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At the meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, A.A.L.L. in Chapel Hill in April initiating the publication of a newsletter to serve as a medium of communication between law librarians in this area was selected as the principal project for the coming year. According to the minutes of the meeting the suggestions for materials to be included are "lists of wants and duplicates, helpful library information gained from experience and generally any material for which the law librarian needs a contact vehicle." With such a broad directive as that we feel that anything goes! Anybody need a set of CYC? Until policies circumscribing the publication of the Newsletter can be set by the Executive Committee, it will be issued irregularly and each issue will be edited by a different member of the group. Any volunteers?

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Officers of the Southeastern Chapter, A.A.L.L. For the benefit of members who have not attended any of the meetings of the Chapter and for the benefit of prospective members here are the officers for the current year, elected at the meeting in Chapel Hill: Miss Jane Oliver, Georgia State Library, President, Miss Corinne Bass, University of Mississippi, President-Elect, Miss Sarah Leverette, University of South Carolina, Secretary-Treasurer.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS: According to a letter from Frank Waters who will edit the membership news section of the Law Library Journal this year, news items of professional interest (promotions, job changes, etc.) should be sent to the President of the Chapter before November 5, February 5 and May 5 so that they can be forwarded to Frank not later than the 15th of the respective months. Why not appoint some member of your staff to send in all news items on these dates. Items not professional enough to be forwarded to LLJ will be printed here.

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CHAPEL HILL MEETING: The second meeting of the Chapter was held jointly at the University of North Carolina and Duke University, April 28-30, 1955, with 18 librarians from this area in attendance. The principal item of business was the adoption of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. After much discussion and in view of the relatively small attendance at the meeting it was decided that the Constitution and By-Laws together with suggested changes should be submitted to the prospective membership for a vote by mail. You should have received the Constitution and By-Laws a few days ago. We hope you will read it carefully and vote YES or NO according to your convictions BUT VOTE.

At a general session held in the Duke Law School there was a discussion of "Ephemeral Materials in the Law Library." If you wish to avail yourself of the sage advice given without charge at this session, drop a post card to the President and a copy of the remarks by Miss Oliver and Miss Long will be sent to you - also without charge.

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CHICAGO MEETING: The Chapter held a breakfast meeting on the morning of July 8, 1955 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago during the 48th annual convention of the A.A.L.L. Thirteen Southeastern law librarians were present. There was further discussion of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws and time and place of meetings. It was agreed that

there should be a meeting concurrent with that of the Southeastern Conference of Law Teachers whenever feasible and a meeting during the National convention, A.A.L.L.

Miss Kate Wallach announced her willingness to compile and send out a checklist of foreign periodical holdings in Southeastern Law Libraries as a first concrete project for the Chapter. Work on this project is underway.

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REGIONAL LIBRARY COOPERATION: The following excerpt from "Regional Action in Higher Education," v. 6 no.2 should be of great interest to law librarians, especially those directly connected with Colleges and Universities in the area.

A Southeastern Interlibrary Research Facility has been proposed as a way of increasing the region's library holdings while relieving participating institutions of the overwhelming job of unlimited library expansion.

Meeting at Daytona Beach, Florida, on June 28, the Georgia-Florida Committee for Planning Research Library Cooperation also proposed that the new facility assume responsibility for the Atlanta-Athens Area Union Catalog.

The Committee's proposals are incorporated in a revised Memorandum of Agreement which must be approved by the Presidents of the participating institutions and the SREB director before going into effect.

#### SIRF Functions

The purposes of SIRF would be to coordinate information about research holdings and acquisitions and to devise ways of making research materials in the region as widely available as possible. The facility would

- compile and keep up to date records of the serial and newspaper holdings of member libraries
- maintain a union catalog
- locate materials outside the region when regional resources have been exhausted
- aid in planning library and university development
- develop means of avoiding unnecessary duplications in library resources
- formulate ways of coordinating acquisitions
- act as the agent of the member libraries on request in negotiating gifts and foundation support.

#### Participants

Represented on the present Committee are Emory University, Florida State, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the Universities of Florida, Georgia, and Miami, and the Southern Regional Education Board. If SIRF is established, other institutions and libraries will be invited to join either as full members or as associates subscribing to specific services.

Meanwhile the Committee is tentatively planning to hold a work conference in Atlanta October 24-25. It is hoped that the proposed Memorandum of Agreement will have been approved and that other libraries and institutions may be brought into the development of SIRF at the conference.

Law Librarians connected with participating institutions should make sure that their specialized interests are considered in all deliberations.