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GREETINGS from your President. I have delayed communicating with you anticipating the publication of the first issue of the Southeastern Chapter Newsletter, but pressing matters of interest to the membership will not permit me to delay any longer.

MANY of you already know that Past President Pearl Von Allmen passed away November 8, 1974 after an extended illness. She was President of the Southeastern Chapter 1972-74 and had been librarian of the University of Louisville Law School since 1950. The notice missed the last AALL Newsletter, but should appear in the next one. A memorial written by Susan Csaky has been sent to the Law Library Journal. We were all saddened by her passing.

ATLANTA INSTITUTE. Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24. These are the dates for the Southeastern Chapter 1975 Atlanta Institute. Professors Rick Surles and Ed Schroeder have an outstanding program on microforms all lined up. It will be at the Sheraton-Biltmore in Atlanta. There is a possibility that the Private Law Libraries Committee of the Southeastern Chapter under the chairmanship of Steve Margeton will have a one day program or workshop the day before the institute and in conjunction therewith at the same hotel. This will be a great chance to get together and to learn a lot. Plan not to miss it. You will hear more about both the institute and the private law librarians' meeting soon.

THOSE of you who missed the joint Southeastern Chapter AALL and American Society for Information Science program on law and information technology at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, October 17-19, 1974, missed a very good and informative program. Much was learned by those who attended.

SOME ASSISTANCE in the way of financial aid to attend institutes, national meetings and schools is available. Our Scholarship Chairman is Mrs. Susan D. Csaky, Government Publications Department, University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington, Ky. 40506. You should be hearing from her soon.

YOUR PRESIDENT, along with Adrien Hinze, Anne Butler, and Peyton Neal, (Betty Taylor could not make the meeting) met with the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau on Monday, February 10, 1975, and heard presentations from the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, the Peachtree Center Plaza Hotel, and the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel, for a proposed meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Atlanta 1980. The results of this meeting will be discussed at the May Atlanta Institute. The SE Chapter AALL plans to invite AALL to hold its 1980 annual national meeting in Atlanta and hopes to extend the invitation at the Los Angeles meeting. Peyton Neal, Chairman of the SE Chapter Planning Committee for the proposed 1980 meeting in Atlanta, and the other members of his committee have worked hard on this project. They are to be commended; that is what it takes for it to be a success.

COMMITTEE assignments were made last Fall and committee members were notified. The complete list was to have been published about that time in the first issue of the Southeast Chapter Newsletter, but unforeseen circumstances have prevented its publication up to now. For that reason, the complete committee assignments are listed below:

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INSTITUTES

Co-Directors of April 1975 SE Chapter Institute
in Atlanta on Microforms:

Co-Directors of April 1976 SE Chapter & SW Chapter Joint Institute in New Orleans
to work with Betty Ellington and George Skinner of SW Chapter:
Institutes Cont'd

Richard H. Surles and Edwin M. Schroeder

PROPOSED AALL 1980 ATLANTA ANNUAL MEETING

Peyton R. Neal, Jr. - Chairman Betty Taylor - Vice Chairman
Adrien Hinze Anne H. Butler

SE CHAPTER AUGUST 1975 annual meeting with the Southeastern Law Teachers this year will be in New Orleans. The Program Committee is already working on it. Plan to attend. The SE Chapter August 1976 annual meeting with the Southeastern Law Teachers is planned for Alabama. The exact place has not been picked, but it will probably be some place on the Alabama coast.

THE ANNUAL AALL program at Los Angeles this year provides for Chapter business meetings on Monday, June 23, 1975, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Chapter breakfast meetings on Wednesday, June 25, 1975. We have already made reservations for 50 for the breakfast meeting so come to Los Angeles, if you can.

WE now have over 200 members in the SE Chapter. This is a fine group of hard working, dedicated law librarians. Your participation in our meetings, institutes and committee work will contribute much to the Chapter's success and in turn your own success. See you in Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Alabama, etc.
It gives me great pleasure as President of the Chapter to announce the first issue of the SE Chapter Newsletter. The Chapter has been planning this newsletter for a long time and it has now come into being. Through the years the various presidents of the Chapter have issued President's Newsletters on an irregular basis and when they felt a need for a communication to the members; but we have not previously had a Chapter newsletter issued on a regular basis.

The Southeastern Chapter has grown until we now have about two hundred members. There is a real need for a publication such as this one. All of you are encouraged to send articles and news items to the editor for publication. He needs material in order to make the newsletter a success.

There are several thoughts that I would like to pass on to you in this first issue. In addition to being active in your committee work and attending meetings and institutes, one of the best ways to learn about law library work is to visit other law libraries. Start with the ones in your own area and then visit the ones out of your area if the opportunity presents itself. When you travel, carry the AALL Directory of Law Libraries with you. Take a busman's holiday and visit your colleagues. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you can learn from them.

If you will pardon a personal reference, for many years at the annual conventions I have, along with a few other law librarians, picked a slack time in the program and visited the law libraries in the area of the convention. In addition, I have visited other law libraries as time permitted. During this past year I visited the Minnesota State Law Library, University of Minnesota Law Library, Mississippi State Law Library, University of Alabama Law Library, Cumberland Law Library, Georgia State Law Library, Emory Law Library, North Carolina Supreme Court Library, Duke Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library, West Virginia State Law Library, Idaho State Law Library, and several county and private law libraries. I was cordially welcomed in each one and the experience was very enlightening. Try it sometime.
Another thought that I want to leave with you is that on-the-job training in another library is a good way to learn. I would like to see us exchange employees for short periods of time. The employees would learn and the libraries would benefit from such a program. It would have to be worked out on an individual basis, but it can and should be done. See what you can do along this line.

In closing I would also urge you to continue your formal education. If you do not have a college degree, work on it. If you already have a college degree, work on a law or library science degree or at least take some courses in these fields. The people entering the law library profession at the present time have impressive qualifications. We do not want to be left out or behind. We must continue our learning experiences and keep up with the latest developments.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Younger, President
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