News From the Field

ACQUISITIONS

• The "Childhood in Poetry" collection of the Robert Manning Strozier Library at FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY recently purchased at auction the private collection of Robert Lowry, D.D. (1826–99). This collection consists of some 200 Sunday School and Temperance Society hymnbooks published in the nineteenth century. Most of these are presentation copies to Dr. Lowry from the publishers, editors, or authors, and are therefore in remarkably good condition. They include the work of Bliss, Sankey, Gabriel, and other writers of popular hymns.

• A quite rare first edition pertaining to Irish agriculture is the 5,000th item added to the Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection of the TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY Library. The acquisition of a copy of Arthur Young's A Tour in Ireland with General Observations on the Present State of that Kingdom Made in the Years, 1776, 1777 and 1778, and Brought Down to the End of 1779 was announced during a visit by Mr. Dykes, a noted bookman and a Texas A & M graduate in the class of 1921. Young was an eighteenth-century farmer, traveller, observer, economic and physical science researcher; prolific writer on agriculture; and secretary of the British Board of Agriculture.

• The UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Irvine Library has recently acquired two important collections.

The first is the history of medicine formed by the late Professor Charles C. O'Malley of UCLA, renowned and honored internationally for his numerous works on the history of anatomy and medicine during the Renaissance. Totalling over 1,600 books and periodicals, this collection focuses on the ancient, medieval, and early modern periods of medical history and includes several sixteenth- and seventeenthcentury continental texts. It is also rich in materials on the bibliography of science and the history of printing.

Another important recent addition to the library's general collection is the personal library of the late Professor Paul Friedlaender, the distinguished German classicist known particularly for his work on Plato. His library includes over 3,000 volumes and is especially rich in reference works and scholarly editions of Greek and Latin authors. Professor Friedlaender was, however, a man of wide interests, and his library also includes important collections of Greek and Latin inscriptions; histories of antiquity of Eduard Meyer and Theodor Mommsen; the philosophic works of Heidegger and Jaspers; Bultmann's epochal studies of the New Testament; and rare monographs on antiquity. Professor Friedlaender's continuing interest in Germany is indicated by his many volumes on and by Goethe, Herder, Ranke, Burckhardt, and Bismarck.

• A copy of the first edition printing of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" was presented to Dr. Thomas F. Jones, president of the UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, in ceremonies marking the acquisition of 1,000,000 volumes by the USC libraries. The presentation of the Whitman book was made by James W. Haltiwanger, Jr., of Columbia, whose family has given special support to the University's libraries and made possible the acquisition of this rare book.

The book originally belonged to Tom Rome, one of the brother operators of the Rome Printing Shop in Brooklyn which published "Leaves of Grass" on July 4, 1855. The highly valued collector's item was passed down through the Rome family and, with a New York book shop acting as an intermediary, was purchased by the University of South Carolina.

Another historical literary item, a rare sixteenth-century copy of Eusebius' "The Chronicle," royally bound with the coat of arms of King Henry VIII, was presented during the ceremonies as the first volume of the second million books. Eusebius, a religious chronicler, wrote some of the few accounts of early Christianity compiled during Roman times.

• The three sons of the late Virginia Senator Harry Flood Byrd have presented his papers to the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. This large collection will fill about 300 feet of shelving when processing is completed. The two segments of the collection include materials from about 1916 to 1966, and illustrate almost every aspect of Senator Byrd's distinguished public career of fifty years and provide much information on his personal and business affairs.

The collection includes extensive correspondence with constituents, colleagues, friends and relatives, and business associates in the apple business. The collection also houses the extensive memoranda, documents, reports, and other materials Senator Byrd accumulated while serving in the Virginia senate, as governor of the commonwealth, and as U.S. Senator. One well-arranged series contains Senator Byrd's speeches, each labeled with the group to which delivered, and the date. A series of more than 100 scrapbooks contains clearly identified clippings from Virginia and national newspapers on every aspect of the Senator's career, and also on Virginia and national politics of this period. Also present is material on Richard Evelyn Byrd, the Senator's father, and some papers of Hal Flood, his uncle.

MEETINGS

SEPT. 23-24: The South Dakota Library Association will hold its annual convention in the State Game Lodge near Custer, South Dakota. Further information can be found in the June CRL News.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2: The Indiana Library Association will meet at Stouffer's Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana. Further information can be obtained from Jane G. Flener, President, Indiana Library Association, Indiana University Library, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2: The Missouri Library Association's 1971 convention will be September 30-October 1, 2, in St. Louis, Missouri, at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn.

Ocr. 3-6: "Planning Library Facilities" is the subject of a preconference workshop sponsored by the Buildings and Equipment Round Table of the Pennsylvania Library Association and the Delaware Valley Chapter of ACRL. All scheduled sessions will be held in the new Wolfgram Memorial Library at PMC College, Chester, Pa., except the field trip to the libraries of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges.

The purpose of the conference workshop is to study in depth the entire planning process from the decision to build, through conceptualization, site selection, writing of the program, preliminary design sketches, space studies and floor plans, furniture layouts, selection of furniture and many other pertinent topics. The keystone address will be given by Ralph Ellsworth. Among the other prominent guests planning to attend as workshop and discussion leaders and reactors are Clyde Haselden, Ellsworth Mason, and Howard Rovelstad.

Registration will be limited to 150. The \$60.00 workshop fee includes registration, luncheon, and dinner but no other meals or housing. The deadline for registration is September 10, 1971. Anyone interested in further information should contact Calvin Yost, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Penna. 19426 (215-489-4111) or Lee C. Brown, PMC Colleges, Chester, Penna. 19013 (215-TR6-5551).

Ocr. 6–9: The Pennsylvania Library Association will meet at the Marriott Motor Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Speakers include Pennsylvania Governor Milton J. Shapp, author Elizabeth Janeway, and Dr. Lawrence A. Allen, College of Library Science, University of Kentucky.

Sessions are concerned with all library consumers' needs. Academic librarians will discuss the results of their Task Force sessions on Academic Status in addition to an "Action Planning" session with Dr. Allen. Trustees will have an in-service training day during the conference and both ends of the spectrum of public relations will be pursued at another session. The final session is entitled "Should the Public Library Be Saved?"

Ocr. 7–9: The South Carolina Library Association will hold its 1971 convention in Columbia, October 7–9, at the Sheraton-Columbia Inn.

Ocr. 22–23: The fourth annual institute presented by LIPC (Library Institutes Planning Committee) and cosponsored by the Technical Services Division and the College, University, and Research Libraries Division of the California Library Association and the Northern California Technical Processes Group. It will be held Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, 1971, at San Leandro Community Center, San Leandro Public Library, San Leandro, California. The June issue of the CRL News carries further details.

OCT. 22–23: The North Dakota Library Association will hold its 1971 convention in Fargo on Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23. Headquarters will be the Town House Motel.

Oct. 24–27: The Division of University Extension and the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Illinois has announced the Seventeenth Annual Allerton Institute: Libraries and Neighborhood Information Centers, to be held October 24–27, 1971, at Allerton House, Monticello, Illinois. Participation is open, but is limited to ninety registrants. Registrations will be accepted on a firstcome, first-served basis.

For further information write to Graduate School of Library Science, Division of Extension, 116 Illini Hall, Champaign, Illinois 61820, and consult the June *News*.

OCT. 28–30: The Georgia Library Association will meet at The Aquarama, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Further information can be obtained from David E. Estes, President, Georgia Library Association, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

Nov. 7-11: The 34th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science The name of Frances Neel Cheney is a distinguished one in contemporary American librarianship. Member of the Reference and Subscription Books Review Committee of ALA, writer of a monthly column on current reference books for Wilson Library Bulletin, professor at The Peabody School of Library Science, she is supremely well qualified to write this book.



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(ASIS) will be held November 7-11, 1971, at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Jack M. McCormick (Chief, Special Management Services, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), General Chairman for the 1971 ASIS Conference, has announced that the theme of the conference will be "Communication for Decision-Makers." More than 1,500 information science specialists and decision-making executives are expected to attend the meeting.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. C. Walter Stone, Chairman of J-MARC, Inc. (Joint Management and Research Consultants). He will address the topic, "A Managerial View of Information Science," that will identify managerial attitudes represented in business, industry, government, and education, with respect to the development of information science and information services. He will also discuss the types of administrative climate within which information services can develop favorably.

The opening session will feature Prof. David Hays (Dept. of Linguistics, State University of New York at Buffalo), who will discuss the state of information science research with suggestions on what work is ready to be done now.

The Technical Program Chairman for the conference, Mrs. Rowena Swanson (Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver), has prepared a varied program featuring three invited-paper sessions and a number of subject sessions to be built around some 50 contributed papers. In addition, several Special Interest Groups of ASIS will conduct special programs.

The invited papers will cover the topics "Specialized Data and Information Bases and Services," "Cooperative Programs, Problems, and Progress," and "Information Science Visa-Vis Library School Curricula."

The contributed papers tentatively have been grouped into the following subject categories about which sessions will be built: information system design for decision-makers; classification and indexing (data retrieval); library automation; network models; data-base management; computer-science management; hardware; and performance measures and evaluation criteria. A session organized by the Theory of Machine Techniques and Systems group of the International Federation for Documentation will discuss "issues in global and long-distance decisionmaking."

At least three preconference tutorial programs are being arranged by Dr. Edwin E. Olson (School of Library & Information Services, University of Maryland): (1) "Collecting and Reporting 'Real' Costs of Information Systems" (tutors: Douglas S. Price of Leasco Systems & Research Corp., Donald W. King of Westat Research, and Joseph G. Coyne of National Technical Information Service); (2) "Technology in Information Science: Issues and Assumptions" (tutors: Charles T. Meadow of Office of Science & Technology, and Robert Bundy of Syracuse, N.Y.); and (3) "Teaching Information Science to Non-Scientists" (tutors: Victor Rosenberg of University of California at Berkeley, and Elaine F. Svenonius of University of Denver).

Further information on the ASIS Annual Meeting may be obtained by contacting Miss Sheryl Wormley, ASIS, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 804, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: (202) 659-3644.

MISCELLANY

• A PILOT PROJECT to develop an indexing system that's geographically oriented to Alaska was launched in August and will extend for six months. Government publications dealing with Alaska will serve as raw material for developing a subject-key word type indexing system. The end products will be a bibliography of the publications used and their index; a thesaurus of terms, which will include such subscripts as *broader than*, *narrower than*, *related term*, *see*; and a workable set of procedures and guidelines.

Beyond developing an indexing language and perfecting procedures and techniques, the project will be a guide to compiling a badly needed, and long planned for, comprehensive bibliography of Alaskana from 1925 on. This larger project will supplement the only known comprehensive published bibliography of Alaskana, compiled by James Wickersham and covering the years 1724–1924.

Since the quantity of Alaska material published after 1924, especially in the last twelve years, is almost overwhelming a good pilot project is a necessity. It is expected outstanding computer indexing systems will be thoroughly studied and carefully adapted, especially those employing FORTRAN or COBOL. The advice of leaders in the field of indexing will be actively solicited.

Any ideas from interested persons are most welcome. Please address Margaret Harris, Box 3102, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

• THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR: Library Career Development Institute was recently concluded at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This federally funded program (Title II-B, Higher Education Act) was a model of various educational approaches aimed at increasing the professional competencies of the nine individuals in the program. Administered through the Department of Library Science at Catholic University, the Institute presented an intense and concentrated program of learning opportunities during a full-time seventeen-week program which relied heavily on the unique resources of the Washington area. The primary outcome sought was to enable individuals to develop their leadership potential and their ability to evidence that leadership in the field of librarianship.

The period of the Institute was January 11-May 7, 1971. The Institute program made use of course work, resource consultants, field trips, internship placements, seminar work, and independent projects as elements of the specialized curriculum, Miss Barbara Conroy served as director of the program; Rev. James J. Kortendick and Dr. Elizabeth W. Stone of the Catholic University Library Science Department, authors of the proposal, were chief consultants. A final report will be available during the summer, which describes the model in detail and reports the evaluative data available. It is hoped that there will be extensive adoption of the different components of the model in continuing education programs, staff development programs, and in library education in general.

The nine participants of the Institute were selected on the basis of their demonstrated potential for leadership and were supported during the period of the program by their home libraries. In addition to the Institute experience, the participants are planning a follow-up meeting at the ALA Dallas Convention in late June. This will serve to broaden their experience with the major professional organization.

• Park Forest South, Ill.—For the first time in Illinois an academic library is participating in a systems group of public libraries.

New GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY library is participating in the suburban library system of nearly sixty public libraries, to share reference and resource facilities.

Dr. Richard J. Vorwerk, director of the university library, said: "It is typical of the types of inter-institutional cooperation which must be developed in the future, if libraries are to be accountable for wise use of tax dollars in providing maximum services to those entitled to them."

Specific cooperative arrangements under discussion since Governors State University's library has been developing are:

1. Supplying the suburban library system with bibliographic records of the university library holdings.

2. Sharing the last copy storage facilities of the suburban system.

3. Planning with the Park Forest public

library for consideration of shared resources and personal services, depending on the impact of Governors State University students on library services.

Dr. Vorwerk said detailed studies of student impact on the Park Forest library as well as other area libraries will be undertaken in the fall of 1971, when Governors State opens for its first students.

Miss Allene Schnaitter, assistant director of libraries at Governors State, recounted that while the university library was in the formative state, with few resources, Park Forest public library assisted with reference service and support for bibliographic searching. Miss Schnaitter said: "As the university library's staff and resources increase, it is able to reciprocate in the provision of such services for Park Forest."

• The INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL LIBRAR-IANS OF ONTARIO (IPLO) after investigating a grievance on behalf of one of its members has requested that its members take careful note of a resolution passed at a meeting of its Board of Directors. The resolution reads as follows:

... be it resolved that no member should seek or accept employment with St. Lawrence College [of Applied Arts and Technology, Ontario] until such time as that college shall have satisfied IPLO that the rights and obligations of librarians have been and shall be safeguarded and that adequate provisions have been and shall be made for appeal from demotion or dismissal with all due attention due to process of law.

• THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-BOOK MATERIALS held its first meeting May 3, 1971, at the headquarters of the Canadian Library Association in Ottawa.

The cataloging manual Non-Book Materials; the Organization of Integrated Collections, published by the Canadian Library Association, was endorsed as an interim guide by the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association Council soon after publication in 1970. This action was taken pending the development of a more extensive and definitive code which could be acceptable internationally.

The immediate task of the committee was to proceed with a revision of this cataloging manual which could be presented for consideration at the American Library Conference in 1972. The Canadian Library Association has a financial grant to fund this publication.

The revision would be updated and expanded to provide rules for descriptive cataloging of nonbook materials as consistent as possible with the Anglo-American code, to provide guidelines for subject indexing, to discuss alternative methods of housing and shelving and to provide a provisional glossary to be used until an internationally acceptable glossary comes into being.

Consideration will be given to the viewpoints presented in the manual *Standards for Cataloging Nonprint Materials*, published by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology in 1971. This publication was written by the cataloging committee of AECT which included William J. Quinly, Katharine Clugston, Alma Tillin, Ford Lemler, Robert E. Hayes, and Carolyn I. Whitenack.

The committee will assume the responsibility for advising the authors regarding scope and content of the manual and assist in the resolution of technical problems. Committee members will serve as liaison with the organizations they represent to assure that there will be continuing input and communication. It is anticipated that this cooperative effort will result in a manual which will serve as a basis for the revision of the Anglo-American cataloging rules covering nonbook materials and will evolve to become a standard guide for cataloging and organization of nonbook materials.

• THE TEHRAN BOOK PROCESSING CENTRE has announced the availability of its printed library catalog cards for sale. The first Asian library book processing centre, TEBROC, is now selling its Persian language catalog cards to libraries around the world.

In TEBROC's original Persian cataloging, the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules are followed, and a translation and adaptation of the Library of Congress Subject Heading is used. Classification includes both Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal Classification notations. Cards are printed in the original Persian without translation or transliteration except for Persian translations for which the name of the original author is included in the original language. Bilingual books have subject headings in English as well as Persian; books printed in the Persian language only are given subjects in Persian only. Other added entries are given in Persian only. Pale white stiff punched 3x5 card stock is used.

A list of books cataloged in the Tehran Book Processing Centre is available. This list is now published in semiannual volumes but will eventually be published quarterly. It will be sent to libraries by surface mail free of charge upon request. Libraries wishing to receive copies by air mail must forward the cost of postage to TEBROC. The last quarterly issue, being the cumulated annual volume of Books Catalogued by the Tehran Book Processing Centre is sold at \$5.00 per copy plus postage. This is the only printed list of TEBROC card order numbers.

There are no special order forms for obtaining cards. Potential purchasers should prepare a list showing the TEBROC card order number, author, the first word of the title, and the number of cards requested for each title. The price is twenty cents for the first card and ten cents for each additional card. Cards should be ordered from the Tehran Book Processing Centre, Cataloguing Department, P.O. Box 11-1126, Tehran, Iran.

• The first character set for computer-driven impact printers which will duplicate the characters appearing on the MARC tapes has been announced by the IBM CORPORATION. The MARC Development Office of the Library of Congress and a committee of the Information Science and Automation Division of the American Library Association have been working with IBM graphics designers for nearly two years. This character set is in a new type font which provides a book-style appearance. It has been designated the ALA arrangement for the 1416 Interchangeable Train Cartridge on the IBM 1403 Printer Models 3 and N1.

The 162 graphics include upper- and lowercase roman characters; regular, subscript, and superscript Arabic numerals; roman characters not appearing in English; those diacritical marks used in roman alphabet languages and those which can be transliterated into roman characters; as well as certain special characters.

Print speed will vary depending on the characters being printed. Three hundred and ten lines per minute is minimum except when printing diacritical marks over or under alphabetic characters. In such cases a second print cycle is required. The UCS (Universal Character Set) or MCS (Multiple Character Set) feature is required on the computer being used. Software support for UCS feature is available in current OS and DOS releases, and MCS feature support is available in current DOS releases. Applications programs are the responsibility of the user.

As some of these characters are small, complex, or similar in appearance, legibility may not be as good as conventional characters. For optimum print quality refer to SRL GA24-3073 for recommended ribbons, paper, and other supplies. Additional printable EBCDIC codes are recommended for use. See also SRL GA24-3073 for these additional codes.

Vertical line spacing of either six or eight lines per inch is possible. There is a potential overlap of special symbols when printing at eight lines per inch. Therefore, IBM recommends six lines per inch. When ordering a 1416 specify feature 9735 for the ALA arrangement. Delivery will begin in June 1971. Prices are the same as the standard 1416.

• Construction began in May on the library for the new Southside campus of the College of General Studies, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA in Birmingham. Total project cost for the library is \$2,019,826, including land acquisition, construction, equipment, and other expenses. Funding includes \$485,537 provided by Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1965 and \$421,700 from an Appalachian grant. The balance is to be furnished by state funds allocated by the Public School and College Authority and by UAB funds.

The main ground floor entrance to the library will open onto a concrete plaza connecting it with Building No. 1. Reading rooms will overlook the plaza area, planned as an attractive pedestrian concourse with plantings. A pedestrian walkway spanning 13th Street will join the library's second floor level with proposed Classroom Building No. 3. Library plans call for 65,189 gross square feet of floor space, providing seating for 1,000 persons and stacks for 230,000 volumes. The ground floor will house the circulation department, current periodicals, and reference materials, according to librarian Paul Spence. Offices and cataloging and acquisition departments also will be located on this floor. Second floor space is to be used for reserve books, educational materials, and microforms. The third floor will house reading areas and stacks.

• The inaugural conference of SCAULEA the STANDING CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN UNI-VERSITY LIBRARIANS EASTERN AREA—was held at Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, February 10–13, 1971.

In attendance were delegates representing university libraries of Ethiopia; Kenya; Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland; Madagascar; Malawi; Mauritius; Tanzania; Uganda and Zambia. The university librarian of Khartoum University, Sudan, presented a paper in absentia. The Universitá di Somalia, also eligible for membership of SCAUL Eastern Area, was unable to send a representative. There were observers from Western Africa, international organizations, and overseas institutions concerned with African bibliography and libraries.

The conference discussed the following matters and passed a number of resolutions and recommendations concerning them: A. National and regional bibliographies; B. Eastern Area exchanges; C. acquisitions of African Government publications; D. cataloging and classification of Africana; E. education for librarianship in Eastern Africa. Other business included the formulation of the Constitution of SCAULEA; discussion of future activities and relationships with international library organizations; and election of officers. Mrs. Rita Pankhurst of Haile Selassie I University was elected Chairman/Secretary for a five-year term and Mr. Jean de Chantal of the University of Mauritius was appointed Convenor of the next meeting which is scheluled for December 1972 or May 1973 in Mauritius. Thanks to the generous financial assistance of the Ford Foundation, proceedings of the conference will be published shortly.

PUBLICATIONS

 Mrs. Marian O. Boner, Associate Professor and Associate Law Librarian of The University of Texas School of Law, has compiled Basic Lists for Texas Law Libraries as an aid to county law librarians and private law firms in planning the purchase and maintenance of a working collection of law books. The bibliography was prepared in response to numerous requests for assistance from librarians and practicing attorneys whose limited space and funds have necessitated careful selection from the vast assortment of legal materials available. Price estimates, space requirements for the larger sets of books, and names and addresses of dealers and publishers are included. The bibliography is no. five in the Tarlton Law Library Legal Bibliography Series, and is priced at \$5.00. Orders may be sent to Donald Zedler, Administrative Assistant, Tarlton Law Library, 2500 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705, with checks made payable to The University of Texas Law School Foundation.

• The U.S. National Section of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) has issued the fifth, sixth, and seventh in a series of special publications on Latin American geography and history.

Colombian Archival Sources on Colonial Peru, number five in the series, was written by Hernán Horna of Western Illinois University. The present index is intended to aid Latin Americanists in finding the colonial sources on Peru located in Colombia's Archivo Nacional. This guide was prepared by examination and translation of the introductory headings of each document. The more than 600 entries that are included deal with the diocese of Trujillo, the eighteenth-century Portuguese penetration into the provinces of Jaén and Mainas, and commerce and international relations between Peru and the rest of the Spanish Empire. The guide costs \$2.00.

The sixth publication is A Directory of the U.S. National Section (PAIGH) and Other U.S. Geographers and Cartographers Interested in Latin America. This is the fourth revision of the directory since its initial appearance in 1965. The current directory contains biographic information with details on fields of specialization, travel, publications, and language ability on the sixty-five members of the U.S. National Section of PAIGH, and over 250 U.S. geographers and cartographers interested in Latin America. The directory costs \$1.50.

With the seventh publication, A Directory of U.S. Historians and Doctoral Candidates Interested in Latin America, the U.S. National Section initiates what is planned as a biennial directory of Latin Americanist historians. The current compendium, compiled by Evelyn Hu Chi-Yu DeHart of the University of Texas at Austin, includes listings for almost 600 members of the profession as well as over 150 doctoral candidates. The biographic information includes information on fields of specialization, travel, publications, and language ability. This list costs \$2.00.

Individuals interested in receiving copies of these publications should make their check or money order payable to Dr. Arthur L. Burt, Chairman, U.S. National Section, PAICH, Department of State (Room 8847), Washington, D.C. 20520.

• The Library Technology Program of the American Library Association has announced that a new LTP publication, *The Evaluation* of Micropublications: A Handbook for Librarians, by Allen B. Veaner, has been published.^o

In this handbook, Veaner brings together his detailed knowledge of the kinds of problems a purchaser of microform publications must be aware of while, at the same time, providing the librarian-consumer with a stepby-step methodology for evaluating the quality of the microform products most commonly used in libraries today, including roll films, micro-opaques, and microfiches. The handbook contains an extensive checklist of questions that a prospective buyer of micropublications should ask before a commitment to purchase is made, and outlines detailed inspection procedures.

• The Publications Committee of The Ohio State University Libraries has announced the publication of two new additions to a library's resource shelves.

The first is a checklist of *Manuscripts from the Chilandar Monastery, Mount Athos* (1971. 20p. plates. \$1.00. LC No. 76-634681). This checklist of 139 films of manuscripts (mainly twelfth to nineteenth century, Old Church Slavonic) marks the beginning of an extended project of filming all 700 manuscripts at Chilandar as well as at all the other monasteries

[•] Allen B. Veaner, *The Evaluation of Micropublications: A Handbook for Librarians* (Chicago: Library Technology Program, 1971). xii, 59p., illus. paper. \$3.25. ISBN 0-8389-3128-6 (1971). on Mount Athos. The project is under the direction of Father Mateja Matejic, Department of Slavic Languages and Literature at The Ohio State University. The checklist and its future updates is hence an excellent access tool to primary Slavic materials available on film at The Ohio State University.

The second is a Guide to Reference and Bibliography for Theatre Research, compiled by Claudia Jean Lowe (1971. 137p. index. \$3.50. LC No. 76-635323). This tool, divided into two sections—"General Reference" and "Theatre and Drama"—provides a useful select guide to British, American, and European primary sources in theatre research based upon materials available in the collections of The Ohio State University, whose theatre collection and Theatre Collection Bulletin have achieved national and international recognition.

Both items are available from The Ohio State University Libraries, Publications Committee, Room 322A, 1858 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

• The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science's Proceedings of the 1970 Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing: MARC Uses and Users has recently been published. This 110-page volume, edited and introduced by Kathryn Luther Henderson, Clinic Chairman, deals with the MARC system, its evolution, use, and users. The intention of this issue was to review MARC after one year of operation, to present the current picture and future programs of the Library of Congress in regard to MARC, and to assess the local, national, and international potential of this service.

The titles and authors include: "Forward: The Meaning of MARC" by Carl M. Spaulding, Program Officer, Council on Library Resources, Inc.; "The Evolving MARC System: The Concept of a Data Utility" by Henriette D. Avram, Assistant Coordinator of Information Systems, Informations Systems Office, Library of Congress; and "MARC Users: A Study of the Distribution of MARC Tapes and the Subscribers to MARC" by Hillis Griffin, Head, Information Systems and Technical Processing, Library Services Department, Argonne National Laboratory.

This volume, which is hardback and indexed, is available from the Illini Union Bookstore, 715 S. Wright Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, at the cost of \$5.00. Standing orders for the Proceedings of the Clinics on Library Applications of Data Processing series may be placed by writing to the above address. The LC Card Number is 65-1841, and the International Standard Book Number is 0-87845-019-X.