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What this world needs is a good service that promptly delivers to law libraries new federal statutes within one week of enactment. Our users want to read the text of the newly signed by the President into law the day after they see on television the signing ceremony. Alas, presently, we can not deliver the material to them. The advance sheets of U.S. CODE CONGRESSIONAL and UNITED STATES CODE SERVICE take at least three weeks to reproduce the law, and most of the time the time lag is four to five weeks. B.N.A. in its "Statute" section of U.S. LAW WEEK took twenty days to publish the text of the 1976 amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I believe that there is a market for such a service. Lawyers and librarians are willing to pay good money to get almost immediately decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Witness the prices of U.S. LAW WEEK ($250 +) and U.S. SUPREME COURT BULLETIN (CCH) $225. The commercial vendors that I have spoken to, have pooh poohed the idea. Naturally, all the laws need not be reproduced. Only the significant ones are the ones that we are interested in obtaining. I think that we would be willing to obtain these laws in microfiche format, to get down on expense. These service would be just a stop-gap until the laws come out in the forms we already have. Perhaps the Washington D.C. Chapter of AALL would undertake such a project. For a prompt, accurate service, I would be willing to pay $250. per year.

As the editor of the Southeastern Law Librarian, I am sorry that there was some confusion in the minds of some people as to certain statements in Caroline Heriot's column in the March 1978 SELR regarding the A.A.L.L. Executive Board and our bid to hold the 1981 Convention in Atlanta. The time delay in producing this issue due to bad weather and my energy caused what I wanted to be the January issue to become the March issue and this potential misunderstanding.
THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It is time to begin planning for the Annual Meeting of the AALL and our Chapter breakfast meeting in Rochester. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27th, at 7:30 A.M. at the Holiday Inn, Room to be announced later. Please complete the form provided in this issue and send it to me as soon as possible so that the arrangements can be completed in time. Since we have only two occasions during the year to get together, I hope that all of you will be able to attend.

Also, I hope that the three recipients of the Lucile Elliott Scholarships will attend the meeting, so that you may have an opportunity to meet them. They are:

Marguerite A. Rey  
Cataloger, Loyola University Law Library, New Orleans, La.

Martha J. Birchfield  
Cataloger, Florida State University Law Library, Tallahassee, Fla.

Reynold Kosek  
Reference Librarian, Walter F. George School of Law Library  
Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

The Editor of this Newsletter reports that he is encountering difficulties in soliciting materials for the South Eastern Law Librarian. Gene has done a commendable job in producing this Newsletter for the past two years, but he does need your tangible support. If you have any ideas for articles or news items of interest to the membership, he would like to hear from you. You might take the opportunity at the breakfast to discuss your thoughts with him. The South Eastern Law Librarian needs your assistance if this publication is to continue.

It is hard to believe that this is the last time that I will appear on this page. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made these past two years such pleasant ones. My special thanks are extended to Ann Fortenberry and the members of the Scholarship Committee, to David Brennan and the members of the Nomination Committee, and to Gene Teitelbaum, Editor of the South Eastern Law Librarian. I have enjoyed working with and for you all. I am sure that you will continue to give to the new officers the same support given me.

Carolina C. Heriot  
President, S.E./A.A.L.L.
If you have not by now purchased this volume, you should obtain it. It is an excellent work, full of information and up to date. Biographies of almost 15,000 judges, both federal and state are included. The publisher states that only judges sitting in minor courts in small cities and in rural areas have been omitted. The Foreword sets out the scope of the entries.

There is one master alphabetical listing of all judges in the front, then the main entries are broken down into federal appellate courts and Washington D.C. based judges followed by a state by state arrangement of all state and federal district court judges.

It is interesting to note the relative shortness of the biographies of various U.S. Supreme Court judges as compared to the length of biographical sketches of lower court judges. For example, Warren Burger's biography is but 20 lines, while William G. Knoch, a Senior Judge of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals is 100 lines long.

Inasmuch as the judges filled out the forms, some judges didn't return them, so that their sketches are all but non-existent. However, for the most part there is sufficient biographical information for each judge.

I showed to one Kentucky judge his biographical entry. He said that it was completely accurate. In fact, the sketch told me a great deal about the judge that I did not previously know about him.

Besides the biographical information which takes up most of the volume, there is a brief description and outline of all the courts in the state, plus maps showing the outlines of the judicial districts.

Only currently sitting judges are listed. The publisher writes that there will be annual volumes, so that you should retain all volumes.

The American Bench is an excellent volume. Buy it.

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Law Librarians from the Greater New York Chapter toured the United Nations' Dag Hammarskjold Library. A story of this trip was reported in 2 LAW LINES: Newsletter of the Law Library Association of Greater New York 19-20 (November 1977 issue.)

While the Library is not open to the general public, in some cases, inter-library loans may be arranged. Foreign codes are not translated and English translations are usually simply not available anywhere.

The rest of this article is taken directly from that story.

LEGAL REFERENCE LIBRARY -- The Legal Branch Library is located in the Secretariat, and consists of materials in national and international law and relations. The legal librarian, Ms. Simone Marie Kleckner, indicated that she was available to answer questions from other law librarians, but as members of the tour saw, Ms. Kleckner is quite busy, and calls should be limited to only the most urgent requests. The law library is also quite small; housing only a good working collection. Ms. Kleckner can be reached at 754-5372 (Room 3B55).

UN DOCUMENTS -- The indexes to the proceedings of the major UN organs are located in the Woodrow Wilson Reading Room (L-201); indexes to other UN Documents are at the Document Reference Desk (L-260). Both can be reached at 754-7412.

Participants were also provided with a pamphlet on the Library, detailing its services, publications, and collections. The following directory from that pamphlet may prove helpful.

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words to use.

ANTEDELUVIAN Any idea or activity of your opponent that has been in existence for more than ten years.

DOOM, Prophets of. Any persons who consider present practices unwise. To be used only in referring to the opposition.

How to permanently indicate to your readers which volumes of state codes that are superseded but are retained? Shelving them in another section works to a degree, but people have a knack of finding them. We wanted to put something on the spine of the superseded volume to warn the user that it is out of date, like a skull and crossbones -- Beware! We experimented with pen and white ink, writing large "S"s on the spines. It did not work well. We tried a "superseded" stamp with white ink. It did not work well. Finally, we hit upon plastic tape, pre-printed with the word "Superseded". It works -- the labels last and are easy to apply. You have seen such plastic tape in stationery stores or small specialty shops. It is tape with their name on it, used to seal your package.

The tape works so well that we ordered other rolls in different colors and with different messages. One says, "Latest volume issued." To be put on bound volumes of U.S. Administrative law reporters, slow appearing sets like "U.S. Aviation Reports", sets that come out volume by volume, like the 8th Decennial or the Modern Practice Digest 2d.

Other messages are: Reference, Overnight books, On reserve, First Volume we own.

The $64.00 question is where to buy such tape. I suggest trying a local stationery store. Probably, the owner has to turn your order to a jobber. You will get a good price and relatively fast service. If you can't find a store that will take your order (I tried several places in Louisville, without success) then try Highsmith Co., P.O. Box 25, Highway 106 East, Fort Atkinson, Wisc. 53538.

You will use a lot of "Superseded" tape, especially if you go back and tape all superseded volumes that you have. It takes Highsmith at least a couple of months to process our orders, as the material is custom made for us. That is why I recommend a local stationery store, if you can find one. You might share the cost of the tape with other law libraries in your area. I urge you to use a light colored background with black letters. Beware, do not use too large a type face or use too many words as your message.

I spoke to an officer of the Highsmith Co. at the 1976 AALL Convention in Boston, suggesting that they have the "Superseded" tape already printed up and advertise it to law libraries. Alas, nothing came of my idea.

Try it. I believe you will find many uses for such tape. The tape sticks to the books well.

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Printed with your library, school, company or personal name and address or other information. Use as return-address stickers on envelopes and packages, to identify magazines, books, newspapers, almost anything. Black print, 300 stickers per roll, each 2½" x ¾". Limit copy to four lines or less. One free dispenser per 2 rolls. Minimum order of 3 rolls of same color.

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p. 44 Highsmith catalog.
JOBS, JOBS

As of May 5th, the following positions are still open in the South Eastern area.

Florida. Nova University. Law Librarian. Details are at 9 AALL Newsletter 110 (1978)

LOUISIANA. Tulane University. Cataloger. Details are at 9 AALL Newsletter 111 (1978)

LOUISIANA. Southern University. Law Librarian. Details 9 AALL Newsletter 111 (1978)


VIRGINIA. Univ of Virginia. Reference Librarian. details 9 AALL Newsletter 114 (1978)

ALABAMA. Cumberland School of Law. Samford Univ. Cataloger. Must have M.L.S. degree, experience in L.C. classification, Anglo-American cataloging rules, etc. For Reclassification of collection. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. CONTACT: Laurel R. Clapp, Law Librarian, Cumberland School of Law. Samford Univ. 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, 35209.


KENTUCKY. Jefferson County Law Library, Law Librarian. Must have either law degree or library science degree. With law library experience, preferred. This is a challenging position. To be first full time law librarian of this library. To work with Trustees of Jefferson County Law Library. Salary: Open. CONTACT: Roger McCubbins, Court Administrator, The Hall of Justice, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

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The members of the Southeastern Chapter attending the joint meeting of the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S. and the Southeastern Chapter A.A.L.L. convened for the business meeting at 5:00 p.m. August 18, 1977. Forty-three members and guests were present. President Caroline C. Heriot called the meeting to order and expressed the appreciation of the Chapter to Kathie Price, Kay Todd, Robin Mills and Anne Butler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that the bank account was $1,861.00.

J. Lamar Woodard moved to grant three scholarships of $250.00 each. W. Garrett seconded and the motion passed. The report of the Scholarship Committee was read on behalf of Ann Fortenberry (a copy is attached to these minutes). There were no other committee reports.

W. Younger moved that the Southeastern Chapter invite the A.A.L.L. to hold its 1981 annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. M. Richmond seconded. Discussion ensued and the motion passed.

Leah Chanin brought greetings from the A.A.L.L. Executive Board and reported on some of its activities.

Kathie Price presented the draft Code of Professional Ethics for discussion. A copy of the draft is attached to these minutes. Discussion followed. M. Richmond moved:

Resolved that the Southeastern Chapter A.A.L.L. does hereby voice approval and support of the proposed Code of Professional Ethics and Charter of the A.A.L.L. Commission on Ethical Standards.

L. Chanin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with some abstentions.

President Heriot asked for the advice of the membership on holding a separate institute.

Anne Butler moved the Institutes be held concurrently with the Chapter meeting in August of each year. K. Price seconded and the motion passed.

Kathie Price moved to extend our sympathy to Gene Teitelbaum in his illness and our appreciation for the work he is doing as editor of the Newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Lamar Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer
Many of you will be interested in knowing that Anna Johnson, Associate Law Librarian at the College of William and Mary is retiring in August. Anna came to the Law School in 1959, when the Law Library collection numbered but 27,000 volumes and was located in the basement of a dormitory. During her tenure, she moved the library to the Marshall-Wythe Law School Building, (its present location) and has seen the collection grow to more than 100,000 volumes. She is leaving just in time to avoid the next move.

Anna has seen the Law Library through some very critical periods. As a token of gratitude and affection, the faculty of the Law School recently honored her at their annual faculty dinner and presented her with a gift.

Since 1959, Anna has been an active member of the Southeastern Chapter and AALL. She received her accreditation by AALL in 1964. We shall miss seeing her at the Annual meetings. She wish her many happy years in which to catch up on her music, art, gardening, travel and dozens of other interests which keep her forever young.

C.C.H.

The South Eastern Chapter's Breakfast and business meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:30 am in the Holiday Inn, Room to be announced later (In the AALL Registration handouts.)

Please fill out this coupon and mail immediately to Caroline Heriot.

ATTEND, ATTEND.