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We the officers of ORALL wish to thank the membership of this Association for giving us the opportunity to serve you. As a consequence, and to deserve the privilege granted to us, we are going to keep the Association quite busy. This President can assure you that there will be ACTION!

However, to help the Association we shall need the assistance of ORALL's membership in communicating to us their ideas, constructive criticism, complaints, etc. PLEASE HELP US SO WE CAN BE OF MORE SERVICE TO YOU ALL!!

ORALL COMMITTEES FOR 1975

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- A. The Union List Feasibility Committee has become the Union List Committee.
 - B. The Microform Feasibility Committee has become the Audio-Visual Committee.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

This President requested after October last year that all the committee chairpersons file a report with his office by January 15, delineating which goals they would foresee for their committees this year. The ones received to date are as follows:

1. Activities Committee:

This Committee is in charge of appointing Program and Local Arrangement Committees for our Spring and Fall meetings.

The Program Chairman for the 1975 Spring meeting is Professor James F. Bailey and the Local Arrangement Committee Chairman for the same meeting is Mr. Paul Fu.

More details about the 1975 Spring meeting will be found under the latter subject in the following pages.

This Committee is going to be a very active one and you will hear about our plans for you later on in the year. Hang in there!

2. Audio-Visual Committee: (formerly Microform Feasibility Committee)

The Committee shall have the responsibility of keeping members of the Association advised of the new developments and forthcoming programs in the areas in audio-visual hardware and software, computer legal research, and current microform publications in law-related fields. This goal can be achieved by issuing committee newsletters and by conducting seminars at Association meetings.

The Committee shall have the duty of keeping members of the Association informed about any defective or undesirable audio-visual hardware and software and unsatisfactory microform publications which might be purchased by Association members. The facts are to be published in a committee newsletter as a consumer alert service.

The Committee shall have the duty of compiling a bibliography on audio-visual material, computer legal research, and current microform publication in law and law-related fields on an annual or semi-annual basis.

The Committee shall have the duty of studying the feasibility of publishing important and useful, but otherwise unobtainable titles in microform, and make recommendations to the membership concerning the scope

of the publishing project, estimated cost, funding, the type of microform to be used in the project and the publishers who might be interested in such a project.

The Committee shall serve as a clearinghouse for information for members of the Association who may have specific questions concerning audio-visual, computer research, and microform publications in Law.

3. Constitution

Nancy Miller, the Chairperson of this Committee has distributed copies of the Constitution of ORALL to all the officers of this Association for them to advise her on any possible amendments.

4. Finance Committee:

This Committee has just given the "final touch" to its guidelines. These guidelines were being drawn up since last year and will be of great benefit to the Association. This Committee's main purpose is to see that we remain economically solvent and that our monies are spent wisely as it has been the case to date.

5. Guidelines Committee:

This Committee was created while Mr. Arthur Hohlmeier was the President of this Association and, under his drive and guidance, it gave ORALL its present guidelines. The present Committee is in charge of updating, amending if necessary, and expanding the current guidelines.

6. Legislative Committee:

The Legislative Committee's scope has been broadened immensely this year. It has members now in all states which are represented actively in ORALL. Its goal for this year is to promote legislation in all the neighboring states similar to that already in existence in Ohio. This legislation has proven so beneficial to law libraries and to the law library profession in Ohio. However, while implementing this project, this Committee will continue doing its regular -and outstanding- job for the Ohio libraries as well. The proposed revised guidelines of this Committee are as follows:

Purpose:

The Legislative Committee primarily designated to protect County Law Libraries, keeps abreast of all changes in legislation either before or at the time they are introduced in the House or Senate of the states actively represented in this Association.

General Duties:

1. The Committee shall investigate any new legislation affecting law libraries and take whatever action they feel necessary to protect law library interests.

2. The Chairman shall report any activity of this committee to the general membership at either of the two meetings and investigate recommendations from members and take necessary action.

3. This Committee shall provide representation at any meeting or hearing on any subject that affects or will affect the operation of law libraries in the states actively represented in ORALL, and actively introduce legislation which will be beneficial to the greatest number of law libraries and law librarians and oppose adverse legislation.

4. This Committee shall have a chairman and as many subcommittee chairmen as states are actively represented in this Association. Each Committee chairman or subcommittee chairmen will have as many members to help them in their work as they so determine.

7. Membership Committee:

This Committee also has quite ambitious plans for this year. They could be briefly stated as follows:

- a.) Distribute the 1975 ORALL Membership Directories to all those members who were not present at the Indianapolis meeting. This is obviously a project which is being undertaken on a top priority basis;
- b.) Compile, publish and distribute promptly the new Membership Directory towards the end of the summer;
- c.) Keep the membership of this Association informed of its new members and provide brief background synopses on each one of them. Also, provide information on any type of changes to take place in our membership. This information would be made available via ORALL's Newsletter;
- d.) All persons who were present at the Indianapolis meeting and who were non-members of ORALL will be encouraged to become members;
- e.) A brochure describing ORALL and the benefits which derive from membership is being compiled and will soon be made available for the use of prospective members;
- f.) A special effort will be made to recruit students from library science schools, law schools, and any other schools with library or law courses in their curriculum;
- g.) Begin the publication of statistical report for ORALL similar to the one which is done by the American Association of Law Libraries Committee on Statistics with emphasis on illustrating the extent of our membership, state-by-state breakdown of membership, types of libraries connected with our Association, various sources of our revenues and historical statistics.
- h.) Engage actively in recruiting members for ORALL from around its periphery (i.e., upstate Michigan, Western Pennsylvania, etc).
- i.) Contact the longstanding members of ORALL who have not attended the meetings for the past several years to ascertain if the Association could help in any possible way to have them enjoy ORALL more fully.

j.) Survey the membership for any possible comments, constructive criticism, ways which might improve the Association, etc.

k.) Try to have all the Ohio County Law Libraries become ORALL members.

8. Model Bibliograph Committee:

Carol Bratton has already up-dated this Committee's bibliography to January, 1975. She reports now that we have to wait until Spring to know if the state of Ohio is again going to absorb the costs of printing the supplementation.

Another project of this Committee is to compile and print Model Bibliographies for the states represented in ORALL. One state has already been selected and preliminary work is being done to accomplish this goal.

9. Nomination Committee:

The goal of this Committee is to try to obtain from the membership the names preferred for candidacy for officers of this Association in 1976. For any recommendation in this respect please contact the Chairman or any of the members of the Nomination Committee at your earliest convenience.

The selection of officers for professional associations not only requires time to narrow down the selection process of the different names provided to the Nomination Committee, but also takes an even greater amount of time to obtain an affirmative response from those persons selected by the membership. Not all members are willing or are allowed by their immediate superiors to dedicate so many extra hours of work on behalf of their professional associations. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NOMINATION COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INFORM THEM OF WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS OFFICERS OF ORALL IN 1976!!!

10. Placement Committee:

The plans of this Committee for this year will appear in the next ORALL Newsletter. However, it should be understood that this Committee has been and is functioning and, if any member needs its services, that person should contact the Chairman or any of the members of this Committee immediately;

11. Union List Committee: (formerly Union List Feasibility Committee)

This Committee is actually engaged in the process of contacting the members of ORALL who have shown the desire to participate in this project, to start obtaining listings of their periodical holdings so they can be fed to the computer as soon as possible. Permanent guidelines for this Committee have been developed already.

-End of Committee Reports-

ORALL 1975 SPRING MEETING

The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries will hold its Spring Meeting on May 8-10, 1975 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Sheraton Hotel. Any party interested in attending this meeting should contact Mr. Paul Fu, Law Librarian, Ohio Supreme Court, State House Annex, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. All ORALL members will shortly be receiving the corresponding forms to be filled out and returned to Paul. He is in charge of the Local Arrangements for the meeting, while Jim Bailey is the Program Chairman. The Spring Meeting will have its usual workshops by type of libraries and a major program on the topic "The Law Library Building meets the Law Library Collection." The latter will be a general interchange of ideas on planning the layout of all types of law libraries, etc. The program will be enlightened by speakers of national reputation from our chapter as well as from other areas of the country. Some of these speakers will be Miss Frances Farmer, Law Librarian at the University of Virginia Law School, and Mrs. Elizabeth Poe, Law Librarian at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This meeting follows that of the Ohio Bar Association.

As you can see, we already have definite plans for the Spring Meeting. However, we are hereby requesting suggestions -and even more invitations- for a place to hold our 1975 Fall Meeting. To date we have received two invitations for us to hold our Fall Meeting: one to take place in Buffalo, New York with a tour to Niagara Falls, and the other invitation is for us to have our meeting in Chicago. When suggesting a place for us to hold ORALL's 1975 Fall Meeting, please keep in mind that we will be meeting in Cleveland in May, 1976 and thus Cleveland should not be the location for meeting this Fall.

F R E E P U B L I C A T I O N S

The ORALL Membership Directory is available -free to ORALL's members- upon request from:

Prof. James F. Bailey
Chairman ORALL Membership Committee
Director of the Law Library
Indiana University Indianapolis Law School
735 West New York Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Please request a copy as soon as possible, as it was distributed last October only among the members who were with us at the Indianapolis meeting. These Directories cost ORALL \$451.23, and it would be a HORRIBLE waste if they were to serve of no use to our membership. PLEASE DROP A POSTCARD TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS FOR YOUR FREE COPY OF OUR DIRECTORY!

The following publications are also available upon request from the source given below. These publications were also distributed at the Indianapolis meeting, but there must be many members who are still without a copy. Please send a post card to the appropriate source requesting them. The publications are:

1. Legislative and Administrative Documents and Publications Published by the Ohio State Legislature and Ohio State Government Administrative Agencies.

This list was compiled by, and is available from:

The Supreme Court of Ohio
Law Library
State House Annex
Columbus, Ohio 43215

This list will prove immensely helpful when in need of locating certain Ohio State government documents. Please write to Mr. Paul Fu and ask for a copy.

2. Ohio Courts - Reports.

Compiled by, and available from:

Miss Nancy Miller
Assistant Law Librarian
Ohio State University
College of Law Library
1659 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43210

This is a superb listing of all Ohio reports and the order in which they could be shelved in any law library. This bibliography is undoubtedly of great value and can be put to good use. Please write to Nancy and ask for a copy.

Starting with this issue, the Newsletter will always feature a brief historical description of a law library in the ORALL area. The first Law Library featured is:

* THE DAYTON LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION *

The Dayton Law Library Association maintains the law library in the Montgomery County Courts Building, Dayton, Ohio. The Association was founded shortly after the Civil War by a number of prominent local judges and attorneys. It has continued its existence since that time as a non-profit corporation.

The total library area is comprised of 13,440 square feet. Of this amount, approximately 8,400 square feet is devoted to shelving, and 1,600 to work area for the staff. The main area of the library seats approximately fifty people. Additional space is provided for conference and dictation rooms.

The library has three classes of patrons: 1) attorneys admitted to the practice of law in any state and who are dues paying members; 2) officials entitled by law to use the library without charge; and 3) certain federal court officials and out-of-town attorneys, and registered law students to whom use of the library may be extended, all without charge. In 1974 patrons from all classes paid a total of 13,173 visits to the library.

At last count the total collection of the library stood at 67,894 volumes. Perhaps the strongest feature of the collection in terms of meeting the needs of the patrons is that it includes the statutes and the reports of the highest court of every state, with additional materials for neighboring states and major jurisdictions. The library also has a very good collection of early Ohio statutes.

The library has an open stack policy. In addition a large part of the collection may be charged out by members and certain officials, with the exception of books on reference. Books are subject to recall at any time, but may remain out of the library for up to two weeks. As a convenience to the members, messengers are permitted to pick up books which the member has requested. The library is involved in inter-library loans only on a very limited basis.

The library is operated by six full-time personnel: the librarian, reference librarian (both of whom are lawyers), cataloger, secretary-bookkeeper, file clerk, and page-janitress. The librarian and staff welcome visits from other law library personnel and will be glad to explain the operations of the Dayton Law Library Association.

NOTICE: Please send the Editor of this Newsletter brief (1/2 to 1 typed page only) descriptions of your law library, so that it can be printed here.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Mrs. Edna Stroh Morrison (1895-1974)

Mrs. Morrison died in November 1974.

Known as Edna Stroh during the years she was an active member of ORALL, Edna was voted lifetime membership in 1969. She had been librarian of the Mahoning County Law Library for almost twenty-five years.

Edna came to Youngstown from Illinois and worked in the law offices of McKaine, Ohl and Swanner. She applied for admission to the Youngstown College of Law School, but discovered she was ahead of her time and was denied admission because of her sex. However, this rejection did not dampen her interest in law, and she read law under the direction of Mr. McKaine. Her experience in this office enabled her to pass the state bar examination. Shortly after this, the Law School began admitting women.

Edna lived in San Francisco for a time and journeyed to Hawaii, where she found a job and worked in Honolulu for several months. It was in the days before tourism and, when she visited the islands again in the 1960's, she found them with a new glamour, but lacking the old charm.

After the death of a brother, she returned to Youngstown to be with her family and always maintained a close relationship with her nieces and nephews.

As a member of the firm of Doyle, Fisher and Stroh she practised law in Youngstown and was for a time a member of the City Law Department, before she was appointed Librarian of the Mahoning County Law Library.

She attended meetings of the ORALL in its early days and was Treasurer for two terms -1953 and 1954. She served as its president in 1957, and continued to keep in touch with the group until as recently as the 1971 meeting in Windsor.

Shortly after retirement in 1969, she was married to Mr. George Morrison and continued to live in Youngstown.

Edna was a lover of dogs and horses, and one of her hobbies was riding. She particularly enjoyed visits with her niece's family in the Rocky Mountains.

Another hobby was travel and, besides keeping in touch with relatives in Colorado and on the East Coast, she made two trips to Europe, one to Alaska and another to South America.

She was always interested in politics and worked actively in support of the candidates of her choice. Membership in Quota Club was another vital interest. She was an active member.

For the past years, Mrs. Morrison had been in poor health and confined to her home.

Allen Smith (1904-1974)

Mr. Allen Smith, the founder of the famous Ohio law book company which bears his name died on June 26, 1974.

Mr. Smith grew up in Boston and was a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. After practising law for several years, he entered the legal publishing business. In 1947, with a very small capital, he established the now famous company which bears his name. ORALL extends its condolences to his family and staff. He will always be remembered by law librarians across the country for his personality and extremely high quality work.

We ask the cooperation of the Head Law Librarians in notifying immediately the Treasurer of ORALL of any changes in their staffs so that he/she may correct the membership and mailing lists of ORALL.

Also, please either include your new staff members in your ORALL Institutional Membership or have them contact the Membership Chairman of this Association for information regarding membership in ORALL.

PLACEMENT NEWS

MICHIGAN: Head Law Librarian. University of Detroit School of Law Library. MLS and JD preferred; if not, substantial law school library experience to compensate for either degree. Salary negotiable. Contact: Prof. Leland L. Bull, Sr., University of Detroit School of Law, 651 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313)927-1541.

Director of Law Library. MLS and law degrees preferred; experience in executive capacity in law libraries. Beginning date: Immediately. Salary negotiable. Contact: Professor Richard W. Bartke, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan 48202 (313) 577-3954.

Associate Librarian and Assistant Professor. Thomas M. Cooley Law School. One Half teaching load. Salary \$15,000. Contact: Dean Thomas Brennan, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 217 South Capitol Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933 (517) 371-5140.

OHIO:

Circulation Librarian. Case Western Reserve University. MLS and a course in law librarianship or relevant law library experience is required. Responsible for circulation operations and procedures, stack maintenance and supervision of circulation personnel and the scheduling of student assistants. Salary: \$9,500. Contact: Simon L. Goren, Law Librarian, Law Library, School of Law, 11075 East Boulevard, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 (216) 368-2793.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

This Association's Newsletter will be printed six times a year (once every two months).

The faculty and staff of Case Western Reserve University School of Law gave a party in honor of the Law Library Staff on January 15, 1975. The occasion was the attainment of a collection exceeding 150,000 volumes.

The University of Dayton Law Library opened its doors officially on August 12, 1974. The Law School held its first class on August 26, with a freshman class of 158 students. At this time the Law School and Law Library have been approved by the American Bar Association. They have also been inspected by the Ohio League of Law Schools and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Accreditation by the latter two accrediting bodies is expected in the near future.

The Law Library already holds over 72,000 volumes and continues to grow rapidly. Use of the Law Library collection by patrons from all over the country is enthusiastically encouraged.

As you may have noticed, Mary Ann Roman, our Treasurer, used a sample Logo on the membership dues statements. I would like to have the membership send the President what they would like to have ORALL use as its logo. Please let's keep in mind that, due to the vague boundaries of our local chapters, we should try to avoid showing the states represented in ORALL -we have members from California to New York. Please send in your suggested logo for ORALL!!!

The Indiana Supreme Court has deposited its entire Commonwealth Collection with the Indiana University Indianapolis Law School Library. The collection, which consists of nearly ten-thousand volumes, contains a large quantity of rare and out-of-print works. Professor James F. Bailey, Director of the Indiana University Indianapolis Law School Library, estimates that the collection is worth roughly \$250,000.00

Aside from England and Wales, countries included in the collection are Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and India. There are also smaller collections from Cyprus, British Guiana, Ceylon, Malaya, and Mauritius. Combined with the Commonwealth materials already in the Indianapolis Law Library, this collection is probably one of the finest available in the Middle West.

All ORALL members who will present at the 1975 AALL Annual Meeting are hereby invited to an informal breakfast on Wednesday, June 25, 1975. The specific place where we will meet will be mentioned at a later date. This will be a "pay your own" type of breakfast...SORRY!!! Hope to see you there!

Mr. Theodore Pitt
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Dayton, Ohio 45469