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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
LAST (3rd) PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

May 11, 1959

Dear Members:

Final Project Report.

As promised, about a year ago, I am enclosing with this farewell letter a summary of the reports received from you. This year's project in its broad aspects was to improve law libraries and law library services in the region comprising our Chapter. Before we can improve we had to find out what we have.

The survey was concerned with library facilities in all parts of the state available to courts and members of the bar primarily. We omitted law school libraries, Supreme Court and state law libraries. These are the first to receive legislative attention. The enclosure will reflect the increase in library facilities in some of our states during the past twenty years. We undoubtedly realize that it is not enough to provide for libraries without also including services to be rendered by a competent law librarian. It will be our duty to point out to the proper authorities the advantages which can be derived from trained law librarians in the efficient administration of justice on a local level in each state.

I have given most of the information submitted and the name of the reporter. Where no reports were received, I have limited coverage to the state statutes for the past twenty years. In this work our new reference librarian, Shirley Birdsall, has assisted me very ably. All original reports will be available for study during the course of the New York meetings.

Information.

Stanley Bougas is much occupied with the building program at Emory, so I am substituting, summary fashion.

You will be very sorry to hear that Harriet French's mother died recently. Our deepest sympathy goes to Harriet.

Ruth Corry has left our region and has accepted a position with the California State Library. She has been one of the pioneers of our Chapter and although too far away to be with us in New York, she will always be close to us in thoughts. Many thanks for her faithful services to the Chapter.

We are fortunate that Mrs. Catherine Maybury has consented to serve during the interim period until the election of new officers. You could reward her by sending in your dues without being prompted. Address: Institute of Government Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Annual Meeting.

I repeat my offer to send you an invitation to appear on the Panel. Kindly get these requests to me before May 20.

The program for the meeting is enclosed. Please fill out the Reservation part and mail it to me, together with your ballot, if you have not yet returned it, by June 8, 1959, so that I can complete the arrangements with the Hotel Commodore.

Convention hotel rates will be extended to you for the whole period of your stay. Make your hotel reservations directly with the Hotel Commodore.

To all of you my appreciation for trusting me with the leadership for this past year and with sincere thanks for your active support, and all good wishes for your personal and professional well being.

Sincerely,

Kate Wallach
President, Southeastern Chapter
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Enclosures