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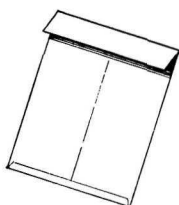
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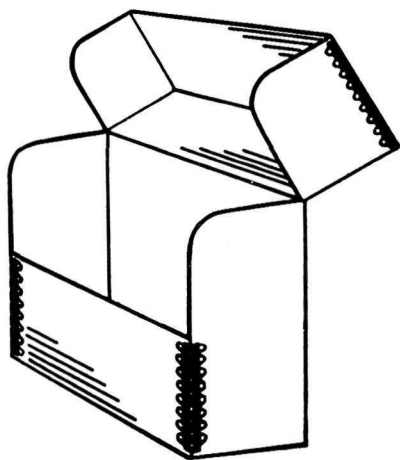
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## President's Page

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THE dependence of the Society on the volunteer efforts of its members has been noted previously in these pages. Appreciation is also due the institutions with which these members are connected that permit them to devote varying amounts of official time to Society business and especially to institutions that go further to provide physical facilities, duplicating services, supplies, and even clerical and professional assistance to Society officials.

As our Society has grown larger, however, support of its activities completely by these individual and institutional subsidies of time and resources has become increasingly difficult. This problem will become greater as the Society continues to grow. The solution seems to lie in obtaining additional revenue to finance paid workers who can take over basic administrative duties, thereby permitting volunteer workers to concentrate on matters of professional interest.

Increased revenue can come from several sources. Dues from additional members will help, but the dues themselves, now among the lowest in comparable organizations, inevitably must be raised. What other body assesses its individual members only \$10 a year and provides annual meetings, regional and local symposia, employment service, technical advice from its committees, and a professional journal containing articles, news notes, book reviews, bibliographies, abstracts of foreign literature, and numerous other features of such high quality?

More institutional members can be induced, as our secretary has demonstrated, to become sustaining members at \$100 to \$500 a year. Charges for advertisements in the *American Archivist*, although recently increased, are still comparatively low and can be increased further. Some organizations finance a large part of their activities through charges for exhibit space at their annual meetings. Local arrangements committees have proved that our Society can also derive support from exhibits at its meetings, at least in larger cities like New York and Atlanta.

With additional financing the Society can in time provide adequate clerical help for the secretary, the treasurer, and the editor. A modest beginning has already been made toward financing clerical work in the office of the secretary, and the Council has agreed to increase this support as rapidly as possible. In time a combined secretary-treasurer, paid wholly or in part, is not impossible. Such financial support would ease some of the burdens now borne by a few individuals and institutions and would make others more willing to assume them. This would naturally lead to wider participation in the affairs of the Society and provide a broader base for still further growth.

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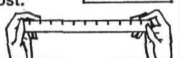


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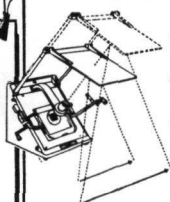
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## NEW PRODUCTS & DATA

### *Paper Permanence*

In April B. L. Browning and W. A. Wink presented a report on "The Prediction of Paper Permanence" at the American Chemical Society meeting. The report was the first part of the Institute of Paper Chemistry's Studies on the Permanence and Durability of Paper. The authors noted that paper, being basically cellulose fibers, is rather perishable. It is subject to hydrolysis, oxidation, and photochemical decomposition and to rapid destruction by fire, biological decay, and insects. But under favorable conditions cellulose, either in the form of textiles or paper, has survived many centuries without substantial decay. Outside the paper industry "permanence" and "durability" are often used interchangeably, but according to *The Dictionary of Paper*, quoted by the authors, the "permanence of paper refers to the retention of significant use properties, particularly folding endurance and color, over prolonged periods." Durability is the "degree to which a paper retains its original qualities under continual usage." In order to determine the retention of paper quality specific criteria must be identified. The important physical and optical properties are: (1) resistance to folding, (2) resistance to tearing, (3) resistance to tensile failure, and (4) color. Necessarily the important properties vary with the intended use of the paper.

Internal and external factors determine the permanence of paper. Established in the manufacturing process, the internal factors include kind and quality of fibers, sizing materials, the presence of acids and metallic salts, and other components. Temperature, relative humidity (moisture content of the paper), light, contaminants in the atmosphere, etc. are some of the external factors that are related to conditions of storage or use. "The manufacturer is responsible for production of a paper having potential permanence; the user for storage of the product under conditions that are optimum for long life."

The validity of accelerated aging for estimating the permanence of paper has been examined by aging papers at five temperatures over the range of 120 to 60° C. Since the rate of aging is influenced by moisture, the papers were aged in sealed containers to maintain the original moisture content. Plots of logarithm of folding endurance *versus* time of aging were nonlinear for some papers. Zero-span tensile strength (as a measure of fiber strength) decreased much less rapidly during aging than did folding endurance. The specific absorption coefficient (as a measure of development of

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colored substances in the paper) increased markedly during aging. Arrhenius plots for the three tests on four papers were approximately linear, and the slopes indicated similar activation energies. The results obtained indicate a general validity of accelerated aging, under the conditions used, for estimating the relative permanence of paper during natural aging. However, the nonuniformity of paper and the variability in test results by conventional methods of paper testing preclude an accurate prediction of expected life.

Since aging behavior under normal conditions will be affected by factors not provided for in tests—such as the average temperature of storage (possibly also by temperature cycling), the average relative humidity (possibly also by humidity cycling), exposure to light, and the presence of atmospheric contaminants (particularly acidic gases such as sulfur dioxide)—the expected life of paper cannot be given in exact figures. Perhaps, under the circumstances, predicting permanence of paper may best be accomplished by establishing comparative rankings.

### *Microprobe of Microfilm Blemishes*

In the March–April 1967 issue of *Photographic Science & Engineering* are found the results of an “Electron Microprobe Examination of Aging Blemishes in Microfilm.” On p. 107 Deane R. White and Norman E. Weston present a summary of their research at Du Pont using an electron microscope to investigate the occurrence of sulfur in microspots. The article indicates that:

Electron microprobe examination of blemishes from six selected samples of microfilms impaired by the occurrence of Type 1 blemishes and one by Type 4 blemishes showed (a) that the ring structure visible on microscopic examination of Type 1 blemishes could be correlated in many, but not all, cases with nonuniform silver distribution; (b) that in many cases the silver concentration is lower toward the center of a blemish area than in the surround; and (c) that high or uneven sulfur concentration was not necessary to the occurrence of blemishes. Microprobe techniques first used were destructive of the sample, but new techniques developed during the course of this work gave the later results without destruction of the sample and in a display form relatively easy to comprehend.

### *Urban Information Retrieval System*

An Urban Information Retrieval System that scans hundreds of microfilmed documents in a few seconds and automatically selects those with desired subject matter is speeding research time at the library of the Center for Urban Regionalism, Kent State University, Akron, Ohio. John E. Richert, associate director of the center, developed the system, which includes an “Urban Thesaurus”—a 20,000 key word-phrase index. The Kent State center gathers existing urban information and research data especially useful to urban planners; abstracts the information if necessary; indexes each document according to key words or phrases in the thesaurus; and microfilms each abstract along with its access codes. James G. Coke, director, believes that the Urban Thesaurus has the potential of becoming the standard tool for coding and indexing of all urban data throughout the United States.

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## TECHNICAL MAILBAG

*Motion Picture Restoration Printer*

Bruce C. Harding, Archivist, Ohio State University, Columbus 43210, reports that the university's department of photography has recently acquired a restoration printer that was designed and built by Kemp Niver to convert the Library of Congress paper print collection to film. The device was donated to the university by Niver for the purpose of continuing the restoration of historic motion pictures that are fast disappearing because of neglect, desiccation, shrinkage, etc. The printer, the only type of its kind in the world, will also be used for graduate studies in film history. It is capable of handling all types of historic films including 9½mm., 16mm., 28mm., 32mm., and 35mm. A résumé of the important work done with it before acquisition by the university is found in Kemp R. Niver, *Motion Pictures From the Library of Congress Paper Print Collection, 1894-1912* (Berkeley and Los Angeles, University of California Press, 1967). This volume catalogs the 2 million feet of film recently restored from the rolls of paper prints deposited in the Library for copyright purposes during the formative years of the cinema. As part of its program, Kent State University's department of photography will seek out, restore, and preserve historic material from film archives and private collections. Charges for the restoration service will be negotiated. Additional information is available from Robert Wagner, Chairman, Department of Photography, or Archivist Harding.

*Vapor Phase Deacidification*

George M. Cunha, Conservator, Library of the Boston Athenæum, has reported on his trial of the VPD process (see *American Archivist*, 29:566-568; Oct. 1966). There follows his preliminary evaluation of the Vapor Phase Deacidification method:

In regard to deacidification of books, I have found that the VPD impregnated paper seems to make a significant improvement in the pH of acidified book paper. In this test I interleaved the first half of a copy of Washington Irving's *Life of Washington*, New York, 1870 (pH of paper 4.0), with VPD paper at pages 12, 150, 250, and 350. The results are listed below.

To test the high porosity paper sachets of VPD, I put 60 miscellaneous 19th-century broadsides (about one pound) in a 13" × 17" × 2" sturdy document box and sealed it for 120 days. Before the test the pH of the broadsides was in the order of 4.0 to 5.0. After 120 days the VPD powder in the sachet had completely evaporated and the papers had a strong odor of CHC. The broadsides, after the test, all showed a definite improvement in pH. Some went as high as 6.0, others were less, 5.0 to 5.5; but all were significantly improved.

I put the four ½-gram VPD tablets in a 13" × 17" × 2" box with about one-half pound of miscellaneous broadsides, manuscripts and pieces of late 19th- and early 20th-century newsprint for 120 days. The CHC gas released by these four tablets was not enough to make any noticeable decrease in the acidity of the test papers. I assume the CHC available was too little.

It is my tentative conclusion that the VPD method has great merit. However, I wish to do more testing before making final conclusions. For instance, I think VPD impregnated sheets should be interleaved in books at no greater intervals than 50 pages

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rather than the 100 pages you recommend. I also want to confirm my one test with the VPD sachets and give the tablets another try. I have ordered more of each material from Russell Bookcrafts and will let you know the results of subsequent tests.

Results of evaluation of VPD impregnated paper for book deacidification. Book\* interleaved at pages 12, 150, 250, and 350 and put aside for 120 days.

Page	pH	Page	pH	Page	pH
1	5.0	225	5.5	475	4.0
12	5.0	250	6.0	500	4.5
25	5.0	275	5.5	525	4.5
50	5.5	300	5.0	550	4.0
75	5.5	325	5.5	575	4.0
100	5.0	350	6.0	600	4.0
125	5.5	375	5.5	625	4.5
150	6.0	400	4.0	650	4.0
175	5.5	425	5.5	675	4.0
200	5.0	450	4.5	700	4.0

\* Washington Irving, *Life of Washington* (Putnam & Sons, New York, 1870). 715 pages of unfoxed, unstained, but brittle rag paper. Probably alum-rosin sized. pH before testing, 4.0.

Since publication of this process, other comments have been received. Among them is a word of caution in the use of brom cresol green ink to determine acidity. This item operates over a wide range and may not give accurate readings. A more positive test should therefore be substituted.

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### *31st Annual Meeting*

Details of the program of the 31st annual meeting of the Society, October 18-20 in Santa Fe, N. Mex., have been mailed to members. Inquiries about arrangements for the meeting may be directed to Joseph F. Halpin, Records Administrator, State of New Mexico, State Records Center, 404 Montezuma St., Santa Fe, N. Mex. 87501; and inquiries concerning the program for the meeting should be directed to W. N. Davis, Jr., California State Archives, Archives Building, 1020 O St., Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

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*Minutes of the Council**Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1967*

The meeting was called to order by President Angel at 9:00 a.m. in Private Dining Room #3 of the Palmer House Hotel. Present were: Clifford Shipton, vice president; Philip P. Mason, secretary; H. G. Jones, treasurer; Ken Munden, editor; and Council Members William Alderson, Maynard Brichford, Lewis Darter, Victor Gondos, and F. Gerald Ham.

The minutes of the Council meeting of December 28, 1966, were approved as distributed and amended.

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President Angel reported that the Society had received a grant of \$3,050 from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., for Ernst Posner to prepare the first part of his study of Archives in the Western World. He indicated also that the Committee To Rescue Italian Art (CRIA) had acknowledged the Society's contribution of \$500.

The president announced that he, Robert Bahmer, and Morris Rieger would represent the United States and the Society at the 10th Round Table on Archives at Copenhagen, Denmark, May 9-12, 1967.

The president notified the Council that he had sent to each committee chairman a policy statement regarding procedures for requesting financial assistance from the Society for committee activities and publications. He also reported on the activities of several of the committees.

Vice President Shipton announced that he had appointed Robert M. Warner, Director of the University of Michigan Historical Collections, to serve as chairman of the Program Committee for the 1968 annual meeting in Ottawa. Mr. Shipton reported also that he was making plans for a joint luncheon meeting at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Toronto in December 1967.

The secretary reported that the Society had received 81 new members and subscribers since the December Council meeting; with 52 deletions, this brings the Society's total membership to 1,870 as of April 25, 1967. He recommended that Council members contact any acquaintances on the list of members who had been dropped for nonpayment of dues. Two institutions have joined the Society as sustaining members since November 1, 1966: Syracuse University Manuscripts Collection and the Colorado State Archives, bringing the total to 16. The secretary reported that his goal for the next year was 25 sustaining memberships. The details of a nationwide membership campaign were also discussed. Within the next 6 weeks letters of invitation will be sent to more than 1,500 prospects.

Final arrangements have been made for the Santa Fe meeting in October 1967. The La Fonda Hotel will serve as headquarters for the meeting. Because of the lack of meeting rooms in the Hotel, it will be necessary to hold some of the sessions in nearby State office buildings. The hotel has agreed to reserve 150 rooms for the Society at the following rates: single rooms, \$8.50-\$14; double rooms, \$10-\$17; and suites, \$18.50-\$50.

The Council approved the secretary's recommendation that a followup survey of salaries in archival institutions be made in order to provide comparative data between 1965 and 1967. The secretary was requested to work out the details of such a survey with the Director of the American Association for State and Local History.

The treasurer gave his financial report for the first quarter of 1967, which was approved as submitted. On behalf of the Finance Committee he discussed the financial difficulties facing the Society due to the unexpected increase in printing costs of the *American Archivist*. These increased charges of approximately 25 percent were announced after the January issue had been submitted to the printer. After thorough discussion, in which alternative printers were considered, the Council passed a resolution authorizing the editor to negotiate

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a 3-year contract with Allen Press, Inc., of Lawrence, Kans., for the printing and mailing of volumes 30 through 32 of the *American Archivist*. After these details had been arranged by the editor, the secretary was directed to execute the contract.

The Council resolved, also, that the editor's budget for 1967 be increased by \$3,500 to pay the costs of printing the July and October issues, with the tacit understanding between the editor and the Council that the next 6 issues of the *American Archivist* be limited to a total of 576 pages, or an average of 96 pages per issue. If additional revenues are found, the Council will reconsider the page limitations placed on volume 31 (1968).

The editor was urged to avoid, if possible, the reduction of any single issue to less than 96 pages.

Editor Munden gave a report on his activities. He announced that the reviews editor, Geneva H. Penley, had resigned and that he was looking for a replacement. The Council recommended several persons for the editor to consider, including employees of other Washington institutions. Mr. Munden responded to the Council's earlier recommendation (October 8, 1966) that papers presented at annual meetings be made available to Society members on request. The editor proposed that he collect all of the papers including, if possible, any unprogramed speeches. Each will be evaluated for publication in the *American Archivist*, and a complete set will be given to the secretary for permanent preservation. The editor will announce the availability of the papers in the January issue of the *American Archivist* and will make Xerox copies available, at cost, with the understanding that such copies will not be reproduced without permission of the author and/or the editor. It was suggested that the chairman of the Program Committee be notified of this action so that he can inform each participant of the editor's interest.

The editor also reported his findings on the publication of the index to volumes 21 to 30 of the *American Archivist*. Of the various methods of reproduction investigated, the editor recommended offset printing, which would cost the Society approximately \$850 for 1,000 copies. The Council approved the editor's recommendation and authorized him to proceed with the preparation of the index.

Council Member F. Gerald Ham commented on arrangements for the 1969 annual meeting, to be held in Madison, Wis. He has had preliminary discussions with the hotel and will select a date as soon as the AASLH decides upon the dates of its meeting in St. Paul, Minn.

The progress reports of the various committees were discussed by the secretary and the president. Unfortunately, many of the reports were received too late to be reproduced and distributed before the Council meeting. The secretary announced that he would send the reports to the Council within 2 weeks. The Council also devoted some attention to the overall committee structure of the Society. There was general agreement that membership on the various committees should be changed frequently in order to encourage the participation of a larger number of persons in the professional work of the Society. The secretary agreed to circulate a questionnaire with the packet of materials mailed to each member before the annual meeting requesting members

to list their committee preferences. The secretary and the president-elect are planning to confer during the summer on 1967-68 committee assignments in order to expedite the work of the committees.

President Angel reported on his correspondence with Dolores Renze regarding the proposal of the Council of National Library Associations to establish an ad hoc committee on a proposed Council of Library and Information Services. The Council decided not to take a stand on this proposal because it lacked sufficient information. The CNLA proposal led to a discussion of the Society's policy towards affiliation with professional organizations. Many Council members expressed doubts about the value of affiliation with CNLA, as compared to the American Council of Learned Societies and other professional organizations. Pending a complete review of the subject, the Council voted to discontinue membership in the CNLA.

President Angel reported to the Council on the progress of the Joint Committee on the Status of the National Archives. The organizational meeting of this committee, which includes representatives of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the Society of American Archivists, was held in Washington on April 15, 1967. H. G. Jones and William T. Alderson were chosen by the president to represent the Society on the joint committee. In view of the urgency of the work of the committee and the fact that the Bureau of the Budget is conducting its own study of the National Archives, the Council approved the committee's recommendations that (1) the Society permit the joint committee to keep in touch with the Bureau of the Budget and to inform those in charge of the Bureau's study of its progress, (2) the joint committee release its final report to the Bureau of the Budget or the White House in advance of any action on the report by the respective organizations, and (3) the joint committee be authorized to print and publicize its final report. Mr. Alderson emphasized that the report of the joint committee would represent the views of the committee and not of the Society. Because of the importance of the study to the archival profession in the United States and the need for decisive action, the Council agreed to follow the procedures recommended by the joint committee.

Victor Gondos explained to the Council his proposal for the financing of a *Manual on Archives and Records Center Buildings*, which he is editing. The volume, to sell for about \$2, will include reprints of several articles and some unpublished papers presented at recent annual meetings of the Society. The Council approved the expenditure of \$600 from the Publications Revolving Fund toward the cost of printing the manual and requested Mr. Gondos to make an overture to the Council on Library Resources, Inc., to determine its reaction to a proposed application for a grant for the additional \$1,000 needed. The president was requested to make a formal application for that amount in behalf of the Society if the reaction is favorable. [See p. 634.—ED.]

Council Member F. Gerald Ham presented his views about the Society's publication program. He recommended that a special ad hoc committee of experts be appointed to review each publication of the Society. The editor would continue to have editorial supervision for Society publications, but it

would be up to specially appointed reviewers to determine whether a publication should bear the Society imprint. This is a common practice in professional organizations; in fact, many provide procedures for the review of journal articles. There was general agreement with Mr. Ham's recommendations, and the Council requested Vice President Shipton to study the proposal and prepare some guidelines for the review of Society publications.

The final matter for Council consideration, when it reconvened after the Society's joint luncheon meeting with the Organization of American Historians, was the recent proposal by Richard Berner, Arline Custer, and others to establish a special organization of manuscript administrators which would be affiliated with one of the existing national library associations. According to the Council members who have had correspondence relating to this proposal, Mr. Berner's main argument is that since most manuscript administrators work for librarians they would be in a better position to affect library thinking and practice if organized with a professional library association. The Council reviewed the Society's activities as they related to manuscript administrators, specifically programs, publications, job placement, etc. Although it was recognized that the Society needed to broaden its services to manuscript administrators, as well as other interest groups within the organization, it was noted that considerable resources of the Society were devoted to the needs of manuscript personnel. The Council reiterated its policy of opposing ill-conceived attempts to splinter the profession.

PHILIP P. MASON, *Secretary*

#### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ARCHIVES

The Executive Committee of the International Council on Archives has announced that the Sixth International Congress on Archives will be convened in Madrid, Spain, September 3-7, 1968. In the working sessions three themes will be reported upon and discussed: liberalization of access to archives, administrative archives, and methodology of the science of archives. There will also be meetings of the General Assembly and of the specialized committees of the Council and several excursions and social events. Registration fees are \$10 for members of the ICA and \$5 for observers. (ICA membership application forms are available in this country from the editor of the *American Archivist*.) Registration applications for the congress and all other information may be obtained by writing to Luis Sánchez Belda, Secretary of the Executive Committee, VI° Congreso Internacional de Archivos, Archivo Histórico Nacional, Serrano 115, Madrid 6, Spain.

#### UNESCO

One of the main innovations in the United Nations Development Program is the establishment of the Unesco Department of Documentation, Libraries, and Archives, thus raising these domains of Unesco's concern to the organizational status of a department. The aims and prospects of the department are discussed by Émile Delavenay in an article in the May-June 1967 issue of *Unesco Bulletin for Libraries*.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has granted \$40,000 to the National Archives and Records Service for a 2-year project to develop and apply a program for computer indexing of finding aids to archival and manuscript materials. The project to be supported by the grant calls for major modification and development of existing computer indexing programs in order to take into account the unique nature of source materials in archival and manuscript collections. Tests on more than 25 manuscript and archival collections indicate the feasibility of developing a program that could be used for all collections and yet allow enough variation for the unique problems of each. The staff provided for by the grant will gather finding aids from a number of Federal and State Government agencies and private institutions and subject all of them to one computer program, modifying the program only when there are differences in citation and format. Experiments will also be made to determine whether satisfactory original finding aids can be prepared by computer and whether the computer can be used effectively as an aid to arranging archival materials. The results of the project will be published for general distribution. The director of the program is Frank G. Burke, Special Assistant for Information Retrieval in the National Archives and Records Service.

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On June 21, 1967, the National Archives opened an extensive exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the cession of Alaska to the United States. Guests of honor at the opening were the Alaska Delegation in Congress. The exhibit of nearly 100 documents, maps, photographs, and artifacts highlights Alaska's history from the time of its discovery by Vitus Bering in 1741. It tells the story of Alaska under Russian rule, 1741-1867; of the signing and ratification of the treaty of cession, and the formal transfer to the United States in 1867; and of Alaska's progress up to its admission to the Union in 1959 as our 49th State.

The Center for Polar Archives in the National Archives was formally opened on September 8, 1967, with a Conference on United States Polar Exploration. Scientists from Government agencies and universities spoke on past explorations of the Arctic and Antarctic Continents and on source material available for writing on the subject. The evening session included the opening of a polar exhibit and a reception.

Among recent accessions are the papers of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, accumulated while he was Deputy Governor and later Military Governor of Germany, U.S. Zone, and relating to the military government of occupied Germany, April 1945-May 1949; records of the United States-Puerto Rico Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico, 1964-66; and records of Leo R. Werts, Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Labor, for 1964. Recent accessions also include records of committees of Congress, including accounting records of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, 1964-65, records of the Joint Committee on Printing, 1958-67, records of the Senate Committee on Commerce, 1963-66, records of the Senate Committee

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on the Judiciary, 1954-59, and records of the Senate Committee on Public Works, 1963-64; and a statement of receipts and expenditures of candidates for election as United States Senators, 1965-66. ¶ Records of the Department of State that have been microfilmed by the National Archives recently include Records From the Decimal File, 1910-29, Relating to Internal Affairs of Belgium (78 rolls), of Bolivia (33 rolls), of Central America (16 rolls), and of Nicaragua (106 rolls); to Political Relations Between the United States and Belgium (1 roll), and the United States and Costa Rica (1 roll); and to Political Relations Between Belgium and Other States (4 rolls). Other records of the Department of State that were microfilmed are Letters of Application and Recommendation During the Administration of Andrew Jackson, 1829-37 (27 rolls). Also completed were Records Relating to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokee by Guion Miller, 1908-10 (12 rolls), and Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812 in Organizations From the Territory of Mississippi (22 rolls). ¶ Recent publications include Preliminary Inventory no. 167, *Cartographic Records of the Forest Service*, compiled by Charlotte M. Ashby; Guide to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, Va., no. 53, *Records of German Field Commands: Panzer Armies (Part II)*; and *Guide to Records of the Italian Armed Forces (Part I)*. Further information about copies of publications and microfilm may be obtained from the Publications Sales Branch, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

#### *Franklin D. Roosevelt Library*

The Library has received a small collection of the papers of Whitney H. Shepardson (1890-1966), a founder of the Council on Foreign Relations and for a number of years editor of the Council's annual publication, *The United States in World Affairs*. The papers include personal correspondence, journals, and copies of articles and speeches. There is also material relating to his work with the Office of Strategic Services in London and Washington during World War II and with the National Committee for a Free Europe, of which he was chairman from 1953 to 1956. ¶ Additional papers of the Delano family, 1840-1910, have been received, including correspondence, scrapbooks, and press clippings.

#### *Harry S. Truman Library*

Recent accessions include oral history transcripts for John Franklin Carter, consultant and speechwriter for the 1948 Democratic presidential campaign; Kenneth M. Birkhead, Associate Director of Public Relations for the Research Division of the Democratic National Committee during the 1948 presidential campaign; James E. Ruffin, a leader in the "Truman for Governor" movement in 1931; Ralph Block, Director of the General Staff Policy and Plans Division, International Information Administration, 1952-53; Samuel C. Brightman, Assistant Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee, 1947-52, and Director of Publicity, DNC, 1952-57; Joseph C. Feeney, Legislative Assistant to the President, 1949-52, and Administrative Assistant to the President, 1952-53; and Dirk Stikker, Secretary General of



NATO. ¶The Grants-in-Aid Committee of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute has awarded grants to Barton J. Bernstein, Stanford University; Alonzo L. Hamby, Ohio University; Thomas Philipose, University of Denver; and John R. Ferrell, University of South Dakota. Grants up to \$1,000 each are still available from the Institute for the remainder of the calendar year 1967. Applicants should write to the Director, Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Mo. 64050, to obtain information and application forms.

#### *National Historical Publications Commission*

Funds from a grant to the Commission by the Ford Foundation have permitted the appointment of the following five persons as Fellows in Advanced Historical Editing: James B. Bell, Joan M. Corbett, Peter T. Harstad, Gaspare J. Saladino, and C. Edward Skeen. Each will work and train for a year with one of the editors of the letterpress projects endorsed and supported by the Commission. ¶The Commission, at its meeting on May 31, 1967, recommended support for a study into the feasibility of a letterpress project by the Maryland Historical Society of the papers of Benjamin H. Latrobe. Paul Norton of the University of Massachusetts will direct the study. The Commission also recommended continuing support for 11 letterpress and 3 microfilm publication projects. ¶Thirteen microfilm publications have been completed by six of the institutions receiving assistance from Commission funds for microfilm publication projects. At the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia: Minutes and Correspondence of the Academy, 1812-1924 (38 rolls). At the Kansas State Historical Society: the Anderson Family Papers, 1802-1905 (3 rolls); the John S. Brown Family Papers, 1818-1907 (4 rolls); and the New England Emigrant Aid Company Papers, 1854-1909 (9 rolls). At the Massachusetts Historical Society: the Papers of Benjamin Lincoln, 1694-1894 (13 rolls). At the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission: the Baynton, Wharton, Morgan Papers, 1757-87 (10 rolls). At the University of North Carolina: the Papers of John M. Berrien, 1829-55 (3 rolls); the Papers of William Lowndes, 1810-23 (2 rolls); the Papers of John Rutledge, 1782-1872 (2 rolls); and the Papers of Benjamin C. Yancey, 1830-1900 (16 rolls). At the University of Virginia: the Carter Family Papers, 1659-1797 (3 rolls); Ingram's Poe Collection, 1817-1916 (9 rolls); and the Virginia Gazette Daybooks, 1750-52 and 1764-66 (1 roll).

#### *Office of the Federal Register*

The 1967-68 edition of the *United States Government Organization Manual* has been published and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at \$2 a copy.

Mildred B. Berry, editor of the *United States Government Organization Manual* since 1945 and assistant editor of 19 volumes of the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*, died in Washington, D.C., on August 31.

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*Handbook on Copying Equipment*

*Copying Equipment*, a new GSA handbook prepared by the National Archives and Records Service in collaboration with the Federal Supply Service, is an aid to those having management responsibility for selecting or operating document copiers and will thus also be of use to records managers, supply specialists, and reproduction specialists. Copies of this handbook are available as a GSA stores stock item, Federal Stock Number 7610-926-9119 at the current price of 35c a copy or from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, under catalog number GS2.6/3:C79 at 55c a copy.

## MANUSCRIPT DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Students of American law and the judicial process will be interested in a significant collection of papers of the late Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, received under terms of his will. Included in the collection, which totals about 42,000 items, are general and legal correspondence and files on Frankfurter's books, articles, speeches, lectures, and book reviews. The Justice's wide interests, humanitarianism, intellectual and literary character, and high professional attainments are evidenced in these very important papers. ¶ The papers of James M. Landis, lawyer, professor of law, dean of Harvard Law School, and special adviser to President Kennedy, which have been presented to the Library, reflect his broad service in the field of public administration as a member of the Federal Trade Commission and of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and in his work in civil defense and with the Hoover Commission. The collection contains about 100,000 pieces. ¶ Some 10,000 items have been added to the papers of Joseph P. Tumulty, private secretary to President Woodrow Wilson. Some of the files relate to patronage and politics. There are also telegrams, memoranda, and correspondence from, to, or concerning President Wilson. Among the correspondents are Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, William Jennings Bryan, Joseph E. Davies, and William Gibbs McAdoo. An important addition of about 300 items to the papers of the lawyer, public administrator, specialist in corporate and labor law, and author Donald Richberg includes correspondence with Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jane Addams, Hugo Black, Louis D. Brandeis, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. ¶ To the Library's collections relating to literature have been added the papers of Irita Van Doren, totaling about 10,000 items. They include her correspondence as associate editor of *Books*, from 1924 to 1926, and thereafter as literary editor of the New York *Herald-Tribune*. Mrs. Van Doren's correspondents included almost every contemporary author of the American and British scene, and their letters are a unique source of material for literary historians. The Van Doren papers also include items relating to Wendell Willkie: speeches, correspondence from his presidential campaign, and various versions, both in manuscript and in print,



of his *One World*, supplementing the Library's existing collection of *One World* papers.

The papers of Vannevar Bush, electrical engineer, dean of engineering and vice president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1932-38), and president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, form an outstanding collection of about 18,000 items. Included are professional and scientific correspondence, files on speeches, articles, and other writings, laboratory notebooks, invention and patent files and records, and the manuscript of Bush's book *Modern Arms and Free Men* (1949). ¶ The papers of English-born David Mackenzie Ogilvy, founder (1948) of Ogilvy, Benson, and Mather, advertising agency of New York City, include professional correspondence and other material relating to his career in advertising, public relations, and consumer research. Finally, Benjamin C. Gruenberg and his wife, Sidonie Matsner Gruenberg, have given to the Library personal and family correspondence and professional papers relating to their work and writings in the fields of child development, guidance, and education.

Van Arsdale B. Turner, assistant in the Manuscript Division in 1913-16, who was the principal author of the *Handbook of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress* (Washington, 1918), died on July 24. Although the *Handbook* has been supplemented, it has never been superseded; it continues to be one of the chief sources of information about manuscript collections in the Library at the time of its compilation. Turner held many other positions with the Government thereafter until his retirement in 1958 from the Air Force Intelligence Office, including serving as Regional Director for the Survey of Federal Archives, 1937-41.

#### COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, INC.

On May 23 the Council on Library Resources announced the retirement of Verner W. Clapp, president of the council since its establishment in 1956. Whitney North Seymour, chairman of the council's Board of Directors, has said of him: "Mr. Clapp has made the Council on Library Resources significant throughout the world. His imagination, ingenuity and extraordinary fund of information have enabled him to give precise . . . counsel concerning library problems on both sides of the Atlantic." Fred C. Cole, President of Washington and Lee University, succeeded Mr. Clapp in September. Dr. Cole, a historian and editor as well as an academic administrator, has been a member of the council's board since 1962. ¶ The council's *10th Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1966* summarizes the many projects it has aided in its first 10 years of existence through two grants made to it by the Ford Foundation of \$5 million in 1956 and \$8 million in 1960. Projects of a specifically archival nature have been Ernst Posner's study of State archival agencies, culminating in the book *American State Archives* (Chicago, 1964), and a report on developments following publication of the study; the grant made to the National Archives Trust Fund Board to enable the International Council on Archives to convene an Extraordinary Congress in May 1966 to promote freedom of access to the world's archival resources for his-

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torical research; and a grant for the preparation by Maynard Brichford, Archivist of the University of Illinois, of a manual of practice for the treatment of the records of academic scientific research. Some other projects of interest to SAA members have been: the *Guide to Photocopied Materials in the United States and Canada* (Richard W. Hale, Jr.; Ithaca, N.Y., 1961); three editions of a *Guide to Microreproduction Equipment* (Hubbard W. Ballou; Annapolis, 1959, 1962, 1965); and the Library of Congress' *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*, published thus far in four volumes (1962- ). The council enabled W. J. Barrow to establish a laboratory to investigate the longevity and preservation of books, paper, and other library materials. The laboratory has studied the effect on the strength of book paper of lowered storage temperatures; and its studies of paper aging, deacidification, and lamination—four of these studies have been published under the general title *Permanence/Durability of the Book*—led to the development of several medium-priced permanent/durable book papers. In 1965 the council made possible the establishment in the Library of Congress of the Center for the Coordination of Foreign Manuscript Copying to facilitate the existing programs for copying manuscripts in foreign archives and libraries.

## STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

**California.** In its second report, *The Preservation, Organization and Display of California's Historic Documents*, issued February 14, 1967, the California Heritage Preservation Commission recommends that the records of the Governor's office be brought within the provision of the law by amending Section 14755 of the Government Code; that county officials notify the State Archives before any proposed disposal is made of county records created earlier than 1900; that a county records manual be developed; and that the programs of libraries, colleges, archives, and other institutions engaged in selecting and collecting county records be coordinated. A *Report and Recommendations on the California State Archives*, prepared by North Carolina State Archivist H. G. Jones, has been published by the Office of the Secretary of State, Sacramento. **Illinois.** According to a note in *Manuscripts* (Spring 1967), the Chicago Historical Society has received a first installment (about 500 lin. ft.) of the papers of Sen. Paul H. Douglas and papers of Raymond M. Hilliard, Seymour F. Simon, and Charles H. Percy. ¶Addressing the Organization of American Historians on April 28, Mayor Richard J. Daley announced the appointment of a committee of historians to advise on the preservation and arrangement of the public records of the city of Chicago. **Louisiana.** The State Archives and Records Commission, established in 1956, only recently moved into its own rented building at 1515 Choctaw Dr. in Baton Rouge, La. 70805. The new building houses the archives offices, provides storage space for State records with short retention periods, has space for equipment and facilities to microfilm permanent State records and store the security copies, and is equipped with a vault for historical treasures. Secretary of State Wade O. Martin, Jr., chairman of the commission, and others are promoting the construction of a new building near the Capitol. The

Archives employs 20 persons, one of whom maintains the Archives' New Orleans office in the Wildlife and Fisheries Building at 400 Royal St. A. Otis Hebert, Jr., Director of the Archives, hopes to establish other branches in other principal cities. **Maryland.** The records of the Diocese of Maryland of the Protestant Episcopal Church that were formerly housed in the Peabody Institute Library in Baltimore have been moved to the new Thomas and Hugg Memorial Building of the Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument St., and are now available for research and reference. This large collection, which will remain the property of the Diocese of Maryland, comprises many official records of the diocese and the correspondence of the first six Bishops of Maryland. Virtually every Episcopal clergyman resident in Maryland between 1780 and 1880 is represented in the collection, often by substantial correspondence. Some of the colonial clergy and those subsequent to 1880 are also represented, as well as many Maryland laymen and many clergymen from other parts of the United States and Great Britain. There are also letters from every Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church from the first, Bishop Samuel Seabury (consecrated 1784), to about the year 1880. **Mississippi.** The State Building Commission has appointed the firm of Overstreet, Ware and Lewis as architects for the new State Archives Building. Judge J. P. Coleman heads the Archives Building Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History. The Board Room in the Old Capitol has been designated the Dunbar Rowland Room by the Board of Trustees (Rowland was the first Director of the Department of Archives and History, serving from its founding in 1902 until his death in 1937). **Missouri.** In May 1965 the legislature passed Missouri's first State Records Act. It established a Records Management and Archives Service. Albert J. Petroski of the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, was principal investigator and consultant on the bill. The first report by Secretary of State James C. Kirkpatrick covers the first 18 months of the program. It shows a saving of \$500,000 through space and equipment cleared for reuse by the transfer of old records to the newly established records center. The moratorium on file cabinets alone saved \$104,000. Visitors to the Capitol Building in Jefferson City have been pleased to observe what can be accomplished through the application of good management practices by Director Robert Connor and his staff. The Capitol basement, formerly glutted with records, has been cleared and converted to office and parking space. **New York.** "At long last New York State has a State Records Center which is operational and no longer in the 'building stage,'" Vernon B. Santen writes us. The center was formally opened by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller on April 27. Located at Albany, it has a capacity of 225,000 cu. ft. of records. Robert Bobermin is Records Center Manager. **North Carolina.** The State Department of Archives and History was given national publicity by the *New York Times* on Sunday, August 6, in a special story unfortunately headlined to emphasize the records of Black Mountain College. Recent accessions in the State Archives include original case papers of the State Supreme Court, ca. 1799-1901, and original or photocopied maps of North Carolina and several cities therein, 1672-1919. All State

agencies but one have approved the "memorandum of understanding" relating to the protection of their essential records; a Records Management Handbook, *Protecting Essential Operating Records*, describes and outlines this program.

**Ohio.** David R. Larson, Curator of Manuscripts for the Ohio Historical Society, proposed at a session of the Ohio Academy of History on April 8 the development of a coordinated, statewide network of historical research centers to meet the needs of professional historians, graduate students, and local historians. He envisions eight (double the present number) such manuscript depositories. The Ohio Historical Society Library, the only statewide depository, would coordinate acquisitions, indexing, finding aids, and repair and preservation of the records.

**Pennsylvania.** The Philadelphia City Archives has initiated a *Newsletter*, to be published three times a year (winter, spring, and autumn). The City Archivist hopes that the local government can stimulate cooperative ventures by community (governmental and nongovernmental) institutions. Often the institutions as well as researchers are unaware of the holdings and services of other repositories in the area. Besides a book review, accession lists, and news of State and local historical and genealogical societies, the first issue of the *Newsletter* (June 1967) contains one of a projected series of articles on local institutions and their holdings—the subject this time being the Philadelphia Historical Commission, a city agency established in 1956 to survey the city of Philadelphia and list all buildings worthy of preservation.

**Texas.** Several extensive private collections have been accessioned by the State Archives. The Charles Bellinger Stewart collection (newspaper items, manuscripts, abstracts of land claims, and personal journals and documents dating from Stewart's public service as representative in the Convention of 1836); the Allan Shivers collection (122 boxes of material relating to his terms as Governor of Texas, 1949–57); the J. R. Hunnicutt collection (official Ranger scout reports, personal correspondence, and photographs); the collection of Zarh Pritchard, painter of landscapes and marine biology in the 1920's and 30's (items collected during his world travels and material relating to his work and the awards it has won); and the collection of Walter E. Long, member of the Texas Library and Historical Commission since 1953 (correspondence relating to the Texas Civil War Centennial Commission for the period 1961–63 and a collection of information on communism, the Austin and United States Chambers of Commerce, and the building of the present Archives and Library Building).

**Vermont.** In memory of the late Richard G. Wood the Vermont Historical Society has created an award, to be known as the Richard G. Wood Award, to be given annually to "a person or group of persons whose efforts have resulted in an outstanding contribution to the preservation or dissemination of Vermont history." Persons who wish to contribute to the award fund in Wood's memory should send their checks to Charles Morrissey, Director, Vermont Historical Society, State Administration Building, Montpelier, Vt. 05602.

**Wisconsin.** The State Historical Society has acquired the papers (1892–1965) of Anthony J. King (1898–1965), a Milwaukee labor leader and Socialist; the papers (1916–61) of Arthur W. Large, Rock Island Railroad Historian; and the records,

1951-63, of the pioneer educational television network—National Educational Television—including State and city files, publicity files, and files of the Joint Council on Educational Television and of the Joint Council on Educational Broadcasting.

#### UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**University of Arizona.** The papers of Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, are being deposited in the university library. Librarian Robert K. Johnson has said that the Secretary's papers, which will eventually include those relating to his congressional career and all his Cabinet years, will be available to scholars as they are received and processed by the special collections staff. Among the documents are working drafts of his book on the dangers to the Nation's natural resources and beauty, *The Quiet Crisis* (1963). **Brigham Young University.** Among papers recently deposited in the university library archives are the personal papers (1871-1961) of the late J. Reuben Clark, Jr., former Ambassador to Mexico, U.S. Under Secretary of State, international lawyer, and Mormon church leader; and the papers of former Sen. Reed Smoot, who served in the U.S. Senate for 30 years, 1903-33, and as a Mormon Church leader for 41 years. **Cornell University.** Edith M. Fox, University Archivist and Curator of the Regional History collection, retired on September 1. Serving Cornell in these capacities since 1951, Mrs. Fox was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists in 1961. Herbert Finch has succeeded Mrs. Fox as Curator and Archivist. **University of Washington.** The university has established an archives and has appointed Richard C. Berner, curator of manuscripts for the university libraries, to the position of University Archivist. The archives program will assure scholars of access to university records of historical value. A records storage center, to be directed by a storage center supervisor, is also being established to receive records sent from university offices and provide safe storage for as long as needed under the regulations concerning the preservation of university records. The Archivist, in conjunction with the center supervisor and the records management analyst, will select and organize records of historical significance for the archives. **Wayne State University.** The Labor History Archives of the university has acquired the papers of John Armistead Collier. Collier, an author, also wrote under the names of Nelson Collier, Nelson Armistead Collier, and John Darmstadt. Among the Collier papers are items on Upton Sinclair's Helicon Home Colony; the Single Tax Colony, Fairhope, Ala.; the Garland Fund; Ettor-Giovannitti defense; Sinclair's E.P.I.C. campaigns; and Anarchist, Socialist, IWW, Communist, Trotskyite, and other radical movements. Another collection ready for use by researchers is the papers of Herman Wolf, labor editor and publicity agent. In the 1930's Wolf was publicist for the Textile Workers Union, the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. During World War II, Wolf worked for the U.S. Treasury Department, promoting the purchase of war bonds by

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labor. He also served with the War Production Board developing ideas and materials for production efficiency. In later years Wolf has been active in Connecticut politics through the Democratic Party and the Americans for Democratic Action.

## FOREIGN NEWS

**German Federal Republic.** American archivists who met Wolfgang Mommsen at the 1966 Extraordinary Congress of the International Council on Archives will be pleased to learn that on June 19 he was appointed Director of the Federal Archives of the German Federal Republic in Koblenz. A grandson of the great Theodor Mommsen and a Ph. D. of the University of Berlin, he passed the examinations of the Institute for Archival Science and Advanced Historical Studies in 1936 and before World War II served on the staffs of the Brandenburg-Prussian House Archives and the Prussian Privy State Archives. During part of the war he was in charge of the protection of archives in northern and central Russia. After he returned to Germany, Dr. Mommsen spent 5 years as a member of the staff of the Bavarian State Archives in Nuremberg. In 1952 he joined the newly established Federal Archives in Koblenz, where he directed much of his energy to building up the collection of personal papers of German statesmen, politicians, officers, administrators, and other prominent persons. This collection, now including about 300 so-called *Nachlässe*, has made Dr. Mommsen known to a vast number of American historians who have taken advantage of this rich store of important information. **Israel.** State Archivist Alexander Bein, writing on July 5 from Jerusalem to Morris L. Radoff, informs Dr. Radoff "that all archives fared well and there were no losses of material and no damages to archives and archive material in the newly occupied territories, including the Old City of Jerusalem." "It may interest you, in this connection," Dr. Bein continues, "that we are beginning in the near future to build a fairly large archives centre in Jerusalem opposite the new Knesseth building. . . . The Centre will be composed of buildings for the State Archives, the Central Zionist Archives and the General Archives for the History of the Jews, and they will be connected by a building containing reading and exhibition rooms, etc., which will serve centrally these archives." **New Zealand.** The National Archives has issued its first *Review and Summary of Work* (Wellington [1967], 62 p.), which summarizes work of past years and reports on work for the year ending March 31, 1966. It contains sections on the history of efforts to create a national archives, accommodations, staff, holdings, disposition, arrangement and description, reference, records centre, records management, and regional repositories and a very valuable appendix—a list of record holdings. **Scotland.** For more than 20 years Scotland's *National Register of Archives* has compiled surveys of documents of historical value in private hands in Scotland. Frequently these lists are the only finding aids to the collections in existence. Only a few institutions in the United Kingdom and abroad now receive copies of the surveys. At first the register concentrated on family papers, but in recent



years many business records have been surveyed. Although some of the collections would be useful for Scottish history only, many cover a broad range of topics from British politics to military and naval operations overseas. What makes the surveys of even more value to the researcher is that the records are listed in the order in which they are stored. The directors of the register—who include the Keeper of the Records of Scotland Sir James Fergusson of Kilkerran, the Historiographer Royal for Scotland, historians, academicians, and directors of other professional societies—want to make these lists more widely available. They have decided on a “book club” plan whereby the surveys would be reproduced under the aegis of the Scottish Records Society, which since 1897 has published calendars of and indexes to Scottish national and local records. Participating institutions would have to become members of the society (\$6 a year) and undertake to purchase all surveys published during a 5-year period (estimated to be about 25 volumes of 150 pages each) at a cost of probably less than \$180. A minimum of 100 institutions would be necessary to the initiation of the plan. Institutions wishing to participate should write by October 31, 1967, to A. M. Broom, Secretary, National Register of Archives (Scotland), P.O. Box 36, H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland. ¶ In June the Scottish Record Office released *Material Relating to the U.S.A. and Canada in the Scottish Record Office. List No. 3* (22 p.), relating chiefly to the papers of Philip Henry Kerr, Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, 1939–40.

#### ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER BUILDINGS READER

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has made a grant to the Society of American Archivists to assist in the publication of a volume of professional papers on archives and records center buildings and equipment being compiled by Victor Gondos, Jr., a Fellow of the Society and a member of the Society Council. The grant is in the amount of \$1,000. The selected papers, partly published, partly unpublished, relate to the programing, planning, and functional equipment of archives and records center buildings built in the United States in the middle third of the 20th century, roughly the period 1935–65.

The compiler and editor recently retired as Chief of the Army and Navy Branch of the National Archives, after a quarter century of service there as a professional archivist. In the 1920's and 1930's he was a practicing architect, designing hotels, schools, and industrial structures, and for 2 years, 1927–29, he served on the staff of the Supervising Architect, U.S. Treasury Department. In 1943 at the request of R. D. W. Connor, the first Archivist of the United States, Mr. Gondos established the Society's Committee on Archival Buildings and Equipment, of which he is still chairman.

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# Editor's Forum

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The editor recommends, as a proper preparation for the Society's Santa Fe meeting, a reading of Harold H. Dunham's "The Four-Fold Heritage of New Mexican Records," in *Denver Westerners' Roundup*, August-September 1967.

## **Stephen H. Long Papers**

For a volume of Stephen H. Long's journals now in preparation, editors June D. Holmquist and Lucile M. Kane would like to know about any papers that may exist of or about the following members of the expeditions of 1817 and 1823: Stephen H. Long, Thomas Say, William H. Keating, Samuel Seymour, and James Edward Colhoun (or Calhoun). Of particular importance to the editors is a missing portion of the 1817 journal—Long's record of his trip from Belle Fontaine, Mo., to Prairie du Chien, Wis., on the Mississippi River and up the Wisconsin River, made between June 1 and July 8. Any information available should be sent to Miss Lucile M. Kane, Curator of Manuscripts, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

## **Our Special-Contents Issues—Evaluation**

TO THE EDITOR:

As Chairman of the Society's Membership Development Committee, it sometimes appears that the only thing I have in my "sales kit" is the *American Archivist*. I must hasten to congratulate you on the last [April] issue [on automation in archives and manuscript collections], for it is going to be much-quoted, much-cited, and have a longevity of usefulness uncommon to most periodical literature. Your editorial vision in putting together, under one cover, so many inter-related articles has my fullest admiration.

EVERETT O. ALLDREDGE  
Office of Records Management  
National Archives and Records Service

The April issue is a very fine one. As a result we have placed a standing order for a subscription and are getting the back issues of the magazine. . . .

SISTER M. CLAUDIA, I.H.M.  
Librarian, Marygrove College

The July issue of the *American Archivist* is a pure delight. To one who has been steeped (or perhaps boiled or marinated?) for years in the literature and talk about government records and business archives, it is most exciting and pleasurable to read of the work of colleagues in the fields of the arts. I am more than ever convinced that it is good for the *Archivist* to devote itself frequently to such special issues as this and the preceding one.

Congratulations to you, Dr. Whitehill and your authors.

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17-20/**Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians**, Dallas, Tex. Apply to William D. Aeschbacher, Secretary, Organization of American Historians, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

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21-23/**Annual Convention of the National Microfilm Association**, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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3-14/**Twenty-second Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration**, The American University Center for Technology and Administration. Apply to Ralph I. Cole, Director, Institutes and Special Programs, The American University, 2000 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, or Frank B. Evans, Director, Archives Institute, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

17-21/**Institute on Automating and Miniaturizing Government Records**, The American University Center for Technology and Administration. Apply to Ralph I. Cole, Director, Institutes and Special Programs, The American University, 2000 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

### *SEPTEMBER 1968*

3-7/**Sixth International Congress on Archives**, Madrid, Spain. Apply to Luis Sánchez Belda, Secretary of the Executive Committee, VIº Congreso Internacional de Archivos, Archivo Histórico Nacional, Serrano 115, Madrid 6, Spain.

25-27/**Annual Meeting, American Association for State and Local History**, Washington, D.C. Apply to William T. Alderson, Jr., Director, AASLH, 132 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

30-Oct. 2/**Annual Meeting, Society of American Archivists**, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. Apply to Philip P. Mason, Secretary, Society of American Archivists, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48202.

### *OCTOBER 1968*

16-19/**Lutheran Historical Conference**, Chicago, Ill. For historians and archivists. Apply to Rev. August R. Suelflow, Director, Concordia Historical Institute, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

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