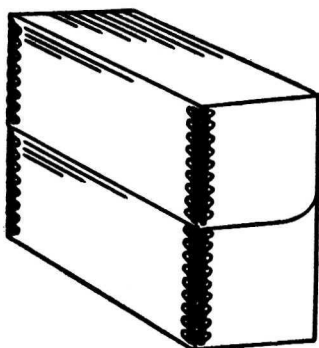


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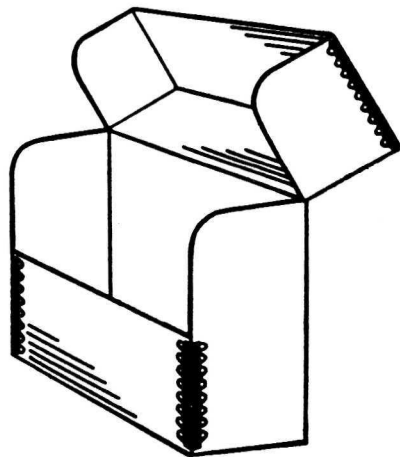
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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The Secretary of the Society announces the following additional appointments to committees for 1956-57:

Audio-Visual Committee: Owen Bombard, chairman.

College and University Records Committee: Leonidas Dodson, chairman; Howard D. Williams, Howard B. Gotlieb, Maurice L. Ahern, D. H. Wilson, Ralph Hansen, Clifford K. Shipton.

Committee on International Relations: Robert Claus, Theodore R. Schellenberg, George J. Olszewski.

Labor Records Committee: Leone Eckert, chairman; Paul Lewinson, Morris Rieger, Kenneth R. Hall.

Committee on Professional Standards: Ernst Posner, chairman. All living past presidents of the society are members.

The following new members have joined the Society since February 15, 1957:

Willa Baum, University of Calif. General Library; Wallace Bulpitt, Springfield, Ill.; Howard P. Crocker, N. Y. State Department of Education; Margaret L. Davis, Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Sherm Elrod, Downey, Calif.; Ralph Hansen, Orem, Utah; Geneva Kebler, Grand Lodge, Mich.; John A. Lally, Belding, Mich.; Orval O. Liljequist, Milwaukee; Mildred D. Mayeux, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. O. L. Montague, Airesearch Mfg. Co., Los Angeles; Leo Pascal, National Archives; and John H. Stevenson, E. F. Hutton & Co., Los Angeles. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston; American Telephone & Telegraph Co., New York; C. Edwin Hultman Co., Pittsburgh; California Electric Power Co., Riverside; New Century Publishers, Inc., New York; U. S. Air Force Academy Library, Denver; and Watkinson Library, Trinity College, Hartford. MEMBERS ABROAD: Centralnaja Biblioteka, Moscow; Helmut Dahm, Staatsarchiv, Dusseldorf; Federation International de Documentation, The Hague; Fundacion Lobo-Olavarria, Havana; Glavnoe Archivnoe, Moscow; Levéltárak Országos Központja, Budapest; Országos Levéltár Központ, Budapest; and the Library, People's University of China, Peking.

The Secretary of the Society of American Archivists, who now operates a placement clearinghouse, has sent the *American Archivist* the following notices:

1. Opening for young man or woman with a master's degree, preferably in American history, or an A.B.L.S. degree. No experience necessary. This position is in an eastern university library that is a depository for State and local history materials. Starting salary, \$3,800-\$4,200.

2. Candidate for a position: B.S., 1949; M. A., 1953; Ph.D. (in progress) expected in August 1957. American history, especially constitutional history; general knowledge of archival principles; honors in history and forensics; several publications.

3. Candidate for a position: Retired archivist, age 60, good health, well-traveled; interested in brief or continuing employment anywhere in the United States.

4. Candidate for a position: Young man, single; bachelor's degree in history and government; training and experience in a university archives, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress; several years' work in business and financial records; interested in an archival position in the western part of the United States.

For fuller and more recent information address Mrs. Dolores C. Renze, Secretary, Society of American Archivists, 306 State Museum Bldg., Denver 2, Colo.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

The intensive summer institutes begun in 1945 by American University in cooperation with the National Archives and Records Service, the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records were offered again at the National Archives this year. The institute in the preservation and administration of archives, directed by T. R. Schellenberg, was held June 17-July 12; the institute on record management, directed by Herbert E. Angel, was held June 3-14. The institute in genealogical research, under the direction of Meredith Colket, will be held from July 15 to August 2.

The National Archives has lately received a new increment of the central files of the Department of State for 1930 through 1939. These papers continue the file for 1910-29, which was accessioned in 1945. They contain (besides much other material) the usual documents found among the records of a foreign office: instructions to diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States, despatches from these representatives, and notes to and from foreign legations and embassies in the United States. The National Archives now holds the official documentation of our foreign relations from the time of Benjamin Franklin to the outbreak of World War II.

As a result of several other large accessions made within the fiscal year just ended the holdings in general correspondence of the Bureau of Mines, the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Bureau of Reclamation have been brought down to 1949, 1950, and 1945 respectively; and important series of correspondence and reports of the Geological Survey ranging in date from 1880 to 1951 are now in the building. Another important accession is the record set of maps published by the Army Map Service between 1944 and 1956, covering all parts of the world and numbering some 130,000 separate items.

The story of the contacts that American authors have had with the Federal Government is presented in documents and pictures on display in the Exhibition Hall. Many of the items, which range in date from 1779 to 1943, have never before been exhibited.

A leaflet entitled "Archival Work as a Career," recently issued by the National Archives and Records Service, discusses generally the nature of archival employment in the Federal service, the qualifications of archivists, the opportunities for professional training and advancement, and the employee benefits offered by the Government. Number 98 in the series of *Preliminary Inventories*, issued earlier this year, covers the records of the Central Bureau of Planning and Statistics, 1918-19. Both these publications may be obtained free of charge

from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

Charles E. Dewing is on leave from the National Archives in Puerto Rico, where he is to be in active charge of the Commonwealth Archives during the first 12 months of its operation. He will supervise and train the local staff, give advice on the plans for an archive building, work with other government agencies on their disposition programs, and establish procedures.

NATALIA GORAYHOFF SUMMERS (1878-1957)

Linguist, archivist, and friend of American diplomatic scholars, Natalia Gorayhoff Summers died on January 31, 1957, at Yokosuka, Japan, where her son Lionel Morgan Summers is the present U. S. Consul General. She was born in Tsarist Moscow on May 15, 1878, and in 1905 married Maddin Summers, who at the time of his death in 1918 was U. S. Consul General in the city of her birth. Speaking Russian, Spanish, and French, as well as English, and reading Portuguese, Italian, and Serbian, the widowed Mrs. Summers obtained employment in the Department of State at Washington and served there from October 15, 1918, to March 1938. From 1926 to 1938 she was the Department's archivist; but when the older records of the Department, including the originals of the laws and treaties of the United States, were transferred to the newly opened National Archives, she chose to accompany them and expand her knowledge of their administrative creation. Natalia Summers served at the National Archives from 1938 until she retired in 1948. During her 30 years of service with the Government she acquired a very large circle of friends and acquaintances among scholars and historians, and all of them are indebted to her for her aid as consultant and adviser.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

J. Franklin Jameson came to dominate the American historiography of his day through the prestige of his long and learned editorship of the *American Historical Review*, 1895-1901 and 1905-28. During the latter period he also directed the historical research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Then, capping his career, he administered the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, 1928-37. That Division, now headed by David C. Mearns, with the collaboration of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the American Philosophical Society, and Francis Christie Jameson of Washington, has appropriately drawn to itself the historian's papers — 78,000 pieces dated from 1867 to 1937, including Jameson's diaries to 1921.

Other acquisitions of the Library include 17,500 papers, 1878-1930, of Gen. Henry T. Allen; 2,000 papers of Henry Breckinridge, Assistant Secretary of War in the Wilson administration; 5,000 papers, 1903-52, of Vice Adm. Emory Scott Land; 29 letters, 1832-42, of Joseph Nicolas Nicolle, mathematician and explorer; and diaries, 1920-27, of Emory Frink Smith, plant pathologist. Additions to existing collections include 500 letters of Josephus Daniels; 2 James A. Garfield diaries, 1866-71, and one kept by Mrs. Garfield for a few weeks in 1881; papers, 1937-44, of William D. Hassett; papers relevant to

Walt Whitman, notably 4,000 papers of Horace Traubel, Whitman's friend and literary executor; and new items, 1903-42, relating to the Wright brothers.

A talk on the Manuscript Division of the Library given by the Librarian of Congress at Bucknell College is the lead article in the *Bucknell Review* for March 1957. Hispanic materials at the Library are discussed by Howard F. Kline, director of the Hispanic Foundation, in the November 1956 issue of the Library's *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*; the same issue contains an informative article about the Music Division by Edmund D. Walters and one about the Prints and Photographs Division by Alice Lee Palmer. The amazing way in which the Library's Legislative Reference Service goes about its work is described by the Service's librarian, Charles A. Goodrum, in the Jan. 15, 1957, *Library Journal*.

Hugh Langdon Elsbree, formerly Deputy Director of the Legislative Reference Service, has recently resigned to become chairman of the political science and public administration departments of Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

An official outline of the record management program of the Department has been issued in the form of a complete revision and expansion of subchapter 180 of the Department's *Manual of Regulations and Procedures* (Dec. 7, 1956. 57 p.)

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The American Historical Association has a new address: 400 A St., S. E., Washington 3, D. C. Boyd C. Shafer, executive secretary and managing editor, welcomed members of the association and friends to the new headquarters at an informal open house on the afternoon of March 3.

The annual bibliography, *Writings on American History*, is being compiled under the direction of the National Historical Publications Commission. The volume for 1951 has been published and that for 1952 is in press. The *Index to the Writings on American History, 1902-1940*, 1,115 pages, has appeared and is for sale by the association for \$5 to members and \$10 to nonmembers. A valuable summary of "Assistance Available for Post-Doctoral Research and Publication," compiled by Louise Carroll Wade of Rochester University, was printed in the April 1957 issue of the *American Historical Review*.

At the St. Louis meeting of the association last December, the following resolution on access to public records, drawn up by the American Historical Association's Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government and presented by that committee's chairman, Prof. Edward Younger of the University of Virginia, was adopted:

Whereas, the American Historical Association believes that the historical profession can provide an objective analysis of past experience only by means of a full and free examination of surviving records, therefore be it

Resolved, by the American Historical Association that in a free society all qualified

persons engaged in responsible historical research should have access to all public records, subject only to reasonable regulations to safeguard the documents, permit the operational use of current records by governmental agencies without undue inconvenience, ensure the national safety, and protect the private character of living persons.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Given the same master negative microfilm, a positive microimage on film is better than one on paper because there is less of what photographic technicians call "scatter" of light in the making of the positive film print and in its projection. This point is brought out by Eugene Power in the February 1957 issue of *Microcosm*, the bulletin issued by University Microfilms, 313 N. First St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Colorado State Department of Revenue, whose present files at Denver occupy an entire floor of the State Capital Annex and thousands of square feet in the Motor Vehicle Building, will mechanize its accounting and filing system by introducing the new IBM electronic accounting and file storage machine, "650 RAMAC." This machine, to be delivered within 2½ years, will produce and store tapes for all the motor vehicle office records, including enormous tax and driver's license files. The department, it is reported, has entered into a contract for renting the machine at \$17,950 a month. Personnel will meantime be trained in its operation.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES

Dr. Bahmer reports that, in his article on the Third International Congress in the April issue of the *American Archivist*, the reference on p. 160 to Wayne C. Grover should have read, "Wayne C. Grover was continued as a member of the Executive Board." Julio Ximinez Rueda, Mexico City, was elected vice president for the Western Hemisphere.

Under date of April 1957, Circular Letter No. 2 of the International Council on Archives was distributed from UNESCO House, 19 Avenue Kléber, Paris 16^e, France, the address to which applications for membership should be sent. The dues, which include subscription to the council's substantial annual volume, *Archivum*, are quoted at 15 Swiss francs (about \$3.25) for an individual, 25 Swiss francs (about \$5.80) for a town, county, or other local archival institution, and 75 Swiss francs (about \$17.50) for a national archives or national association.

The 1955 volume (No. 5) of *Archivum*, including an international directory of archival institutions, is expected to appear shortly. The 1956 volume (No. 6) is promised for late 1957 and will include the proceedings of the Second Archives Round Table Conference, held at Namur in 1955, the proceedings of the Third International Congress on Archives, held at Florence in 1956, the report of Prof. Miloletzki on Austrian archival activities, an article by William Barrow on the cleaning of documents, and an analytical bibliography of archival publications, 1954-56.

The council is urging on its members the adoption of certain proposals favoring the reproduction, for wider availability, of texts and documents kept in archives and libraries.

FOREIGN NEWS

Canada

Using new materials, notably the Sir Wilfrid Laurier papers, A. W. Willms, chief of the Ottawa Federal Records Center of the Public Archives of Canada, has written about the controversial subject of Canadian "Conscription 1917; a Brief for the Defence," in the *Canadian Historical Review* for December 1956.

W. S. Lloyd, provincial minister of education and chairman of the Saskatchewan Archives Board, presided on Nov. 30, 1956, at the dedication of Murray Memorial Library on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan. Archival developments in the province were reviewed in an address by L. H. Thomas, the provincial archivist.

Eire

The documentary collections of the Catholic See of Dublin are being moved from the Archbishop's House, Drumcondra, to a new archives building in nearby Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. Michael J. Curran is the archivist.

France

Charles Braibant, director of the Archives of France and honorary president of the International Council on Archives, has announced that the seventh international course on archival techniques will begin at the Archives Nationales early in January 1958. The brochure *Stage International D'Archives* or other information can be obtained by writing to his office, Archives Nationales, 60 rue des Francs-Bourgeois, Paris 3^e, France, attention of Albert Mirot, or of Robert-Henri Bautier.

Great Britain

Persons having information about musical epitaphs or hymn and ballad fragments inscribed on tombstones and memorials in the United States are asked to communicate with Geoffrey Handley-Taylor, at the Arts Theatre Club, Great Newport St., London WC2, who is preparing a volume in the Music Book series and will acknowledge any data received.

The archives of the Catholic archdiocese of Westminster have been reorganized under the direction of the archivist, Bernard Fisher.

Hungary

The tumultuous events of October and November 1956 did not leave the National Archives (Levéltárak Országos Központja) at Budapest unscathed. Juan Borsa, director, has declared that 9,000 linear meters of archives were burned and that a deplorable amount of incidental water damage was incurred.

The large reading room, several reference rooms, and three stack areas were so heavily damaged that they will be out of service for months.

India

During 1956 the National Archives of India acquired 92 rolls of microfilm of Dutch records of Indian interest, from originals at the Algemeen Rijksarchief, The Hague.

Israel

The Central Zionist Archives publishes at Jerusalem in mimeographed form a weekly bulletin listing current publications received at the library of the Archives on the problems of Zionism and the State of Israel.

Italy

The Italian Central Council for Historical Studies and the Union of Institutes of Roman Archaeology, History, and Art (an international commission that existed before World War II) have been revived to list analytically documents published by the Vatican and those retained in the Vatican archives. About a year ago a consignment of microfilm reproductions from the Vatican archives was lost with the *Andrea Doria*. Without too much difficulty another copy was supplied to the consignees, the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library of St. Louis University.

Mauritius

A communication dated Jan. 17, 1957, from the Colonial Secretary's office in Mauritius explains that through inadvertence in the 1956 first printing of the *Bibliography of Mauritius* the name of H. Adolphe, the Assistant Archivist and co-author, was not carried on the cover, the title page, or the spine, along with the name of A. Toussaint, Chief Archivist of Mauritius. Carl L. Lokke's review of this notable bibliography has already appeared in the January 1957 issue of the *American Archivist*.

Portugal

The first Luso-Brazilian Colloquium was held in 1950 at Washington, D. C., and the second was held in 1954 at São Paulo, Brazil. The third colloquium is scheduled to be held this year at Lisbon, September 9-15. Section 7 of the program deals with instruments of investigation and culture, a heading that, of course, includes archives.

Spain

José Antonio Garcia Noblejas has succeeded Francisco Sintés y Obrador as Spain's new Director General of Archives and Libraries. The Government-sponsored, handsomely printed *Boletín de la Dirección General de Archivos y Bibliotecas* welcomed the new director in last summer's issue (No. 38). This number of the periodical includes an article on lamination with cellulose acetate.

U. S. S. R.

Izvestia, January 8, reports that the Tadzhik Republic Academy of Sciences at Stalinabad has a collection of manuscripts that may make possible the writing of a complete history of the social thought of the people of Central Asia. A. M. Mirzoyev is director of the collection.

Yugoslavia

Having twice previously met, once at Paris and once at Namur, the International Round Table of Archives was scheduled to hold its third assembly in Zagreb in May 1957. The announced theme was "The Role of Archives and of Archivists in the State." Because of the unsettled international situation, the notice for the meeting was not mailed from Paris until too late to appear in the April issue of this magazine.

ALABAMA

Peter A. Brannon, Director of Alabama's Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, has announced the acquisition of the Rives family papers, with those of the related Glenn and Hall families. The papers throw light on the settlement of old Autauga County, north of Montgomery.

It has been reported that I. Woody Wilson & Associates, of Denver, have obtained a \$425,000 contract for modernizing the property records of Mobile County. Through extensive microfilming and technical rearrangements, a system will be set up that will permit the finding of any information on any parcel of land by its geographical location.

CALIFORNIA

Officers of the newly formed Bay Area Chapter of the American Records Management Association, in San Francisco, are: president, W. H. Topham, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.; vice president, D. C. Swinney, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp.; secretary, L. S. Le Guennec, Records Center of the City and County of San Francisco; and treasurer, Haven C. Smith, Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The Sutro Library in San Francisco is called that city's "Hidden Hunting-ton" in an article by Richard H. Dillon in the *Library Journal*, Apr. 15, 1957. Begun in 1883 as the collection of the retired wealthy mining engineer Adolph Sutro, the Sutro Library was not opened to the public until 1917; but it is now a branch of the California State Library. One of the Sutro Library's prized possessions, the Sir Joseph Banks collection, consists of some 200,000 manuscripts, documents, and pamphlets.

Robert E. Burke, head of the manuscript division of the Bancroft Library of the University of California, is on leave for a year to teach at the University of Hawaii.

In opposing proposed legislation to make it a crime to disclose the contents of records of the California State Banking Department to anyone other than the bank involved or a person authorized by the legislature, William A. Burkett,

superintendent of banks, declared that in late 1940 Japanese banks in California had initiated a secret, gradual transfer of key documents, ledgers, and bank records to Japan. He intimated that the State Banking Department had sat by and failed to notify the Governor, the military authorities, or the F. B. I.

COLORADO

The Denver Interagency Records Administration Conference met on March 20 as guests of the Air Force Finance Center, Denver. A feature article on the Center's disbursing officer, Charles W. Griffin, in the *Denver Post's* "Empire Magazine," entitled "Colonel Griffin's \$3,000,000,000 Checkbook," discusses his management of payroll records.

Ben S. Graham, method research director of the Standard Register Co. of Dayton, Ohio, recently spoke on paperwork management to the Denver chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

On February 5 the State Historical Society of Colorado entertained 175 members of the Colorado General Assembly at a luncheon served in the Division of State Archives and Public Records. This division, headed by Dolores C. Renze, State Archivist, now operates under State civil service with the following staff: deputy archivist, George E. Warren; assistant archivist, Irving Rosenfeld; and archivist aides, Velma Churchill and Thelma Chisholm. Under a special grant, the division is making copy-negatives of the William H. Jackson glass-plate negative collection. It is also microfilming records of the Colorado Civil Service Commission, the City and County of Denver Police Department, the State Insurance Department, and the State Department of Parole; the territorial and State executive records series of the Governor's Office; the secretary of state's territorial secretary records series and annual reports of domestic and foreign corporations; the minutes of the Colorado Industries for the Blind; and the Department of Education's teacher certifications. The division has completed the microfilming of the State Racing Commission's parimutuel summary sheets for 1956, the Public Utilities Commission's monthly reports filed by common and private carriers, and the Colorado National Guard's records of the Ute Uprising, 1887-89. It is microfilming, for security, records of Colorado volunteer units in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and World War I. In this connection, it is worth noting that several Denver commercial and financial institutions are planning to microfilm all their current records as a civil defense measure.

An intermediate record center was opened by the Division of State Archives and Public Records in April of this year.

CONNECTICUT

Yale University Library has acquired the 2,100 items, 1795-1845, comprising the notable Thomas W. Streeter collection of Texas Americana. The materials were assembled over a 40-year period by a lawyer-financier, now a retired resident of Morristown, N. J.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dr. Posner, recently president of the Society of American Archivists, has been awarded a Guggenheim fellowship and a Fulbright fellowship to pursue studies in the history of archival administration abroad.

A dozen original John Wesley letters have been given to the new Wesley Seminary at the American University. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Mrs. Oxnam donated the letters from among Wesleyana that the bishop has assembled over a long term of years.

GEORGIA

Mary Givens Bryan, Director of Georgia's Department of Archives and History, has announced the appointment of Carroll Hart as assistant archivist and assistant director. Since 1948 Miss Hart has been serial cataloger on the staff of the University of Georgia Libraries.

In 1951 Georgia began a long-range program to reproduce the historic records in her 48 oldest counties. By 1957 the records in only 12 of these counties had been completely microfilmed to the year 1870. It is now estimated, however, that within the next 2 years the wills, marriages, returns on estates, court minutes, deeds, and land records will be reproduced for the other 36 counties. To make this schedule possible in Georgia, the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah, is providing three technicians to work under State Archives direction. The Genealogical Society is giving the Georgia Department of Archives and History a negative film copy of the records being reproduced.

ILLINOIS

The biennial report of the Illinois State Library, published in the January 1957 issue of *Illinois Libraries*, announces three direct effects of the Illinois survey conducted by the National Records Management Council: (1) Personnel was sought and obtained to assure continued record analysis and control. (2) A State record center was opened with State Library funds on Aug. 23, 1956; it is housed on Monroe St. in Springfield in the remodeled former State power plant building. (3) The library's own paperwork has been more effectively integrated.

Margaret Norton's final report as State Archivist mentions among the achievements of the Archives Division during the past 2 years the accessioning of 1,800 feet of State records, received in 181 accessions from 14 departments. Reference calls totaled 11,513. Physical facilities were improved by providing an additional darkroom for the photographic laboratory and by opening in the spring of 1956 a restoration laboratory equipped with a Barrow laminator.

Leroy Dupuy, who organized the new Records Management Unit in the Archives Division, succeeded Miss Norton as State Archivist on Jan. 1, 1957, though she remained on duty for several months to carry forward from 1943 her history of the Illinois departments. On March 25 it was announced that

her retirement would be effective on Apr. 15, 1957. A 3-page press release praised her long and constructive service, which had begun in 1922. Her colleagues and friends at the Illinois State Library honored her with a large reception on March 26 and gave her an Argus camera. An orchid corsage from the Society of American Archivists expressed the good will of her professional friends throughout the country.

Under a grant of \$20,350 from the National Science Foundation through the Special Libraries Association, a scientific translation center is being set up at the John Crerar Library in Chicago. The center will collect and preserve scientific translations received by loan or gift from laboratories, scientific societies, Government agencies, and other institutional sources. John B. Binnington, librarian of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, will direct the operation.

At the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, a *State Libraries Agencies Division* was organized. Some doubt was expressed as to the location of responsibility within the ALA for archives, but a suggested solution was "to invite archival responsibilities to the SLAD."

INDIANA

The 1957 Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation permitting the secretary of state to transfer enrolled acts and related papers to the State Archives. This new law amends a 1952 act specifying that the secretary of state should keep these records. The State Archives has received from the attorney general 48 filing drawers of legal records, 1943-53. The records of schools and establishments offering veterans' training programs under the "G. I. Bill," 1945-52, have been transferred to the State Archives. The photographic laboratory of the State Library is microfilming these records for future reference.

Margaret Pierson, State Archivist, has become a member of the International Council on Archives.

KANSAS

The Kansas State Historical Society at Topeka has received as a deposit 156 filing drawers of letters and papers of former Representative Clifford Hope, representing his 30 years in Congress.

KENTUCKY

The Archives Department of the University of Kentucky has acquired from the estate of the late Alben W. Barkley a large part of that statesman's papers. Bennett H. Wall, University of Kentucky historian and collector of manuscripts, was guest speaker at the Founders Day exercises of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

LOUISIANA

The Department of Archives and Manuscripts of Louisiana State University reports the following recent additions to its holdings: 12,000 items and 63

volumes of additional business and family papers, 1860-1910, of three generations of the J. Burruss McGehee family of Mississippi and Louisiana; 2,203 items and 1 volume of papers, 1804-1931, of the Mississippi planter, attorney, and State senator, Alexander K. Farrar and of the Farrar family; 25,000 papers of Congressman René L. DeRouen; 6,000 papers of Sam A. LeBlanc and J. Hugo Doré, Louisiana jurists; an additional diary and 473 family papers, 1812-66, of John G. A. Williamson, first U. S. diplomatic representative to Venezuela; 1,149 items and 48 volumes of additional papers, 1832-96, of Dr. Joseph Jones, physician and sanitarian, including papers of Charles Colcock Jones, Jr., historian; and 3,000 items, 1910, of the World's Panama Exposition Co., New Orleans.

At the organizational meeting, Feb. 20, 1957, of the State Archives and Records Commission in implementation of Louisiana's 1956 record law, Secretary of State Wade O. Martin, Jr., was elected commission chairman. The commission decided to seek an administrative office in the Capitol Building or Annex for itself and its archives and record service and to concentrate during its initial year on the legal destruction of such useless State records as would immediately release the most office space and equipment in the Baton Rouge area. Microfilming will be undertaken where it is economically desirable, and State and local officials will be advised on record management problems. The commission decided also on a budget of \$68,000, roughly 10% less than both houses of the legislature voted last year. Most of the funds requested will probably have to be provided, as a new thoroughway on the Capitol grounds will almost surely force the removal of three buildings now used for housing records.

MARYLAND

The Maryland Historical Society announces that the proceedings of the Provincial Court of Maryland for 1677-78 have been edited by Elizabeth Merritt and published as vol. 67 in the *Archives of Maryland* series. The society has received the letter books, 1803-62, and some of the account books of Matthew Smith, a Baltimore china and glass merchant who died in 1865, and a large collection of the papers of the late George S. Jackson, a Baltimore businessman.

Esther J. Piercy, chief of the procurement division of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, will edit *Library Resources and Technical Services*, official quarterly journal of the newly reorganized Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association.

MASSACHUSETTS

The New England Interagency Records Administration Conference has recently distributed an 11-page processed pamphlet with a contrasting-color cover picturing a lighthouse throwing its beam across the outline of the six New England States. The pamphlet includes the minutes of the conference's 18th meeting, Jan. 17, 1957, the schedule of later meetings for 1957, the an-

nual report of its outgoing executive director, and a roster of current officers. Thomas A. Hedrick is executive director, Mary E. Connolly deputy executive director, and Harold O'Neil executive secretary. Mr. O'Neil will give a 15-night introductory course in record management, starting in late September under the sponsorship of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

At Harvard University, President Pusey's latest annual report chronicles the death, Oct. 9, 1956, of N. S. B. Gras, professor of business history, emeritus. "He sought, on the one hand, to find historical evidence to support generalization about capitalistic growth and, on the other, attempted to show business concerns the value of archives and of the objective analysis of records." Professor Gras was the founder and first president of the Business Historical Foundation.

MICHIGAN

Henry E. Edmunds, archivist of the Ford Motor Co., is the president of the Historical Society of Michigan; Henry Brown, director of the Detroit Historical Museum, is vice president; and Lewis Beeson remains the society's secretary-treasurer.

Joseph Gregorich is archivist of the Baragaland Historical Society.

Hjalmar Makala of Crystal Falls is secretary and archives keeper of the Finnish Historical Society of Hiawathaland.

The Edgar Dewitt Jones Collection of Abraham Lincoln materials, in the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, is now marked by a bronze commemorative plaque. The collection was formally dedicated on Lincoln's birthday, 1957. Elleine Stone, chief of the Burton Collection, and members of her staff acted as hosts at the accompanying reception.

MINNESOTA

Forest History Foundation, Inc., 2706 W. Seventh Blvd., St. Paul 16, is now disseminating a *Forest History Newsletter*; vol. 1, no. 1 was the issue for Spring 1957.

MISSOURI

The 30th anniversary of Concordia Historical Institute, which preserves the records of the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), was commemorated at St. Louis on Mar. 31, 1957. The institute has had its own building, housing archives, library, and museum, since 1952.

Saint Louis University has plans for a new central library to be named the Pius XII Memorial Library, in which space will be provided for the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library. The university is sponsoring a new magazine, *Manuscripta*, to appear three times yearly, in February, July, and October, at \$4.00 per year; the managing editors are Lowrie J. Daly, Edward R. Vollmar, and Charles J. Ermatinger.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Friends of Dartmouth College Library were organized in 1938 and now number more than 300. William R. Lansberg, the library's director of acquisitions, credits the friends with having brought to Dartmouth books and manuscripts worth more than a half a million dollars.

A few days after Dartmouth College had announced valuable additions to its Robert Frost and Paul Sample collections, Harold Rugg, donor of the Frost items, died at Hanover. Mr. Rugg had been associated with Dartmouth College from the time of his graduation in 1906 until his retirement in 1953 as associate librarian with the rank of full professor. Part of the time he had been rare book custodian and college archivist. He himself owned some 2,300 books and 3,000 manuscripts. A Vermonter by birth, he had kept in close touch with the Vermont Historical Society, to which he left his choicest possessions.

NEW MEXICO

I. Woody Wilson & Associates of Denver, Colo., was mentioned in the *Denver Post* recently as being "about half finished with a \$229,000 contract with the U. S. bureau of land management to revise all Federal land records for the state of New Mexico."

NEW YORK

The papers of John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States, are being acquired for Columbia University from the estate of Mrs. Arthur Iselin, great-great-granddaughter of Jay. The *New York Times* announced that a committee of the Friends of Columbia Libraries made the basic arrangements, the ultimate price reputed to be \$75,000. The Jay papers are expected to dovetail neatly with such collections as the Gouverneur Morris papers and the De Witt Clinton papers already preserved at Columbia.

The archives to 1948 of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace have been given unconditionally to the Columbia University Libraries. And the papers of the late John Erskine, who occupied a chair of English literature from 1909 to 1937, have been given to the University by his widow.

The 1957 convention of the National Microfilm Association was held in Rochester, April 1-3.

The 10th annual meeting of the Manuscript Society was held at Suffern, May 2-4; part of the final day was devoted to visiting the U. S. Military Academy, where Sidney Forman, curator, discussed military manuscripts.

A State law of 1909 requires village cemetery commissioners to keep an accurate record of every interment, specifying the lot, the date of interment, and name, age, and place of birth of the person interred. A law of 1926 requires in addition, in the case of cemetery corporations, that a copy of such record, authenticated by the corporation's secretary, shall be furnished for a fee comparable to that allowed the county clerk for a record certification. These are two of the "Selected State Laws Relating to Cemeteries" extracted in Bulletin

No. 1442 of the University of the State of New York, prepared in 1956 by the Division of Archives and History of the New York State Education Department.

For the spring and summer of 1957, the New York Historical Society, Central Park West at 77th St. in New York City, is featuring over a dozen permanent and four special exhibits. In connection with the latter, a series of programs of documentary and feature films is being shown every Saturday.

The New York Public Library has been given three boxes of manuscripts, theatrical promptbooks, and other material relating to the Boniface family. It has also received a collection, 1900-1930, of 300,000 photographic negatives and 31 indexed key volumes of positives from Miss Rope White of the White Studios, Inc., a leading theatrical photographer for the period.

The 50th anniversary year of the Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City, is being celebrated in 1957 by sending around the country a traveling exhibit of manuscripts, incunabula, drawings, and other items justifying the title of the exhibit, "Treasures from the Pierpont Morgan Library." The itinerary includes the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Palace of the Legion of Honor at San Francisco, the Huntington Library at San Marino, the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art at Kansas City, the Museum of Fine Art at Houston, and the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University.

NORTH CAROLINA

During the first 4 months of the year the State's Department of Archives and History sponsored a series of television broadcasts over the Raleigh station WRAC-TV. The programs, entitled "Our Heritage," stressed North Carolina historical events from the days of the Lost Colony to the early 20th century. On April 6, the department formally opened Alston House, the "House in the Horseshoe," in Moore County. On May 10-11, the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association convened its spring regional meeting in Bertie County.

The Schenck Memorial Forest and the Biltmore Room at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, were dedicated on April 26 in honor of Carl Alwin Schenck. The Biltmore Room in the college library contains a collection of Dr. Schenck's papers, but additional letters or other memorabilia about the pioneering Biltmore Forest School will be welcomed.

A half century of lumbering operations in western North Carolina is represented in records deposited at Duke University by Joseph Silversteen of the Rosman and Gennett Lumber Co. of Asheville. From J. Walter Lambeth, former North Carolina Congressman, Duke University Library has received a nucleus of papers and a fund for extending what will be known as the J. Walter Lambeth collection, to include the writings of Asian, African, and European statesmen and historians.

In 1956, T. H. Spence, Jr., director of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, traveled to Western Europe

and the British Isles in search of unique materials from those areas for the foundation's library and archives. Among American manuscripts received lately at Montreat, perhaps the outstanding accession was a collection of manuscripts relating to the Independent Presbyterian Church, 1810-63.

OHIO

The wife and son of the late W. W. Charters, internationally known educationist, have presented to Ohio State University 50 file drawers of his official correspondence and other papers bearing on the history and techniques of education.

Marietta College Library now has a collection of 1,100 prints of steamboat photographs, together with the corresponding plates or films; the materials were preserved by Harry P. Fischer, a Marietta photographer who died in 1949. The college librarian and archivist, George J. Blazier, has an article about the library's historical manuscripts in the Winter 1957 issue of *Manuscripts*.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Library at Fremont has received about 3,000 glass negatives of pictures of local residents taken by a Fremont photographer about 1900 or earlier. During the most recent report year, Spiegel Grove, the site of the Hayes mansion and the library drew many visitors, of whom 11,300 went to the library.

The Ohio Historical Society has acquired from a daughter of the late George A. Myers, an influential Negro resident of Cleveland and a political ally of Marcus A. Hanna, 21 boxes of Myers' papers, 1893-1929. Another acquisition was 2,100 photographic negatives and 1,200 photographic prints received from A. B. Graham, founder of the 4-H Club movement. The photographs reflect Mr. Graham's longtime interest in improving schools and rural life in Ohio.

The School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, in cooperation with the Cleveland Public Library and the Special Libraries Association, has announced two series of brief summer seminars, designed for and requested by the information specialists who attended the university's spring conference on the practical utilization of recorded knowledge. The first seminar will be held July 29-August 2 and the second, August 5-9. Both are open to persons interested in and concerned with the effective management of recorded information.

William D. Overman, director of the Firestone Library and Archives at Akron and treasurer of the Society of American Archivists, has been elected an honorary member of the Sociedad Mexicana de Archivistas.

The library of the Western Reserve Historical Society has acquired a notable collection of William McKinley materials, presented by John Allison Duncan.

OREGON

Dan Egbert Clark, who directed the Oregon Historical Society from 1940 until his retirement in 1951, died last summer in Eugene. The present di-

rector of the society and editor of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* is Thomas Vaughan.

The third annual historical forum of the Oregon Historical Society and affiliated societies was held at Portland, Mar. 22-23, 1957.

PENNSYLVANIA

In the March 1957 issue of *Pennsy* a lead article appropriately entitled "The Big Move" tells how the Pennsylvania Railroad shifted its headquarters from a nearby older building into the brand-new Transportation Building at the site of Old Broad Street Station in downtown Philadelphia. This was the sixth major headquarters move in the more than a century of the railroad's existence. The records shifted into the new location included the management's minute books going back to 1846; 36 cartons of bonds; 15,000 other cartons, boxes, and packages; and 20,000 right-of-way and engineering plans. Also moved were a legal library of 20,000 volumes, and a general library of 40,000 other books. The operation was carried out over a series of week-ends, with a special crew of movers working in shifts of as many as 75 men.

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, at York last October, S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, outlined "A New Look at Pennsylvania's Historical Program." Pennsylvania's secretary of internal affairs, Genevieve Blatt, discussed "Sources for Pennsylvania History at the Department of Internal Affairs."

The American Swedish Historical Foundation, 1900 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia 45, has substantially augmented its John Ericsson collection through the courtesy of the United Engineering Trustees of New York. The new material includes 10 boxes of correspondence and papers and more than a dozen of inventions.

What is hailed by *Pennsylvania History* as the most comprehensive collection of Pennsylvania German material ever assembled has come to the Free Library of Philadelphia — the Henry S. Borneman collection.

From colonial days to the 20th century deeds and mortgages in Philadelphia were recorded in books by longhand transcription; in 1912 came the innovation of transcription by typewriter; and in 1935 photocopying began. By 1952 Philadelphia had 36,000 deed and mortgage books. Microfilming of some of these for security purposes was begun as early as 1949, but in very recent years microfilming has come to be relied upon both for security and for administrative utility. How "Philadelphia Microfilms 1½ Miles of Record Books" is the theme of the city's deputy commissioner of records, Clarence A. Dockens, in the *American City*, Feb. 1957.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our last issue noted the act of Mar. 14, 1957, appropriating \$400,000 for the construction of the first unit of a building for the South Carolina Archives Department. J. H. Easterby, director of the department, concedes that, as money

goes these days, the appropriation is not large; but he emphasizes that the new building is officially regarded as the first unit of a much larger structure. In the Southern books competition for 1956, sponsored by the Southeastern Library Association, *The Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, September 10, 1745-June 17, 1746*, edited by Dr. Easterby for the South Carolina Archives Department's series of *Colonial Records of South Carolina*, was selected for special recognition on the basis of good documentary work and distinguished physical appearance.

TENNESSEE

The State Library and Archives has received the personal library and papers of the late Judge Walter W. Faw of Johnson City and Franklin. The 78 cubic feet of papers comprise personal correspondence, legal opinions, historical notes, and rare items, including certain old Franklin Turnpike Co. records.

Under the caption "Work Begins on Johnson Papers," LeRoy P. Graf and Ralph Haskins explain in the Spring 1957 issue of *Manuscripts* that they, as editors of the long neglected papers of Andrew Johnson, will appreciate receiving "any information leading to the location of relevant materials."

The Tennessee State Library and the Virginia State Library have joined the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, an organization created last summer, consisting basically of the libraries of universities in the Southeast which grant the doctoral degree. A. F. Kuhlman, director of the Joint University Libraries in Nashville, is the first chairman of the association.

The presence of Casey's widow and of Sim Webb, Casey's fireman, added a touch of realism on Apr. 30, 1956, when the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum were dedicated in Jackson, exactly 56 years after locomotive engineer John Luther Jones rode to immortality.

TEXAS

Eugene Campbell Barker, former University of Texas history professor, for whom the Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center at the university is named, died in Austin, Oct. 22, 1956.

Sylvan Dunn, former Archivist and State Librarian, is now assistant to Seymour V. Connor in the Southwest Collection at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Besides the Samuel May Williams collection, the Rosenberg Library in Galveston has noteworthy manuscripts of or concerning Jean Lafitte, Stephen F. Austin, and Sam Houston. A source important for the post-Civil War period in Texas is the library's Jean Scrimgeour Morgan memorial collection.

Readers of *Life* last summer will recall excerpts from the diary and artwork of Samuel Chamberlain, artist-soldier of the Mexican War. Harper and Brothers published the diary under Chamberlain's title, *My Confession*. The original of the diary and some of the original water colors were presented to the U. S. Military Academy. The trustees of the San Jacinto Museum of His-

tory Association, who operate the monument and museum for the State of Texas at the battlefield site, have purchased 140 of the remaining water colors.

On April 26, at the 61st annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin, C. Stanley Banks discussed "The Texas State Archives." On April 27, at a concurrent annual meeting of junior historians, Harry L. Kent, III, from Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin described "The Second Archives War." In the Dallas *Morning News*, Feb. 10, 1957, J. Frank Dobie briefly related the story of the First Archives War (1839) in connection with his remarks on the present so-called Second Archives War, the controversy over what many Texans consider improper treatment of their older public archives. Virginia Taylor, State Archivist, points out in "A Brief History of the Texas State Archives," in the January 1957 issue of *Texas Libraries*, that since 1836, the year of Texan independence, the official records have been subjected to 3 fires and at least 10 major moves. She considers it a privilege "to guard and protect these records under the present undesirable circumstances, to do the best that can be done with the tools at hand, and also to keep them safe from frenzied but well-meaning enthusiasts who would have them split up and moved hither and yon."

VERMONT

The New York-Vermont Interstate Commission, of Burlington, Vt., and Ticonderoga, N. Y., can furnish details about the Champlain Valley 350th anniversary festival, which will be held in 1959 to commemorate the discovery of Lake Champlain in 1609.

In the April 1957 issue of *Vermont History*, the first for which Richard G. Wood as director of the Vermont Historical Society has had direct editorial responsibility, appropriate recognition is given to John G. Huden of Burlington, who served as editor pro tempore after the sudden death last summer of Arthur Peach. Dr. Huden included in the January 1957 issue of *Vermont History* a biographical sketch and photograph of the society's new director. The society is engaged in inventorying the manuscripts and other effects of Harold Rugg, collector and Dartmouth faculty member, whose death is noted above under New Hampshire. Mr. Rugg joined the society in 1908; from 1925 to 1935 he was its vice president; and after 1936 he was a member of its board of curators. The society is his principal beneficiary.

The State of Vermont has built in Fairfield township a replica of the house where President Chester A. Arthur was born and has set up a 35-acre park around it. At Plymouth the State's Historic Sites Commission has acquired by gift from the Coolidge family the homestead where Calvin Coolidge took his oath as President. According to the commission's attractively illustrated report for 1955-56, the site is in process of development. A bill was introduced in the 1957 legislature to appropriate \$12,000 for improving the structure and grounds of the homestead.

A bill authorizing the hiring of a State director of public records passed the house but failed in the senate. Under the present arrangement Olney W. Hill,

appointed by the Public Records Commission, holds the title of Director of Public Records even though the position is not specifically authorized by statute. The proposed bill, interestingly enough, would have clothed the director with authority to recover public records not in possession of their lawful custodians.

VIRGINIA

In connection with the State's 350th anniversary celebration the distribution of survey reports on European manuscripts relating to Virginia has continued apace under sponsorship of the subcommittee on colonial records — William J. Van Schreeven and Francis L. Berkeley, Jr. Instead of the customary set of loose sheets, the 20th mailing took the form of a short practical guide to the British Public Record Office, especially designed for American scholars.

WASHINGTON

Until a few months ago Washington had an archives law little changed since 1908, which in effect allowed anyone to deposit anything in the State Archives. The law left nothing to the discretion of the State Archivist, who was not even mentioned in it. The destruction procedure, covered by another statute, was so unwieldy as to be very nearly inoperative; and here again the State Archivist was not mentioned. Local records had no protection whatever except a review for audit value after they were 10 years old. Robert Nesbitt, the present State Archivist, has succeeded in persuading the legislature to enact a new law, based largely on ideas borrowed from Michigan's statutes. It should make a great improvement in the old system.

WEST VIRGINIA

Last summer Arthur B. Koontz, an attorney of Charleston, was named permanent chairman of the West Virginia Historical Commission. West Virginians continue to report a widespread desire for the construction of a new building to house the Department of Archives and History and the State Museum.

WISCONSIN

The famous Draper manuscripts at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin comprise a collection that has now been open to the public a little over 60 years. Though they make up less than 5% of the holdings of the society's manuscript division, more than half the inquiries addressed to the division are for family information from materials in the collection.

In the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, Winter, 1956-57, Lucile Kane, curator of manuscripts at the Minnesota Historical Society, writes on "Settling the Wisconsin Cutovers." In the same issue, Roy N. Lokken of the Wisconsin society's archives division writes on "Research in Wisconsin State and Local Archives."

The society now has in operation a Central State Depository and Loan Collection of Federal Documents. A library and not an archival experiment, the collection was originated by Jesse E. Boell, State Archivist on the staff of the society, and was inaugurated by State law in 1953. Benton H. Wilcox, the society's librarian, explains and evaluates the system in the *Library Journal*, Jan. 15, 1957.

Under the editorship of Alice E. Smith and the late Howard Greene, the society has published the journals of Welcome Arnold Greene, detailing the voyages of the brigantine *Perserverance*, 1817-20. Miss Smith has recently been awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for study of Scottish leadership and capital in the development of the lower Lake Michigan area in the 19th century. After further research in this country she expects to spend some months in England and Scotland in 1958.

WYOMING

Lola M. Homsher, Director of the Wyoming State Archives, State Historical Department, and State Museum, has collaborated with Mary Lou Pence in producing an illustrated volume published by Hastings House under the title *The Ghost Towns of Wyoming*. In the "Books of the Times" column of the *New York Times*, Feb. 5, 1957, a reviewer calls the book "a valuable, carefully documented volume of text and pictures" that will interest anyone who likes the West.

Lewis K. Demand, for several years field representative of Dun and Bradstreet in southwestern Oklahoma, has been appointed assistant archivist for Wyoming, effective April 22. Working at the National Archives in 1949-50 under a Rockefeller Foundation scholarship, Mr. Demand made a survey of Oklahoma records there for the University of Oklahoma. During 1950-51 he gained experience at the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va.; and in 1951-52 he was employed in the office of the secretary, Library of Congress.

The Wyoming Legislature granted, as contingent funds for the 1957-59 biennium, \$144,350 to the State Centralized Microfilm Department administered by Dorothy K. Taylor and \$40,000 for a subordinate traveling unit to film records at county seats. A change in legislation permits temporary removal of documents from the counties to Miss Taylor's department for filming. Upon request, her department must now furnish the State Archives with work copies of film needed for frequent reference. Further, a board consisting of the director of the State Archives, the attorney general, the microfilm administrator, and the head of the department or agency involved can now authorize the substitution of microfilm for original documents.

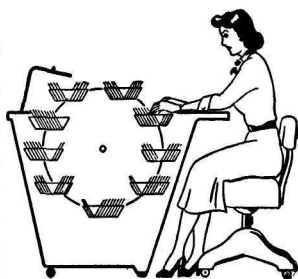
The numerous records of the Isaac L. Ellwood Barbed Wire Co., a firm whose activities figured importantly in the development of the West, have been given to the Archives and Western History Department of the University of Wyoming.

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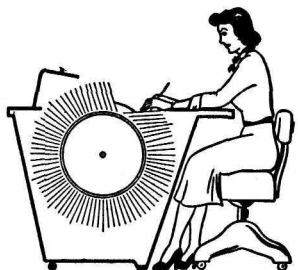


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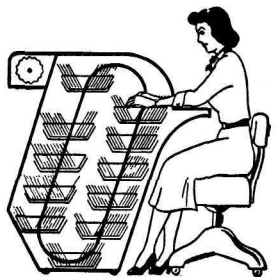


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