knew people in each who would willingly assume responsibility for their circulation in the districts. So I volunteered to drive Mrs. Orr back to Reserve after the convention to see what could be worked out.

It is 104 miles from Silver City to Reserve with only one or two little communities and a few scattered ranches between. We left at 3 o'clock over a road that winds through lovely valleys, climbs sharply over ridges and does some breathtaking turns. The great blue masses of the mountain ranges were all about us, those in Arizona clearly visible. It was a perfect late autumn day.

Mrs. Orr had met one of her Catron county friends in Silver City who had agreed to be responsible for a community library for the Glenwood district and we stopped to talk over the arrangements with her. Mrs. Martin lives on a ranch two or three miles from the little general store where she plans to put the books. I promised a loan collection of 250 books would be sent from the Extension Service Library as soon as the shelves were installed.

Reserve has neither hotels nor telephones. We arrived there a little after 6 o'clock. Mrs. Orr found me a comfortable room for the night and went to see the president of the Woman's Club, the district nurse, and a few
others who were asked to meet with us later in the evening to discuss whether Reserve should have a community library, too. The vote was "yes," and the county courthouse was designated as a strategic place for the library.

The next morning was Sunday and another golden day—but very nippy at a little after seven when I went down to say good-bye to Mrs. Orr. The night before she had asked me to stop, saying she was always up early. I found her coming in from a walk. It was the best time to hear the birds, she said. Coffee and a wood fire took the chill out of my bones and I drove on to Datili, 68 miles away.

The country around Datili was full of the bright shirts and caps of hunters. Perhaps there was too much excitement for we could come to no conclusion about the library but I think it will be worked out later. One person said, "Datili is a funny place but if you could only go to Pie Town. They are hungry for books in Pie Town." But Pie Town meant a side trip of forty-six miles and I had to be back in Santa Fe that evening. Reluctantly, I said no.

Since I came home a third community library has been set up in Omega, sixty miles from Reserve in the northeast corner of the county. The population is 100, the nearest post office ten or fifteen miles away. Mrs. Orr thinks we soon can add three or four other communities. She writes that the library in Reserve, or which she has taken charge, is coming along fine and that the younger children are particularly enthusiastic borrowers. We must do something for Pie Town in the spring.

This little saga of extension work in New Mexico points to two morals: (1) the effectiveness of cooperation; (2) the importance of field work.

IRENE S. PECK, Director.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mrs. W. Grover Murphy of Las Cruces, librarian of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and a member of the State Library Commission since its organization in 1943, has resigned. Mrs. Murphy and her husband, just returned from four years service in the Navy, have gone to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they will make their home.

Governor Dempsey has appointed Kenneth J. Brough, librarian of Eastern New Mexico College to succeed Mrs. Murphy. Lieutenant Brough is still on active duty with the Army, but will return to the College upon his release. At present he is stationed at Fort Bliss. Mrs. Brough has been acting librarian during his absence.

THE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

At the beginning of this fiscal year $5500 was made available to the State Library Commission to be used in matching funds with the small local libraries and in extending library service to rural districts. Seven small libraries qualified for state aid by extending their services to county residents, putting library administration on a more professional basis, and obtaining increases in their budgets from local public funds. One town raised funds with which to start a new library.

Socorro, Portales, Springer and Eldorado each got a $200 increase in their budgets which the State Library Commission matched with $200; Farmington's increase was $300 matched with $300; Fort Sumner and Las Vegas received $500 increases matched with $500 in state money. Vaughn had never had a library and with $500 from local public funds matched by $500 in state money and with an additional $200 from local organizations had $1500 with which to start a library. The State Library Extension Service is providing loan collections of books to supplement the initial book stock.

The Santa Fe and Albuquerque Public Libraries have also received $500 each to be used in increasing their work in their respective counties. Miss Anthony, librarian of the Santa Fe Public Library is working in cooperation with the county school superintendent to help build more adequate libraries in the rural schools. The Albuquerque Public Library is using the $500 for children's books. Under the direction of the children's librarian, Miss Cornell, these books will be used in traveling libraries of 25 to 30 books to be circulated among rural schools, especially those in the more remote mountain districts. Both the Raton Carnegie Library and the Roswell Carnegie Library hope soon to qualify for similar programs. It is believed that this program of extended service to rural districts under the direction of the trained librarians in these larger libraries will make books available to many rural groups which have had only the most meager libraries or none at all.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES

Albuquerque

On November 9 the Albuquerque Public Library held an open house honoring New Mexico writers. It is hoped that this will be an annual affair and the presence of 200 enthusiastic guests seems assured to its success.

Chrysanthemums and autumn leaves decorated the room, fires blazed in the two big fireplaces, the refreshment table carried out the autumn colors with brilliant sprays of pyracantha berries and brass and copper appointments. Fruit punch and petit fours were served.

Four authors of recently published books made brief and amusing talks: Dr. Howard Roper, "Man Against Pain"; W. A. Keleher, "Fabulous Frontier"; E. L. Moulton, "New Mexico's Future"; and Neil Clark, "Pardner in the Wind." Among other writers present were Erna Fergusson, Julia Keleher, Montague Stevens, Franc'Newcomb, Evelyn Yrisari and Mrs. Louis Hasbrouck.

A benefit book review was sponsored by the Literature and Drama department of the Albuquerque Woman's Club, the proceeds to be used to purchase an aquarium for the Children's Room of the Public Library.

Among the 15 post-war projects being considered by the City Council is a $15,900 addition to the library.

Arthur M. McAnally, librarian of the University of New Mexico, reports several special collections to be added to the library. 365 books of literary, historical and religious interests are the gift of Mrs. Martha E. Hart. A set of publications and pictures of the Japanese relocation center at Amache, Colorado, have been placed in the library by Mrs. Margaret L. Hopenst, an officer of the U.S. Reocation Projects. The library is to be an official depository for about 50,000 maps from the Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers. Keys to the maps are already in the library and the maps will be added during the next three years. The Newman Club, organization of Catholic students, plans to establish a library fund which will be used to subscribe to Catholic magazines, reference books and fiction of special interest to this group.

Albuquerque librarians who attended the State Library Association meeting in Silver City were: Mrs. Kathleen Blakey, librarian, Albuquerque Public Library; Ruth Russell, assistant librarian; Helen Hefling, associate librarian; Nancy Trammell, circulation librarian, all from the University of New Mexico; Marian Wheeler, Department of Agriculture Librarian; Mabel Schulte, high school librarian.
Deming
Mrs. A. W. Marshall, president of the Deming Library Board, Mrs. Jack Wells, and Mrs. G. C. Trowbridge attended the State Library Association meeting at Silver City.

Fort Sumner
The Fort Sumner Woman's Club has donated two lots on which are being erected a Municipal Memorial Library. The building is to be 24x40 feet and is being built by the city.
The Fort Sumner Woman's Club has for many years sponsored the little library housed in the basement of the County building and a suitable library building has been one of their goals. While the new library is a Municipal Library, it is for the use of all of De Baca County, the most fitting memorial they could think of for the DeBaca County boys who lost their lives in the war.
The City, for the first time, has given $500 to the library budget. This was matched with $500 by the State Library Commission, which will make a much better book collection possible.

Gallup
"Navajo Indians are to benefit from books salvaged from Japanese war relocation centers now disbanded with the ending of the war. Reaching Gallup in the last few days was an entire carload consisting of 40,000 volumes, purchased for the Navajo reservation at a charge of one cent per copy, plus freight charges of $1377.95 from the Mineda Center, WRA Camp, Hunt Siding, Idaho. Including freight, the entire cost is about 4.5 cents per book. "These books, contained in heavy pine boxes especially made for them, are now in the Indian service warehouse here awaiting distribution. "Dr. George A. Boyce, director of education on the Navajo reservation said it is planned to place high school textbooks and other volumes of general literary nature in the high schools at Fort Wingate, Tuba City and Shiprock. The rest of the books will be sent to the 88 elementary schools on the reservation. "The shipment contains textbooks for high school and elementary grades, reference works, juvenile books of various kinds, and assortments of fiction and non-fiction," said Dr. Boyce. "We certainly need these books as we have been short at all schools and have lacked funds to buy at ordinary prices. That looked like a real bargain."

Las Cruces
Mrs. Mary E. F. Treissler, formerly of Sentinel, Oklahoma, has been appointed to succeed Mrs. W. Grover Murphy as librarian of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Mrs. Treissler is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and holds a B.A. degree in library sciences. She has been county librarian at Enid, Oklahoma.

Las Vegas
A Las Vegas Woman's Club committee has completely refurbished the old pictures which have hung in the Carnegie Public Library. Frames have been cleaned and reglided and six new pictures have been added.

Dr. Quincy Guy Burris, professor of English at Highland's University and chairman of the Carnegie Library Board, recently talked to the Kiwanis Club on "The Public Library." Dr. Burris said that when the present board took over four years ago the building was in disrepair and patronage had fallen to an unprecedented low, but with the aid of the mayor and the city council building repairs were made. The board's hardest task, Dr. Burris reported, had been to get new books.

Hot Springs
The editors of the Hot Springs Herald recently have devoted considerable space to the need for a library building in their town. The Municipal Library, sponsored by the Pilot Club, has grown so rapidly that the current quarters are overcrowded and inadequate. "A building with sufficient room for books and reading rooms is an imperative need of the town and will add immensely to the town's attraction for tourists and health seekers," says the Herald.

Lordsburg
Representing the Lordsburg-Hidalgo Library Association meeting were Mrs. Mathilde Johnson, librarian, and Mrs. Luella Clark.

Portales
Mrs. Kenneth Brough, and Mrs. Lorene Pope, librarian and assistant librarian of Eastern New Mexico College made the trip to Silver City for the library convention.

Raton
As Evelyn Shuler, librarian, Raton Carnegie Library, extended her cordial invitation to the State Library Association to hold its next meeting in Raton, she flourished telegrams from Mayor J. R. Koster; Ann Jacobson, president of the Woman's Club; and Mrs. Isaac Campbell, president of the library board, seconding her invitation. Members are anticipating another outstanding meeting in 1946.

The Raton Carnegie Library has an Historical committee which is working on a collection of local New Mexico. Old photographs, scrap books, clippings and other material are being collected and preserved. The committee is planning the publication of a folder of information regarding points of interest to tourists in Raton.

The library has a successful picture lending service. These are original paintings and lithographs by New Mex-
ico artists which were given the library at the close of the local Federal Artists Project. The pictures are loaned for six months and fifteen have been borrowed and returned. Victrola records are also available for loan.

Raton organizations give the library their warm support. The Koshare Club holds an annual tea to which all citizens are invited. Profits from the tea this year are being spent for children’s books. $60.00 was contributed toward the fund by the Elks Club.

Roswell

It is good to see the growing recognition of the value of the public library to the community. Several excellent editorials regarding libraries have appeared in New Mexico papers. The following is quoted from the Roswell Dispatch:

"After the church and the school, the free public library is the most effective influence for good in America. The moral, mental and material benefits to be derived from a carefully selected collection of good books cannot be overestimated.

"The democratic public library is an integral part of the educational system of the state, a school of civic intelligence, training men and women for better citizenship. It is a chief source of the spiritual and intellectual nourishment of the people; it provides a common meeting ground for all groups and thus helps to do away with insidious class distinctions; it is taking its place as a mighty bulwark of freedom.

"The three fold functions of the library are to educate, to furnish mental recreation, to inscribe."

Colonel Paul Horgan, librarian of New Mexico Military Institute, has received one of the 36 post-service fellowships awarded by the Guggenheim Foundation.

Fellowship grants are approximately $2500 each and are for artists and scholars who served in the armed forces or special types of Government war work.

Colonel Horgan is working on a book on the Rio Grande, one of the Rivers of America series. Among his other books are ‘Far from Cibola,’ "Figures in a Landscape," "Habit of Ruin," and "A Lamp on the Plains."

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Louise Hamilton, librarian of the Roswell Carnegie Library was present at the Association meeting.

Santa Fe

Santa Fe people at the State Library Association meeting were Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund, chairman of the State Library Commission; Mrs. Burton G. Dwyer, vice-president of the Commission; Irenes S. Peck, director of the State Library Extension Service; Arie Polder-vaart, law librarian; Octavia Fellin, librarian, Bruns General Hospital; Iris Laycock, Santa Fe High School librarian.

State College

Lillian Wensnn, librarian of New Mexico A & M College and vice-president, State Library Association, presided over the two day sessions in the absence of Salome Anthony, president. Miss Wensnn is the new president. Vera Saylor and Mildred Barrett also went from State College.

LAW LIBRARY BRIEFS

Periodicals

The law library is currently making an effort to fill the gaps in many of its files of legal periodicals. Several hundred numbers have been accessioned within the past few weeks and more are coming in daily. At present members of the bar can feel free to write in for any numbers or volumes of the following publications in accordance with the usual withdrawal privileges:

ABA Journal
American Journal of International Law
American Law Review

American Law School Review
Arbitration Magazine
Bill of Rights Review
Boston Univ. Law Review
Brooklyn Law Review
California Law Review
California State Bar Journal
Central Law Journal
Chicago Kent Law Review
Case and Comment
Columbia Law Review
Commercial Law Journal
Connecticut Bar Journal
Cornell Law Quarterly
Current Legal Thought
Dickinson Law Review
Duke Law Review
Federal Bar Journal
Fordham Law Review
George Washington Law Review
Georgia Bar Journal
Harvard Law Review
Illinois Bar Journal
Illinois Law Review (Vol. 6 to date)
Indiana Law Journal
I. C. C. Practitioners' Journal
International Journal of Law Bulletin
Iowa Law Review
John Marshall Law Quarterly
Journal of Air Law
Journal American Judicature Society
Journal Bar Ass'n of Kansas
Journal Missouri Bar
Jurist
Kentucky Law Journal
Kentucky State Bar Journal
Law and Contemporary Problems
Law Library Journal
Law Notes
Law Society Journal
Lawyer
Law Guild Review
Louisiana Law Review
Loyola Law Review
Marquette Law Review
Maryland Law Review
Massachusetts Law Quarterly
Michigan Law Review
Michigan State Bar Journal
Minnesota Law Review

Mississippi Law Journal
Missouri Law Review
Montana Law Review
National Bar Journal
Nevada State Bar Journal
New Jersey Bar Ass'n Quarterly
New York Univ. Law Quarterly Review
North Carolina Law Review
Notre Dame Lawyer
Oklahoma Bar Ass'n Journal
Oregon Law Review
Pennsylvania Bar Ass'n Quarterly
Rocky Mountain Law Review
St. John's Law Review
Southern California Law Review
Tax Magazine
Temple Univ. Law Quarterly
Tennessee Law Review
Texas Bar Journal
Texas Law Review
Tulane Law Review
United States Law Review
Univ. of Chicago Law Review
Univ. of Cincinnati Law Review
Univ. of Detroit Law Journal
Univ. of Kansas City Law Review
Univ. of Newark Law Review
Univ. of Pennsylvania Law Review
University of Pittsburgh
Univ. of So. Car. Selden Soc. Yearbook
Virginia Law Review
Washington and Lee Law Review
Washington Law Review
Washington Univ. Law Quarterly
West Virginia Law Review
Western Reserve Law Notes
Wisconsin Law Review
Willmington State Bar Ass'n Bulletin
Yale Law Journal (Vol. 22 to date)

In addition to the above complete (or nearly complete sets) the library has broken files of about fifty additional periodicals which are being built up as rapidly as the missing numbers and funds to pay for them become available.
Library Use Increases

Summary of 1945 circulation figures for the law library show an encouraging increase in the number of books used for reference and withdrawn from the library for office and home use. Since many of the younger attorneys, at least, were away for a good deal of the year in the armed services this seems particularly noteworthy. The circulation figures for the coming year should note a still further increase in use of the library's facilities.

Total number of books used for the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1945, was 16,756 as compared with 16,165 for the twelve-month fiscal year period ending June 30, 1945. A total of 14,195 books were used for reference in the library and 2,560 books were withdrawn for use elsewhere. Attorneys generally are becoming more aware of the privilege of withdrawing books from the library and more of them are availing themselves of it.

Government Documents Lead Accessions

It is interesting to observe that despite curtailments due to paper shortages, the library received 17,995 U. S. Government documents (including copies of bills introduced in Congress and Congressional hearings) during 1945. Also received were 1,405 state government documents. Emphasis was placed during 1945 on building up the library's general reference section. Latest addition during the year was the 1945 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Ten Leading Articles

The suggestion has been made by a member of the bar that we devote a portion of the law library section of the bulletin to give mention to leading articles which appear in the periodicals which are both timely and of particular interest to New Mexico lawyers. We submit herewith a list of ten such articles which are found in current periodicals in the law library and which may be withdrawn as other books are withdrawn:

Community Property

Income Tax

International Law

Judges

Labor Relations

Marriage

Mining and Mining

Municipal Corporations

Releases

Rent Control