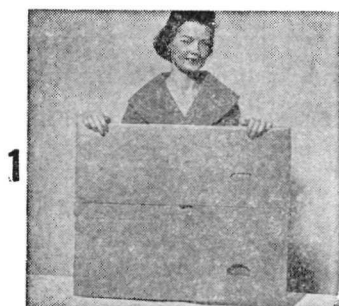


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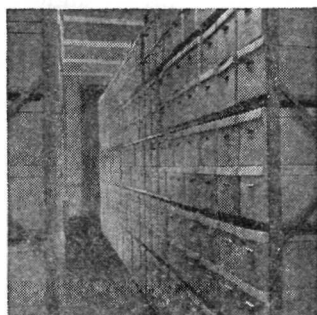
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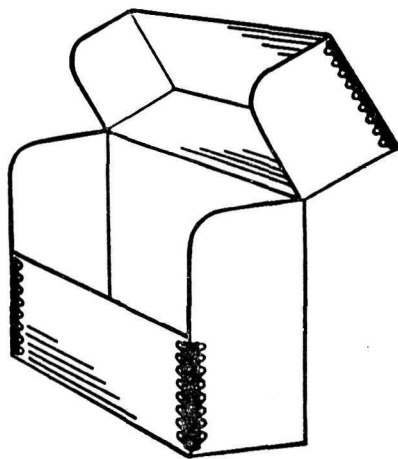
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Editor's Forum

Cultural Property Damage in Chile

In a letter to Philip M. Hamer, president of the Society of American Archivists (in his capacity of Executive Director of the National Historical Publications Commission), Alberto Zapata B., president of the Instituto Científico de Lebu, describes the damages to the institute's scientific library in last May's earthquakes in Chile and requests donations of books and other publications in Spanish to replace the collections destroyed. Undoubtedly many institutional or individual members of the Society are in a position to assist Professor Zapata, who may be addressed at Apartado Postal 123, Lebu, Chile. His letter follows:

El Instituto Científico de Lebu se halla preocupado de restaurar su Biblioteca Central que sufrió cuantiosas pérdidas a consecuencias de los sismos que asolaron la zona Sur de Chile, en los días 21 y 22 de Mayo pasado.

La mayor parte de su patrimonio bibliográfico fué afectado por las inundaciones que provocaron las aguas del Pacífico, perdiéndose colecciones de libros y revistas.

Estamos empeñados en reconstruir en la medida de nuestras fuerzas, solicitando la cooperación de las organizaciones internacionales, organismos oficiales e educativas de todos los países, para que nos envíen libros y publicaciones en idioma español, para dotar esta Biblioteca y poder rehabilitarla cuánto antes para reiniciar sus actividades.

Con este motivo, tengo el agrado de dirigirme al señor Director Ejecutivo de la Comisión Nacional de Publicaciones Históricas, para solicitar un aporte en libros, mapas, etc. sean duplicados o disponibles a fin de incrementar nuestros fondos bibliográficos.

Agradeciéndole la deferencia, que preste a este pedido, hago propicia la circunstancia para saludar a Ud. muy atentamente.

Rights of Literary Property in Manuscripts

Seymour V. Connor, Director of the Southwest Collection, Texas Technological College, authorizes our publication of a letter written by him on this subject, March 31, 1960, to the late Arthur Fisher, Register of Copyrights. Mr. Connor's letter follows:

In a recent newsletter of the American Council of Learned Societies there appeared an invitation from you asking that persons interested in problems of literary property and copyright legislation send you written statements of their views. I trust you have been blanketed with opinions, but nevertheless I would like to take advantage of your invitation to make what is more an inquiry than a statement of opinion.

For some time, because of my connection with the management of archival collections, I have been concerned over the elusive problem of the rights of literary property in manuscripts. Will the revision of the copyright law affect uncopyrighted literary property?

It seems needless to write a lengthy letter about manuscripts if these are not to be involved in the new legislation, but if the new law may affect these rights, I would like to urge that it avoid any confiscatory measures, and I would like to suggest the possibility of some sort of statutory limitation on literary property in manuscripts following the doctrine of abandonment. In short, if the owner of literary property in a manuscript fails to exercise in any way any claim to his literary property in his manuscript within some specified length of time, then he may be considered to have abandoned his property. It appears to me that any other approach to the placing of literary property in manuscripts in the public domain might be confiscatory and would not protect the owner of such property should he desire to sustain his rights.

I hesitate to write at any more length on this matter because the new law may not deal with this problem in any way and I would merely be wasting your time. With apologies, and at the risk of seeming immodest, I am enclosing a reprint of a somewhat superficial summary of this problem from the archivist's viewpoint. If there is a possibility that the revisionary legislation will concern manuscript literary property rights, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity of writing to you further on this subject and soliciting opinions for you from some of my colleagues.

The "reprint" to which Mr. Connor refers is of his paper, "The Problem of Literary Property in Archival Depositories," in *American Archivist*, 21: 143-152 (Apr. 1958).

Looking Ahead

Our April issue will feature papers by L. H. Butterfield, "Bostonians and Their Neighbors as Pack Rats," and Walter Muir Whitehill, " 'In My Father's House Are Many Mansions,' " read at the Society's Boston and New York meetings, respectively. A symposium—on *records management* in government, business, and elsewhere—will be presented in our July issue. Members of the Society may wish to call these plans to the attention of interested nonmembers so that new subscriptions or memberships may be entered before the publication of these issues.

Annual Bibliography

For reasons beyond the control of the compiler of the bibliography, publication of the list of "Writings on Archives, Current Records, and Historical Manuscripts, July 1959-June 1960," scheduled for this issue, has been postponed to the April 1961 issue.

News Notes

DOROTHY HILL GERSACK, *Editor*

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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Directory

The secretary has prepared a *Directory* as of June 30, 1960, which is available to members and subscribers at a dollar a copy. It contains the names and addresses of members arranged geographically with an alphabetical key to geographic location, and it also lists honorary life members, the Fellows of the Society, and committee chairmen. Orders for copies, with remittances, should be sent to the treasurer, Leon deValinger, Jr., P. O. Box 710, Dover, Del.

Membership Dues and American Archivist Subscription Rates

New dues and subscription rates, as approved at the annual business meeting of the Society on October 6, 1960, are as follows: Individual members—\$10 a year; institutional members—\$10 a year; subscriptions—\$10 a year; institutional sustaining—\$100 to \$500 a year; life members—\$200. These rates became effective November 1, 1960.

1960-61 Officers

In accordance with the Constitution, Philip M. Hamer, 1959-60 vice president, succeeds to the 1960-61 presidency. At the annual business meeting of the Society on October 6, 1960, Robert H. Bahmer was elected vice president for 1960-61 and William D. Overman was elected Council member for 1960-65. (The latter succeeded outgoing Council member Wayne C. Grover; other Council members continue for their terms of office.) Leon deValinger, Jr., and Dolores C. Renze were reelected treasurer and secretary, respectively, for 1960-61.

1959-60 Reports

The reports of the secretary, the treasurer, and committee chairmen for the Society year 1959-60 will appear in our April issue, which will publish also the minutes of the business meeting and the two Council meetings at Boston.

NEW MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL: Norman Towne Allen, Woods Hole, Mass.; Virginia Nelle Bellamy, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. William J. Bland, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Francis A. Booth, Huntington, L. I., N. Y.; John Buchanan, Ithaca, N. Y.; Harry Clark, Jr., Independence, Mo.; Herbert A. Fine, Takoma Park, Md.; Helen Harriet Grove, Chicago, Ill.; Carl S. Gulotta, New York City; Charles F. Hinds, Frankfort, Ky.; Newman Jeffrey, Ithaca, N. Y.; Inez C. O'Brien and Dorothy B. Porter, Washington, D. C.; Rinehart S. Potts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kenneth W. Richards, Trenton, N. J.; Boyd C. Shafer, Washington,

D. C.; Mary Conrad Stevenson, Clemson, S. C.; the Rev. E. R. Vollmar, St. Louis, Mo.; Ethel Von Gerichten, New York City; Guy Weatherly, Annapolis, Md.; Walter Muir Whitehill, North Andover, Mass.; Herbert G. Wilson, Akron, Ohio. INSTITUTIONAL: Papers of Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C.; Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, Mass.; Saskatchewan Power Corp., Regina, Saskatoon, Canada.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

ERNEST E. EAST, archival assistant, Illinois State Archives; in Springfield, Ill., October 1, 1960, at the age of 74. He was a past president of the Illinois Historical Society and of the Peoria Historical Society. Among his recently published papers were "Records of Illinois Soldiers at War" (*Illinois Libraries*, 41: 272-287) and "Civil War Memorials for Illinois Veterans" (*ibid.*, 42: 337-351).

ROSCOE R. HILL, archivist and historian; in Washington, D. C., October 26, 1960, at the age of 80. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

ST. GEORGE L. SIOUSSAT, honorary consultant to the Library of Congress in American historiography and former chief of the Manuscript Division; in Washington, D. C., August 31, 1960, at the age of 82. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

(Deaths of persons not members of the Society, if considered to be of interest to readers of this journal, are reported under appropriate domestic or foreign geographical headings.)

24TH ANNUAL MEETING*

The Society of American Archivists held its 24th annual meeting and 3d annual workshop at the Hotel Somerset in Boston, October 4-7, 1960. Local arrangements for the meeting were made by Richard D. Higgins, Archivist of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a corps of assistants from the New England area. Dolores C. Renze, secretary of the Society, coordinated arrangements for the workshop. Alice E. Smith (State Historical Society of Wisconsin) was chairman of the Program Committee. Publicity during the meeting was handled by Edward N. Johnson (National Archives and Records Service), chairman of the Publicity Committee.

There were 218 registered at the meeting, from 39 States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. There were 42 attendants from the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C.; 38 from Massachusetts; 27 from New York; 10 from Illinois; 8 from Pennsylvania; 6 from Indiana; 5 each from Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, and Utah; 4 each from Michigan, Vermont, and Virginia; 3 each from Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; 2 each from Colorado, Delaware, Kansas, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Texas; 1 each from Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine,

* *Editor's note:* Almost never recorded are the sometimes worth-remembering remarks of speakers or their listeners after the presentation of formal papers at meetings of professional groups. The following were among those gleaned from the discussions at the Society's Boston meeting. *Church records:* "I'm looking madly for things I threw away 50 years ago." *Business records:* "Recently when Mr. Lovett went out to pick up some records in the loft of a stable he took along a vacuum cleaner and 150 feet of cord." *Records management:* "A typical attitude can be, 'Every record has to be kept permanently, and by that I mean as long as I am here—after that I don't care what is done with it.'" "Symphony orchestras and archives are not economical institutions; they are parts of civilization and we have to pay for civilization." "I don't know any way to explain quality control briefly." "How can you service *by telephone* a piece of pictorial art if someone needs it and wants to *see* it?"—K.M.

Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming; 2 from Puerto Rico; and 8 from Canada. These figures, derived from a registration list distributed during the meeting, do not entirely reflect actual attendance.

Wednesday, October 5, was devoted to workshop sessions, a visit to the new Massachusetts Archives Building, and a reception by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Historical Society. Dolores C. Renze (Colorado Division of State Archives and Public Records), who presided at the opening general assembly, defined the workshop objectives as follows:

We are convened here today to participate in a workshop consisting of several sessions appealing to what may seem divergent interests. I think we are really brought together by the urge to arrive at a common understanding to enable us as archivists or records administrators to move in concert toward greater effectiveness in the profession in the larger sense. These sessions should inspire the exchange of ideas, the development of wider insights, the identification of the "general" in contrast to the "special," and the growth of particular interests as they relate to the development and advance of Society interests.

There followed workshop sessions on business records, church records, and records management. The several groups came together at noon for an informal luncheon. In the business records workshop a panel led by Robert W. Lovett (Baker Library) discussed materials for business history; panel members were Arthur M. Johnson and George S. Gibb (Harvard Business School) and James Barrett (Raytheon Co.). Another panel, led by Irene M. Strieby (formerly of Eli Lilly & Co.), and composed of Eleanor C. Bishop (Baker Library), Marion E. Wells (First National Bank of Chicago), Helen L. Davidson (Eli Lilly & Co.), and Bruce Sinclair (North Andover Historical Society), took up the organization, preservation, and management of archival materials in business archives.

August R. Suelflow (Concordia Historical Institute) opened the church records workshop by defining the scope of the problem and reporting on techniques. Melvin Gingerich (Goshen College) spoke on arrangement, description, and reference work in church archives; and the Rev. Pascal Marie Varieur discussed the small, specialized, or limited church archives.

Because of its special interest the workshop on records management was divided into three groups, each of which rotated so as to cover repeating sessions of three panels. These sessions concerned the organization and scope of a records management program, led by Everett O. Alldredge (National Archives and Records Service) and Rex Beach (Records Management Division, State of Maryland); records disposition and the relationship between records management and archives administration, led by John Porter (International Business Machines Corp.) and Thomas Wilds (Union Carbide Corp.); and records center operations, led by John T. Caton (Records Management Division, Illinois State Library) and Belden Menkus (Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention).

On Thursday morning the first session of the program proper convened, with LeRoy DePuy (Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission) in the chair. Herbert E. Angel (U. S. General Services Administration) reviewed

the development of records management training programs in universities and in government service; Arthur Barcan (Records Management Institute, New York City) pointed to the crying need for paperwork research and training in industry; and W. G. Ormsby (Public Archives of Canada) and Margaret Pierson (Indiana State Library) described the manuscripts and archives in their collections and discussed various problems connected with reference service.

At the noon luncheon Richard Higgins introduced Deputy Mayor John P. McMorrow, who welcomed the Society as follows:

It is a pleasure for me to represent His Honor Mayor John F. Collins and extend to you his greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable and successful stay in our city. Boston, as you are well aware, has much to offer in the area to which you are devoting your life's work. Its past history, from its establishment in 1630, over 300 years ago, up to the present time, is replete with historical events known throughout the world, which justify our designation as "the Cradle of Liberty and Freedom."

Our history and leadership in the medical field, the educational field, the business world, and many other fields of endeavor have also received world recognition and will continue to receive additional recognition for many, many years in the future. Our famous library system, our outstanding educational institutions, our modern hospitals and clinics, our many religious edifices and institutions, our many government facilities—Federal, State, and local—are all segments of the daily life to which we Bostonians become accustomed and which are the envy of many of our friends throughout the country and the world.

However, I feel certain that the archivist is aware of our many good points which the casual visitor or observer will overlook. My information is that your organization has been in existence for 24 years; and during this short period of time, with a membership of more than 800, you have demonstrated to government and private industry that your profession is not only a highly technical one but one that is a "must" and a necessity for all concerned.

Records management, whether in government or private industry, is an important and highly developed technique, which during the past decade has been progressing with lightning speed—first, because of necessity, and secondly, because we have an organization such as yours to keep government and business informed of up-to-date methods and procedures in the science of keeping and storing not only archival records and documents but other important records.

Your contribution to the success and advancement of this phase of our daily operations is becoming more apparent to the community and the country as time passes on. May your good work prosper and may you all continue your active participation in all aspects of your worthy and time-consuming profession.

Boston salutes you and wishes you well in your present and future endeavors.

To the Deputy Mayor's address of welcome, President Mary Givens Bryan made the following response:

It is most appropriate, I feel, as we return to New England for our 24th annual meeting, that I recall certain events from the past of interest to you. Here in Boston was held the fourth conference of archivists in 1912. At that time the archivists were a committee within the framework of the American Historical Association. Forty-five miles away from us here—in Providence, Rhode Island—the archivists, at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in 1936, organized the Society of American Archivists.

Our next visit to New England was as the Society of American Archivists, when we held our fifth annual meeting, October 6-7, 1941, in Hartford, Connecticut. Next year we shall be a quarter-century old, and now in 1960 at age 24 we find ourselves again here, to rejoice with you in your latest achievement—your new Archives Building.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has long been a great cultural center for America and Americans, as your interests and contributions have reached far beyond the preservation of cultural resources for your State and localities. The archives profession is especially indebted to Massachusetts for the leadership and influence of two of your distinguished sons—John Franklin Jameson of Somerville and Waldo Gifford Leland of Newton. As scholars their names are widely known among historians and archivists in America and abroad.

Then in a delightful address entitled "Bostonians and Their Neighbors as Pack Rats" Lyman H. Butterfield (The Adams Papers) reviewed the practices of early New England collectors and expressed concern over current delinquencies in the collection and preservation of historical records.

In the afternoon Everett O. Alldredge (National Archives and Records Service) presided over a session devoted to "Records Management Practices and Information Retrieval." William L. Rofes (Olin Mathieson Corp.) outlined the methods of paperwork control exercised in an industrial concern with numerous widespread branches and distinct divisions. J. H. Denny (Leahy & Co.) explained how his company strove to promote savings in space, equipment, and personnel. Joshua Stern (U. S. Bureau of Standards) discussed new technical developments in information retrieval.

Walter Muir Whitehill (Boston Athenaeum) presided at the annual dinner. The names of new Fellows of the Society were announced and the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize for 1960 was awarded. Mary Givens Bryan delivered her presidential address (printed elsewhere in this issue), "Changing Times." The annual business meeting followed.

On the final day the program began with a session on town records. Benjamin W. Labaree (Harvard University) opened the discussion with a survey of the development of the New England town meeting; Douglas E. Leach (Vanderbilt University) followed with examples of historical values of town records; and Howard W. Crocker (New York State Education Department) closed with a report on collecting, evaluating, and preserving local records in his State. Stephen T. Riley (Massachusetts Historical Society), who presided over the meeting, added comments from his broad experience in a lively discussion that developed when proponents of "weeding" records argued with those who feared the loss of important historical data in such destruction.

At the closing luncheon honoring delegates and other members who had attended the Fourth International Congress of Archivists at Stockholm in August, Robert H. Bahmer (National Archives) presided and Ernst Posner and David C. Duniway gave reports on the meeting. Dr. Posner's report is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The afternoon was devoted to visits to Harvard University and Baker Library's business archives. Three busloads of visitors met in the Lamont Library to receive greetings extended by Douglas W. Bryant (associate director, Harvard University Library, acting for Paul H. Buck, director) and listen to brief remarks by Clifford K. Shipton (Harvard University Archives) and Robert W. Lovett (Baker Library). Then the group divided, some going to the University Library, others to Baker Library to witness the presentation of a citation to that library by the Forest History Society and hear George S. Gibb

demonstrate a tape-recording project. The members reunited for tea as guests of the Harvard Business School.

An exhibit by the Microfilming Committee, of which Richard W. Hale, Jr., is chairman, added considerably to the success of the Boston meeting. This was in two parts. One, of machines, arranged through the efforts of Frederic Edmonds and the kindness of manufacturers, displayed Documat and Verifax reader-printers, the newest Polaroid copying devices (including one to make transparencies for projection), a Recordak 16 mm. flow or rotary camera, and the prototype of the Micro-Research portable micro-opaque reader. The other, of methods of preparing material for filming, was described in the following statement, which was mimeographed and circulated:

Properly prepared microfilms of manuscripts should—

- (1) have a brief identification visible to the naked eye;
- (2) have a full and correct description of both the contents and the kind of filming done, on an early target;
- (3) provide identification on the frame for any frame that is likely to be enlarged;
- (4) do all this without imposing a burden on the technician.

The exhibits provided here suggest some methods of accomplishing this. Please give us any comments and suggestions.

This part of the exhibit contained forms and instructions used by the Wyoming and Colorado Archives, a "menu board" used by the Vermont Department of Public Records, and both a film and a micro-opaque reproduction of a manuscript at the Boston Athenaeum (prepared to show how specifications 2 to 4 above might be met).

ALICE E. SMITH

FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

At the annual dinner on October 6, 1960, the names of the newly elected Fellows of the Society were formally announced, as follows:

John C. L. Andreassen	Elizabeth B. Drewry	Olney W. Hill
Dorothy C. Barck	Herman R. Friis	Emmett J. Leahy
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Meredith B. Colket, Jr.	William Edwin Hemphill	St. George L. Sioussat

WALDO GIFFORD LELAND PRIZE

For his brilliant essay, " 'These Precious Monuments of . . . Our History,' " Julian Parks Boyd of Princeton University was awarded the Society's Waldo Gifford Leland Prize at the annual dinner on October 6, 1960. Dr. Boyd is editor of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson*. His essay, which was concerned with the Clark manuscripts case, was read before the Society of American Archivists in Washington, D. C., on December 28, 1958 (see *American Archivist*, 22: 147-180, Apr. 1959). The 1960 award took the form of a handsome walnut box bearing an appropriately engraved silver plate.

RESOLUTIONS

At its annual business meeting of October 6, 1960, the Society adopted the following resolutions, recommended by the committee of which Howard W. Crocker was chairman:

Whereas, the success of the Society's 24th annual meeting is due largely to the untiring efforts of the officers, Council members and committees during the past year, be it

Resolved, that the Society through its secretary formally extend its appreciation for their splendid efforts to:

1. All members of the Committee on Local Arrangements, under the chairmanship of Richard D. Higgins, who have provided so adequately for our convenience and enjoyment during our sojourn in Boston.

2. All members of the Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Alice E. Smith, who have provided a schedule of stimulating sessions.

3. All members of the Committee on Workshops, under the chairmanship of Dolores C. Renze, who have provided interesting and profitable sessions.

4. The manager and staff of the Hotel Somerset for their cooperation in making facilities available.

5. The Massachusetts Historical Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and Harvard University for their hospitality.

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has completed a new archives building for the preservation of its historical records, be it

Resolved, that the Society congratulate the appropriate officials of Massachusetts.

Whereas, the Society of American Archivists, having sustained a severe loss during the past year by the death of the following members—John F. X. Britt of the Ford Motor Company, Ernest E. East of the Illinois State Archives, Carl L. Lokke of the National Archives, Howard A. Merritt, Jr., State Archivist of Wisconsin, and St. George L. Sioussat of the Library of Congress—be it

Resolved, that the Society record grateful appreciation of their contributions to the work of the Society, and be it also

Resolved, that the sympathy of the Society be extended to their respective families.

Whereas, there is a steady increase in interest and activity in the fields of archival practice and records management in government, business, and industry, be it

Resolved, that the Society increase its educational and promotional efforts to insure the continued growth of that interest and activity.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

American University

Cooperating with the National Archives and Records Service, the Maryland Hall of Records, and the Library of Congress, the American University repeated its traditional cycle of intensive institutes during the 1960 summer session. The seventh institute on records management, under the directorship of Everett O. Alldredge, enrolled 50 students from Federal and State agencies, business, and foreign countries. Ernst Posner and T. R. Schellenberg served as codirectors of the fourteenth institute in the preservation and administration of archives; of the 24 members of this institute, 5 came from State archival and historical agencies in New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin, while foreign institutions were represented by students from Ecuador, Nigeria, and Yugoslavia. The tenth institute of genealogical research, co-sponsored by the American Society of Genealogists, was led by Meredith B. Colket, Jr., director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, assisted by Frank E. Bridgers of the National Archives. Its 16 students came from as far

ords and Archives Administration Program, School of Government and Public Administration, The American University, Washington 6, D.C.

University of California

In the present academic year the university has inaugurated in its extension school an evening course encompassing paperwork management workshops. Instructors are members of the NARS General Services Administration Region 9 staff, San Francisco. Most of the students are with business and industry in the area.

Radcliffe College—Harvard University

The institute on historical and archival management, sponsored by Radcliffe College and the Department of History of Harvard University, held its seventh annual session from June 27 to August 5, with 16 students. Among the visiting faculty were Lyman H. Butterfield, H. G. Jones, John W. Porter, Ernst Posner, Frederick L. Rath, Jr., James H. Rodabaugh, Vernon D. Tate, Lawrence W. Towner, and Walter M. Whitehill. Besides class work at Radcliffe, field trips were made to historical societies, archives, museums, and historic sites in the Greater Boston area—to Salem, Plymouth, and Old Sturbridge Village, to mention the most distant points. Lester J. Cappon is director of the institute.

University of Texas

An institute on archival management, the first of its kind to be offered in the Southwest, was held at the University of Texas in Austin from July 18 through August 12, 1960. Twenty-two persons completed the course and received diplomas. The institute was conducted by T. R. Schellenberg, Assistant Archivist of the United States, assisted by Winnie Allen, Archivist, University of Texas, and Dorman H. Winfrey, Archivist, Texas State Library. The capitol city of Texas was an ideal locality for this institute, for housed in Austin are the Texas State Archives, the University of Texas Archives, the Catholic Archives of Texas, and the Archives of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Tours were made to these archival agencies, the Records Division of the Texas State Library, and the General Land Office of Texas. The institute, which was organized to assist those who attended it to manage documentary materials properly, consisted of a series of lectures in the field of archival administration, a practical demonstration of the methods of arranging and describing manuscript collections, individual training in descriptive techniques, and a study of the principles and techniques followed in State archival and historical institutions. The course provided both theoretical and practical training in all phases of work with all kinds of documentary materials—private and public papers, audiovisual records, and cartographic records.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem

A two-year course for archivists, given for the first time during the present academic year, is open to holders of bachelor of arts degrees who, in addition to knowing Hebrew, have a working knowledge of English, French, or German.

MEETINGS

*Archivists' and Historians' Conference of the Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)*

Historical preservation was the keynote of the sixth archivists' and historians' conference in St. Louis, October 25-26. Topics discussed included a library filing system or union catalog card adaptable nationwide to the specialized use of the church historian; methods of procedure for archivists as collectors, research men, and authors; sources of information available to the researcher; and the archivist's need for historical consciousness and thoroughness.

American Association for State and Local History

Frederick L. Rath, Jr., vice director of the New York State Historical Association, was elected president of the American Association for State and Local History at its twentieth annual business meeting in Iowa City, September 2. Albert B. Corey, New York State Historian, was elected secretary. The association will meet in San Francisco in 1961 and in Buffalo in 1962. In 1963 it will meet jointly with the Society of American Archivists at Raleigh.

Interagency Records Administration Conference

The Conference discussed "Records in the Space Age" and "Management Investigates Records" at its September 16 and October 21 meetings in Washington, D. C. IRAC has granted charters to a Directives Management Council and a Forms Management Council, which will serve the professional interests of specialists in important areas of records management. The Directives Management Council devoted its September 30 meeting to the new Federal personnel manual system and its October 28 meeting to the Federal procurement regulations system.

MANUSCRIPT SOURCES OF AMERICAN
JOURNALISM HISTORY

A "Guide to Manuscript Sources of the History of American Journalism" (to be ready September 1, 1961) is the goal of a committee project of the Association for Education in Journalism. Seven regional editors are serving under cochairmen Robert A. Rutland, University of California, Los Angeles, and Judd Grenier, El Camino College, Lawndale, Calif. They invite "information about manuscripts written to or from editors, publishers, reporters and others in the field of journalism." The regional editors met at University Park, Pa., on September 2 to outline the project.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

National Archives

Copies of specifications of patents issued from 1790 to 1836, prepared from documents in the possession of inventors or their families to replace originals lost in the Patent Office fire of 1836, have recently been transferred to the National Archives. The reconstructed drawings for patents issued during

these years were already in the National Archives. Other significant records received from the Patent Office were "interference" case files, 1836-1900, relating to determinations of priority when two or more inventors claimed the same invention, and case files, 1834-74, relating to the extension of patent rights beyond the usual period because the inventors claimed that they had not realized financial rewards commensurate with the importance of their inventions. ¶ Among the more than 3,100 reels of motion-picture film accessioned during the past fiscal year were scenes showing the funeral of Secretary of State Dulles, the visit of Vice President Nixon to Poland and the Soviet Union, President Eisenhower's trips to South America and to Europe and Asia, the Paris Summit Conference, and Premier Khrushchev's first visit to the United States. ¶ Newly accessioned still pictures include 45,000 photographs, 1943-45, from the Army Air Forces, mainly showing the transport of troops and supplies from South America to Africa and Asia; and 41,500 photographs of the International Press Service of the U. S. Information Agency documenting United States information activities abroad, 1948-58. ¶ Recent microfilm publications include records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of Russia and the Soviet Union, 1910-29 (178 rolls); an Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-97 (171 rolls); and Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the States of Alabama (508 rolls), Arkansas (256 rolls), and Louisiana (414 rolls). The Miscellaneous Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy, 1801-84, have been microfilmed through 1842 (189 rolls). ¶ Preliminary inventories of records in the National Archives recently issued are no. 129, General Records of the Economic Stabilization Agency, compiled by Charles Zaid; no. 130, Records of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, compiled by Richard S. Maxwell; and no. 131, Records of Inaugural Committees, compiled by F. Hardee Allen. ¶ The American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents has prepared and the National Archives has published another guide to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va.—no. 17, Records of Headquarters, German Armed Forces High Command (Part II). ¶ Further information about the microfilm and copies of the publications may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, the National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

Office of Records Management

Agency reports of records holdings as of June 30, 1960, showed a total volume of 24,450,300 ft. of U. S. Government records. Offices of agencies held 13,253,900 ft.; centers of agencies, 4,520,800 ft.; Federal Records Centers, 5,763,700 ft.; and the National Archives, 911,900 ft. It is encouraging to note that the volume of records in office space has been reduced by nearly two million feet since 1955, when the agencies reported a total of 15,000,955 ft. ¶ The work to simplify documentation in international shipping made a great stride forward with the creation of the interagency Water Transportation Facilities Committee. The program and plans were discussed with over a hundred enthusiastic members of the American Merchant Marine Institute in

New York on November 3. Analysis of the more than 300 shipping documents shows that consolidation and simplification of forms will save money, time, and manpower for both the shipping industry and government. ¶ Technical training of the records management personnel of Federal agencies has been formalized in a five-day conference held monthly. The enrollment is limited to about 20 analysts in each conference. ¶ Two new General Records Schedules, 18 and 19, have been authorized by Congress. They set standards for records pertaining to security and protective services and records of research and development. A revision of General Records Schedule 9 permits disposal, after specified periods of time, of formerly "frozen" transportation records except for the five years 1942-46. ¶ A limited number of copies of the *Files Management Manual* (1960) of the National Bureau of Standards, which combines in one volume the files classification and disposal authorizations, may be secured from the Office of Records Management.

Harry S. Truman Library

An article about the Harry S. Truman Library as a new research center for the Middle West, by Philip D. Lagerquist, appeared in the *Journal* of the Central Mississippi Valley Chapter of the American Studies Association (Spring 1960: 1-9). ¶ The Library now has commitments from 44 associates of former President Truman and officials of the Truman administration for the deposit of their papers in the Library. First installments have been received of the papers of John D. Clark, former member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and of Stephen J. Spingarn, former Special Assistant and Administrative Assistant to the President and Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission. The next step is to acquire papers relating to Mr. Truman's presidential career. ¶ The Library has received from the School of Communications of the University of Washington 20 sound recording tapes of Truman speeches and historic events involving him. They include broadcasts covering the death of President Roosevelt, V-E Day, and V-J Day. They are from a historical transcription project designed to preserve significant broadcasts of the Columbia Broadcasting System. ¶ The Library has also received records of the Cooperative League, 1939-49, and by transfer from the National Archives the records of several commissions, which served in a fact-finding or advisory capacity to President Truman. ¶ Of the 92 research room permits issued at the Library since it was opened for research in May 1959, more than 50 have been issued to persons writing books or doctoral dissertations. Seventeen of the researchers received grants from the Harry S. Truman Library Institute. Applications for grants should be submitted to the Director of the Library at Independence, Mo. The Board of Directors of the Truman Library Institute favors grants to younger scholars rather than to those of established reputation. Most grants are given to those working on the period of Mr. Truman's Presidency and some may cover work in other depositories if it is related to work done primarily at the Truman Library. The Institute's committee on grants will consider projects in the other fields of the Library—the history and nature of the Presidency and American foreign relations—provided the Library has enough material on the subject proposed.

National Historical Publications Commission

Scheduled for publication by the Yale University Press in January 1961 is *A Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States*, compiled by the staff of the Commission. The work contains descriptions of the manuscript holdings of more than 1,300 depositories, large and small, and is based on published and unpublished guides, inventories, and lists. It may be obtained from the Yale University Press for \$12.50. ¶ Leonard C. Faber, former assistant editor of the Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society, has joined the staff of the Commission.

Office of the Federal Register

With the publication of the seventh volume of the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*, entitled *Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953*, the Eisenhower administration has been covered except for the final volume, which is scheduled for release early in 1961. All volumes may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Manuscript Division has received letters from Benjamin Harrison to his cousin, Margaret Peltz of St. Louis, Mo., 1877-93, which contain important biographical material and have been added to the Harrison collection. Also received recently are about 500 family papers, 1888-1927, supplementing the papers of Gen. William Mitchell, the pioneer of military aviation; and some 200 letters of Bishop Charles Henry Brent to Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, 1906-29, valuable for a study of Bishop Brent as author and lecturer as well as church leader, Chief of Chaplain Service in World War I, and United States representative to several international opium conferences. ¶ With the completion of the microfilming of the Martin Van Buren papers (35 rolls at \$306) the Library's holdings of the papers of nine Presidents have been published on film. No index to the Van Buren papers will be published, but copies of the *Calendar of the Papers of Martin Van Buren*, published by the Library in 1910, are available without charge to libraries and to purchasers of the microfilm.

OTHER FEDERAL NEWS

Department of State

In order to study the files of the Department of State, Terry Beach of NARS and Frances T. Bourne of the Department have visited U. S. embassies in Brussels, Bonn, Vienna, Oslo, and London.

Department of the Army

The Adjutant General of the Department of the Army presented on closed-circuit television, November 1-3, "The Armed Forces Correspondence Management Workshop in Effective Writing" ("plain letters"). The workshop was beamed to audiences at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.; Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort Detrick, Frederick, Md.; the National

Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; and Fort George G. Meade, Md. Jacob W. White (NARS General Services Administration Region 3) was instructor. Over 400 military and civilian students participated.

Inaugural Committee

The 1961 Inaugural Committee opened offices on the fifth floor of the Liberty Loan Building, 14th and D Streets, S. W., Washington, D. C., on October 5. The National Archives has 48 ft. of records of previous Inaugural Committees—fragments of the records of the 1933, 1937, 1941, and 1945 committees, and more complete records of the 1949, 1953, and 1957 committees. The recent publication of an inventory of these is noted under National Archives and Records Service, above. Also issued late in 1960 was a revised edition, prepared by the General Reference and Bibliography Division of the Library of Congress, of *Presidential Inaugurations: A Selected List of References*; this is for sale by the Government Printing Office at 45¢ a copy.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

California

Records of two San Francisco business firms—the Well, Pack, & Co., wholesale grocers, founded in 1849, and the hardware firm of Charles Brown & Sons, founded in 1857—have been turned over to the California Historical Society. The society now receives monthly all photographs discarded by the *San Francisco Chronicle*; it already has an excellent collection of photographs for the period 1860-1907. ¶ According to a November 8, 1960, UPI dispatch from San Francisco, the Stanford University Library discovered “\$50,000 worth of old volumes of Americana” to be missing when an advertisement in a trade publication offered for sale a Woodrow Wilson letter given the university by former San Francisco Mayor Elmer Robinson. The thief has been arrested.

Colorado

The Western History Department of the Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver 2, offers a free catalog of over 100,000 library-owned pictorial items relating to the discovery and settlement of the American West. ¶ The Division of State Archives and Public Records was host at workshop sessions for district court clerks early in December. For the winter and spring quarters of 1961 G. N. Saletore of India will have assignments in the Division and at the University of Denver as a part of his exchange professional internship program.

Connecticut

Yale University's new Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 131 ft. x 88 ft., and 50 ft. high, will have “tempered air for books and scholars, and hermetically sealed vaults for items in storage.” A great shaft fitted with illuminated bookshelves in the center of the hall will hold 180,000 volumes. Stresses of roof

and walls will be carried on four corner columns and trusses of steel on the four facades, leaving the entire interior unobstructed.

Indiana

The official and personal papers of the late John Joseph O'Connor, Congressman from New York, 1923-39, have been received by the Lilly Library of Indiana University. ¶ Eleanor Cammack in her annual report on the Archives of DePauw University and Indiana Methodism describes the receipt of nearly 4,000 items including diaries, letters, and other papers of past presidents, teachers, and students, and records of Methodist churches in Greencastle, ca. 1856-95. ¶ The Mennonite Church Archives, established in 1939, now occupies a part of the Goshen College Biblical Seminary Building, dedicated June 4, 1960. Besides records of the general conference, district conferences, individual congregations, and major boards of the church, the archives include the private papers of some 200 former and present church leaders. ¶ Fannie B. Richardson, the Eisenhower family genealogist, died on October 30, in Greenwood, at the age of 58. Much of the Eisenhower genealogical material she gathered will be deposited in the Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kans.

Kansas

The Central Mississippi Valley chapter of the American Studies Association and the University of Kansas are joint sponsors of a new *Journal* to replace the *Bulletin* of the former. The editor, Stuart Levine, University of Kansas, plans to include a series of articles on new resources for students of American civilization. The first such article was on the Truman Library. The second will discuss the new Mark Twain Museum and Library in Hartford, Conn. ¶ The Kansas State Historical Society, which is publishing jointly with the 1961 Kansas Centennial Commission a 300-page pictorial history of the State, has received prints about Kansas industry, early oilfield and refinery scenes, and prints from colleges and universities, towns, hospitals, other associations and organizations, and many individuals. ¶ Under the auspices of the Kansas Centennial Commission, with the cooperation of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, two semitrailers containing exhibits of Kansas history and art will tour the State, April 1 through October of 1961.

Kentucky

Charles F. Hinds, formerly field representative for the Margaret I. King Library, University of Kentucky, became Director of the Archives and Records Service of Kentucky on July 1.

Louisiana

John C. L. Andreassen was summarily replaced as Director of the Louisiana State Archives and Records Commission on August 1 by John Regard, former State House sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Andreassen, a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Archivist*, is among the newly elected Fellows of the Society announced on October 6. Early in November he entered Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, to be treated for a serious and previously unsuspected physical disorder.

Maryland

The Maryland Historical Society has received seven boxes of papers of the Glenn family reflecting life in Maryland before, during, and after the Civil War; and, from the late St. George L. Sioussat, papers relating to his ancestors the Leakins of Baltimore and to the Hoxton family of Prince Georges County. Dr. Sioussat was one of three honorary members of the society. ¶ Historic Annapolis, Inc., announced the appointment of Lloyd A. Brown as director of research, effective November 1. Mr. Brown was formerly with the Chicago Historical Society.

Massachusetts

Bertram K. Little, Director, Society of the Preservation of New England Antiquities, informs us that Thomas E. Andrews' present work is with archives of this society rather than with those of the Massachusetts Historical Society as reported previously (*American Archivist*, 23:474). ¶ The complete microfilm edition of the 55 volumes of the Henry Knox papers (see *American Archivist*, 23:231), with the index, may be purchased for \$375 from Stephen T. Riley, Director, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston St., Boston 15.

Michigan

According to the 1960 fiscal year report of Geneva Kehler, Archivist, the State Archives received records from 3 municipal and 16 State agencies. Finding aids and improved accessioning and scheduling procedures, initiated in 1958-59, have been effective.

Minnesota

Forest History Society, Inc., 2706 W. Seventh Blvd., St. Paul 16, is interested in locating diaries or other source materials relating to activities of the Forestry Section, Tenth Engineers (later reorganized as the Twentieth Engineers), in World War I. The war diaries of Col. William B. Greeley, chief of the Forestry Section, are being edited by George T. Morgan, Jr.

Mississippi

The State Department of Archives and History received an award of merit for outstanding achievements in the field of State and local history at the annual meeting of the American Association for State and Local History at Iowa City in September.

Missouri

The Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University of Missouri, Columbia, has been recognized by the Forest History Society as an approved repository of manuscripts relating to forest history. Papers of the Missouri Lumber and Mining Co. are the major collection on the subject in the repository. ¶ The microfilm library of the Concordia Historical Institute now has over 35,000 ft. of film; positive copies are available for loan. The institute has received 7 ft. of material known as the Buenger collection—700

items (manuscripts and books) primarily pinpointing resources of the "Saxon immigration" of 1838-39 but also including personal papers and manuscripts of prominent Lutheran leaders of several generations ago in the Missouri Synod. ¶A new Civilian Personnel Records Center Building for the U. S. General Services Administration is under construction in St. Louis.

Montana

The Museum of the Historical Society of Montana, on the State Capitol grounds, Helena, houses the historical library, established 1865, which has a research collection of frontier and Old West books, manuscripts, newspapers, and photographs, particularly relating to Montana and the Great Plains region.

New Hampshire

On October 6 Gov. Wesley Powell announced the appointment of a committee to develop a State records management program. State Librarian Mildred McKay is a member. The Governor has recommended the construction of a central archives building for State records.

New Mexico

The New Mexico Records Center and Archives, 404 Montezuma, Santa Fe, was formally opened on October 29, with a tour of the installation by 200 invited guests, among whom was Dolores Renze, secretary of the Society of American Archivists.

North Carolina

Christopher Crittenden, Director of the Department of Archives and History, suggested at a hearing before the Commission on Reorganization of State Government on July 20 that a combined cultural-educational center be erected as a "complex of buildings." The proposed center would house the Department of Archives and History, the State Library, the State Museum of Natural History, and the State Museum of Art. ¶Cyrus B. King became Assistant State Archivist in charge of the Archives Section, Division of Archives and Manuscripts, on October 14. ¶An article on North Carolina's county records program, by State Archivist H. G. Jones, appears elsewhere in this issue.

North Dakota

Gerhard A. Gehrs, archivist of the North Dakota district and district representative of the Concordia Historical Institute since 1952, died on February 26, 1960, at Crystal.

Ohio

The Department of Finance has appointed as chief of its Records Management Unit William Archer, formerly a member of the Michigan records center staff. He is making a survey of all rented, leased, and owned space to determine the volume and cost of records storage by State agencies. ¶Thornton W. Mitchell joined the staff of the Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction on September 6, to be responsible for the department's records management program. Mr. Mitchell, who has been in the fields of archives administra-

tion and records management for 20 years, is a member of the Council of the Society of American Archivists. ¶ The State university is assembling an "educational archives" for which it will collect report cards, teachers' certificates, diplomas, reward-of-merit cards, record books of teachers, and other school papers from any section of the country for any date. Such papers or information about them should be sent to Robert S. Sutton, Associate Professor, History of Education, Ohio State University, Columbus 10. ¶ The Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, has received the records of the Western Reserve Bank of Warren (now the Union Savings & Trust Co.), the first bank in the Reserve, chartered in 1812. The 11 volumes include minutes of the board of directors, 1813-49.

Pennsylvania

The Governor's Office of Administration, Harrisburg, has produced *A Guide to Efficient Filing*, prepared under the chairmanship of LeRoy DePuy for file supervisors and others. Training sessions were held in November for supervisors of large installations, who in turn will provide similar training for their own employees.

South Dakota

Lillie M. Zimmerman and George G. Smith, early settlers of Lake County, have contributed funds for a museum building to house the collections of the county historical society. The building, on the campus of Eastern State College in Madison, will be maintained by the college.

Tennessee

According to the August 1960 *Newsletter* of the Historical Commission of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Nashville research center has microfilm copies of almost 2,000,000 pages of minutes of the associations of 15 of the States in the convention. The church administration conferences held in August emphasized the better keeping of church records.

Texas

On August 31 Winnie Allen retired as Archivist of the University of Texas. Dorman H. Winfrey, former State Archivist, succeeded to her position, and James M. Day has been appointed State Archivist. ¶ I. James Pikel, Jr., who has been granted a Ford Foundation fellowship to make a study of the southern pulp and paper industry and its impact on the South, is seeking research materials regarding the industry's history. He may be addressed in care of the Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Vermont

The Public Records Division moved during the last week of September from the basement of the State Library Building, Montpelier, to the first floor of the State Administration Building (formerly National Life Building), where space is adequate for office and microfilm operations. A basement provides space

for an archival vault, other storage, photostating, and a records center. ¶ Richard G. Wood, chairman of the Vermont Civil War Centennial Committee, reports that the Public Records Division has microfilmed for the committee these Civil War items in private hands: Curtis Abbott's account of service with Co. H, Vermont Sharpshooters; letters of Alfred H. Batchelder and Charles W. Baker; papers of Valentine G. Barney; Bakersfield correspondence of Hiram Hodgkins and Ephraim Giddings; and diaries of William Bacon, Elisha Barney, John J. Monahan (also a scrapbook), Eldridge W. Prior, W. C. Holman, Charles C. Cowles of Wells, and Mrs. George Cooke.

Virginia

The Manuscript Division of the University of Virginia has received additional letters and manuscripts of many American authors; letters of Thomas Jefferson, Henry Clay, Jefferson Davis, and Woodrow Wilson; records of several Virginia churches, 1822-1960; some 50,000 items (ca. 1740-1949) relating to Albemarle County, formerly kept at the courthouse and county office building; genealogical records, including tombstone inscriptions from church and private cemeteries of Fluvanna County; papers of State Senator William Allen Garrett, 1905-50; and records of the Virginia division of the American Association of University Women. ¶ The Virginia State Library, Richmond, has published the Virginia Colonial Records Project's Special Reports 25, 26, 27, and 28 under the title *The British Public Record Office*. The volume is available at \$4 (less one-fourth discount to libraries and dealers). ¶ Forrest C. Pogue, Director of the George C. Marshall Research Center, P. O. Box 831, Lexington, requests information, photographs, letters, and papers relating to the career of General Marshall.

Washington

A basic collection of historical source materials, the messages of Washington's 15 Territorial Governors to the Legislative Assembly, 1854-89, as edited by Charles M. Gates, has been published by the University Press, Seattle, as vol. 12 of the university's *Publications in Social Sciences* (\$3).

Wisconsin

Richard A. Erney was appointed State Archivist on November 1. A native of Ohio, Mr. Erney formerly directed the educational project of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

FOREIGN NEWS

Canada

Two letters of Florence Nightingale, a series of letters describing conditions in Germany and Poland after World War I, and two volumes of observations of the London scene, 1784-86, made by the American Loyalist William Smith, last Royal Chief Justice of the Province of New York, are now in the Douglas Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

El Salvador

The Asociación General de Archivistas, established in San Salvador in 1960, is interested in training personnel and improving techniques for administering private and public records. In seeking solutions for problems in the archival field it will welcome contact with archival institutions and archivists. The secretary, Alfonso Mira Castro, may be addressed at Apartado Postal 664, San Salvador.

Germany

While excavating on the bombed site of the Nazi Authors and Publishers Society in the Tiergarten district of Berlin on October 6, construction workers unearthed a safe containing letters from important Nazis. These were turned over to the U. S. Department of State's document center in Berlin. Some bear the signatures of Rudolf Hess, Martin Bormann, and Alfred Rosenberg.

Netherlands

D. P. M. Graswinkel, retired Director General of the Archives of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, died on September 9, 1960.

Rhodesia and Nyasaland

The National Archives of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland has issued a 13-page pamphlet, *The National Archives and Your Records*, instructing government agencies on the advantages of records retirement and on procedures. Its graphic presentation and lucid explanation are exceptional. A special feature is the $\frac{1}{2}$ cu. ft. collapsible box for transmittal of records by mail. R. W. S. Turner, Principal Records Officer, notes that "the Federation is roughly 1,000 miles long by 1,000 miles broad; the rural areas are administered by District or Native Commissioners. Some valuable records generate in these outstations, for example, the introduction of a new agricultural method or a case involving witchcraft. The small box permits a steady flow of this type of material."

United Kingdom

John Broadbent Morgan, Assistant Archivist in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland since 1956, died on April 17, 1960, in Belfast, at the age of 38.

Venezuela

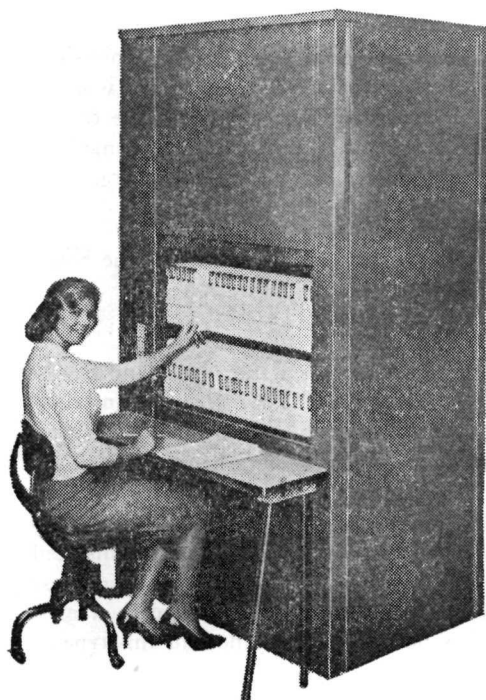
Y. P. Kathpalia of the National Archives of India, known to our readers for his article on hand lamination, is teaching repair and preservation at the National Archives of Venezuela. Funds for this course were provided by the Creole, Shell, Mendoza, and Boulton Foundations. Mr. Kathpalia has stimulated interest in archival matters generally, and a course in archives administration is now offered by the University of Caracas and one in microfilming techniques by a business firm of Caracas.

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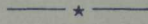
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