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Southeastern Chapter

American Association of Law Libraries

Corinne Bass, President

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries has completed its second year of existence since its birth from the Carolinas Chapter in June 1954. At the last meeting of the organization a plan for conducting a chapter meeting at the National American Association of Law Libraries' conventions was adopted. Under this plan such a meeting would in no wise replace the regular annual chapter meeting, but would provide an opportunity for submission of progress reports and discussion of future programs and projects. Following this plan, the first meeting of the year was held on July 8, 1955 at the Drake Hotel during the 48th annual convention of the American Association of Law Libraries. In attendance were thirteen Southeastern law librarians. The discussion centered primarily upon the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the organization and resulted further in the development of the first concrete project for the Chapter. With Miss Kate Wallach of Louisiana State University as compiler, the Chapter will prepare and distribute a checklist of foreign periodical holdings in Southeastern law libraries.

A very definite sense of accomplishment in Chapter organization was felt with the appearance of the first issue of the Southeastern Chapter Newsletter in September 1955. The Newsletter, the result of a single-handed job of editing, publishing and distribution on the part of Jane Green (nee Oliver) of the Georgia State Library, contained membership news, meeting reports and plans, and featured the proposed Southeastern Inter-library Research Facility. This first issue sets an excellent pace for effective use of this means of communication between Southeastern law librarians ⁱⁿ the future.

During this year, also, the final touch of legality and respectability was added - unanimous adoption of the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws was accomplished.

Though through a happy occasion, the profession and the Chapter suffered the loss of a most valued member and officer in the marriage of Jane Oliver, Chapter President for the current year. Jane was married to Dr. Thomas Green, Professor of Law at the University of Georgia, in December 1955. For the remainder of the year and the ensuing term the office of President will be filled by the President-Elect, Corinne Bass of the University of Mississippi.

Though, due to problems of transition to regional status, the Chapter held no regular annual meeting in 1955-56, plans are well underway for the 1956-57 meeting to be held in August at the University of Louisville, Lexington, Kentucky, in conjunction with the Southeastern Regional Law Teachers' Conference. The proposed program will include a round table discussion of state [practice] materials, a progress report on Southeastern Inter-library Research Facility, an opportunity to attend meetings of the Law Teachers Conference, and a tour of the bluegrass region.

Until the August meeting the officers will continue as follows:
Miss Corinne Bass, President (As President-Elect will fill term for 1956-57), University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi.

Miss Sarah Leverette, Secretary-Treasurer, School of Law, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.