Archive Notes

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The new Archivist of the United States, Robert M. Warner, will take office on July 4, 1980. Warner is a member of the Department of History and director of the Bentley Library, repository for local and regional historical materials at the University of Michigan. He holds the Ph.D. degree in history from Michigan, where he has spent his professional career. In addition to his other responsibilities, Dr. Warner chairs the committee in charge of building the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. Initial reaction among archivists and scholars to the appointment has been enthusiastic.

The University of South Carolina will be the recipient of the Movietone News film library, donated by Twentieth Century Fox. The newsreels, 60 million feet of film in all, were produced between 1919 and 1963. Much of the film is nitrate based, and will be converted to safety film before being transferred.

The University of Louisville Archives and Records Center, assisted by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, has just published the Papers of Louis Dembitz Brandeis at the University of Louisville in a 184-reel microfilm edition, with 100-page guide. The microfilm publication contains over 250,000 items, including correspondence with Felix Frankfurter, Woodrow Wilson, and Robert W. La Follette, Sr. The letters, legislative drafts, working papers, and reports touch on a multitude of topics from the Progressive to the New Deal eras. As a highly successful Boston attorney, Brandeis led struggles for public regulation of local utilities and railways, as well as battles for state and federal legislation to improve the condition of factory workers. He was also involved in the Progressive's break with the Taft administration and early assisted Woodrow Wilson's bid for the presidency—an association that led to his appointment in 1916 as the first Jew to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Brandeis was a foremost leader of American Zionism and extensive correspondence and reports document the struggle of that movement well into the 1930s. While there are few Brandeis letters for the Supreme Court years, the microfilm includes 40 reels of material, previously unavailable for research, that has been released by his former law firm. The 100-page guide includes an introduction to the extensive papers, a Brandeis chronology as reflected in the papers, and a description of the contents of each of the 184 microfilm reels. The researcher is also aided by a selected name index to the papers. Publication price for the 184-reel set is $3,680.
Individual reels may be purchased at $22.50 each. The guide is available separately for $7.50, but will be provided without charge with orders of four reels or more. Additional information may be obtained from University Archives and Records Center, University of Louisville, Belknap Campus, Louisville, KY 40292. (502) 588-6674.

The Kentucky Department of Library and Archives will open its new $7.7 million dollar building in spring, 1982. The 140,640 square foot structure will feature a Kentucky Room.

Sidney F. Huttner, curator of rare books at the University of Chicago, commented recently on the federal energy guidelines and their impact on the materials in archives and libraries. Huttner described the damage to paper that comes not only from the increased summer temperatures called for in the guidelines, but the abrupt changes in temperature and humidity that follow the seasons. "During winter, dry air removes moisture built up during the humid summer months, but the chemicals and pollutants remain," stated Huttner. The rise in temperature and humidity at the onset of summer returns moisture to the book which carries more dirt and chemicals deep into the pages. Huttner advises that archives should seek permission to adjust gradually to seasonal changes in temperature, and he calls for an end to short-term temperature and humidity fluctuations. A recent American Council of Research Libraries survey indicated that over 60 percent of four-year college and university libraries planned to seek exemptions from the federal cooling controls.

Archives and libraries would certainly benefit from legislation introduced by Senator Jacob Javits, the Artists Tax Equity Act. The bill would allow authors or artists a deduction equal to 30 percent of the fair market value of their gift to a repository. Hearings on the legislation have been held by the Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management, which would alter the current 1969 Tax Reform Act, which allows deductions only of the cost of materials used in producing donated works.

Any archivist or curator wishing to conduct tests on the paper containers and other paper materials used in their repository should be aware of the services offered by the Paper Services Division of the United States Testing Company. All types of testing of paper are
performed by the United States Testing Company in its Paper Laboratory. For more information write to: United States Testing Co., Inc., Paper Services Division, 1415 Park Avenue, Hoboken, NJ 07030. (201) 792-2400.

Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT) College of Graphic Arts and Photography will hold a Seminar and follow up hands-on Workshop on Preservation and Restoration of Photographic Images on August 25-28, 1980. A distinguished faculty from RIT, the International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House, and elsewhere will be presenting an extensive program over the four days. For program and registration information contact: College of Graphic Arts and Photography, Rochester Institute of Technology, One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. (716) 475-2758.

Archivists and curators should be aware of an excellent source of information on binding, the Abbey Newsletter. Published six times a year, the newsletter is edited by Ellen McCrady, 5410 85th Avenue, No. 2, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

Brooklyn Hospital, the second voluntary hospital in greater New York, has established an Archives. Minutes of the Hospital's Board of Trustees from 1845 to the present and other research materials are available by writing or calling the Archives Department, Brooklyn Hospital, 121 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201. (212) 270-4421.

Public librarians interested in starting an oral history program should consult an article on the subject published in the May, 1980, issue of Wilson Library Bulletin by Eugene Pfaff of the Greensboro (NC) Public Library. Pfaff discusses the special problems and opportunities that oral history represents for public librarians.

An article published in Special Libraries in May/June, 1980, may be of assistance to curators unsure of how to deal with one part of the ephemera in their collection. Elizabeth Freyschlag of the Saratoga Historical Museum in Saratoga, California, is the author of "Picture Postcards: Organizing a Collection."
The World Conference on Records is coming on August 12-15, 1980, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Nearly three hundred different sessions will cover the subject of family history with speakers from all over the world. For more information write: World Conference on Records, 50 East North Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150. (801) 531-3419.

The Winthrop College Archives in Rock Hill, South Carolina, has recently completed a videotape documentary to be aired on public television in South Carolina. The half-hour production, the first in a series on the college, traces the life of Winthrop's first president, D. B. Johnson, making use of the Archives' visual resources.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) will sponsor a Seminar on Publications from October 6-11, 1980, in Nashville, Tennessee. The sessions will focus on editing, illustration, design, manufacturing, and sales of brochures, newsletters, periodicals, and books. Admission will be by fellowship only, with an application deadline of August 8, 1980. For details write to: AASLH, 1400 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, TN 37203.

The Council on Library Resources has awarded $30,000 to the International Council on Archives (ICA). Plans call for ICA to focus on archival development in the third world, including preparation of a records management manual designed for use in developing countries, a symposium on archivists and their work in Latin America, and the preparation of curricula in Spanish, French, and English for the training of subprofessional archival personnel in the third world.

Legislation introduced in Congress on behalf of the Carter administration would remove from judicial review the classification of documents obtained from nongovernmental or secret sources. Scholars argue that such legislation would virtually destroy the writing of modern diplomatic history, and even the Justice Department has questioned selective exemption from judicial review. White House officials refer to the need to protect secret sources.
The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the American Council of Research Libraries has established a Standards Committee. For more information on this group, that will seek to develop and implement standards in all areas of rare book and manuscript curatorship, please write Helen Butz, Hatcher Library North, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The National Archives and Records Service (NARS) formed a Committee on Intrinsic Value in 1979 in an attempt to develop guidelines for determining which records are preserved for their intrinsic value, and which are being preserved for their information value only. Such judgments should allow NARS to microduplicate records, destroying the originals, or at least retire to less expensive storage facilities records of the latter classification. Copies of this report are available from the Society of Georgia Archivists, Box 261, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303.

A newsletter entitled Waterfront Revitalization Alert is now being published by Bankel Publishing, Box 224, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. This "factual (not a theoretical) journal" is aimed at all those interested in waterfront rehabilitation activity throughout the United States.

The Archives of Case Western Reserve University is pleased to announce the establishment of the Robert C. Binkley Fellowship in Archival Studies. An award of $2,500 will be given by the Archives to a student in either the single or double degree archival education programs at Case Western Reserve University. The fellowship is named in honor of the late historian Robert Cedric Binkley (1898-1940), a professor at Mather College of Western Reserve University and a founding member of the Society of American Archivists. Money for the fellowship was provided by the Mather Alumnae Association of Case Western Reserve University. Information concerning the fellowship or the archival programs can be obtained by writing to Ruth W. Helmuth, University Archivist, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Recent articles in the September and November, 1979, issues of College and Research Libraries give the reader a detailed view of how an emergency of major proportions was dealt with when a flood struck
the Stanford University Libraries in November, 1978. The massive effort to restore 50,000 volumes to a useful condition may be required of few, but it may help in planning for the smaller emergencies that may come our way.

An informal group of "archivists and manuscripts people" formed the Delaware Valley Archivists Group in January, 1980. Meetings will be held every few months at various repositories in the Philadelphia area. For more information contact: Fred Miller, Urban Archives, Temple University Libraries, Philadelphia, PA 19122. (215) 787-8257.

The University of Alabama has established an Archive of American Minority Cultures. The Archives is designed as an interdisciplinary resource center for primary research materials on ethnic, folk, and minority cultures in the area. Tape recordings, phonograph records, photographs, slides, films, videotapes, and other materials will be gathered in the facility. For more information write to: Brenda McCallum, Archivist, Archive of American Minority Cultures, University of Alabama, University, AL 35486. (205) 348-5782.

The Special Collections Department of the Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, announces the completion of a descriptive inventory for the papers of chemist and forest researcher Charles Holmes Herty (b. Milledgeville, Ga., 1867; d. Savannah, 1938). Twice president of the American Chemical Society (1915 and 1916) and editor of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry (1917-1921), Herty is known for his contributions to the development of the turpentine and paper industries in the South. His papers (152 ms. boxes covering the years 1878-1938) also document his service as president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (1921-1926) and advisor to the Chemical Foundation, Inc. (1926-1928); his activities in support of the development of the American organic chemical industry, the Chemical Warfare Service, the organization of the National Institute of Health, and the development of the southern economy, among others. The inventory was prepared through the assistance of a matching grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, with major assistance from the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. The Special Collections Department is open for research Monday through Saturday, 9:00 - 6:00. Please address inquiries concerning the papers and the inventory to the above address, Atlanta, GA 30322.
The College of Charleston (SC) Library Associates will host the Second Charleston Antiquarian Book Fair, October 10, 11, 12, 1980. Dealers from throughout the Eastern United States will be exhibiting rare books, manuscripts, maps, and prints. The Fair will be held in the college's Stern Student Center Ballroom. There will be a preview and reception on October 10 from 7:30 until 11:00 P.M. Admission from Friday through Sunday, $5; Saturday and Sunday, $3; Saturday or Sunday, $2. For further information contact Martha Ball, Head of Public Services, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29401. (803) 792-5530.

The Manuscript Department of Perkins Library, Duke University, announces the publication of its Guide to the Cataloged Collections in the Manuscript Department of the William R. Perkins Library, Duke University (Santa Barbara, Calif.: Clio Books, 1980. Pp. 1005. Hardback $32.50), edited by Richard C. Davis and Linda Angle Miller with associate editors Harry W. McKown, Jr., and Erma Paden Whittington. The project, directed by William R. Erwin, Jr., Assistant Curator for Cataloging in the Manuscript Department, was funded by two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities which supported the compilation of the Guide and its publication, a substantial grant from the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation which continued the editorial function, and additional monies from the Duke University Library which assured completion of the project.

The cataloged holdings in the Manuscript Department exceed 4,500,000 items and 15,200 volumes. These items are described in 6,000 sketches of collections ranging in size from one to 442,000 items and extending in time from the fourteenth century to the present. The Guide supersedes the previous one published in 1947, which noted 1,896 collections of two or more items and 3,000 volumes. The collections listed are arranged alphabetically by collection name, followed by inclusive dates, the number of items, the principal geographic residence or location of the person or corporate body named in the entry, and a succinct description of the contents of the papers. The manuscript holdings at Duke University comprise one of the major sources of information regarding the antebellum South, slavery and the abolition movement in the United States, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Afro-American history, religion, education, politics, social history, business and economic history, southern literature, labor, and socialism. Among other subjects represented are foreign relations and the history of India, China, Peru, European countries, Africa, South America, and Great Britain and the British Empire.

An extensive index provides access to the descriptions. The collections are represented in the index by name and/or title, by specific subject headings, by personal names, and by names of towns, cities, counties, states, countries, and other broad geographical regions. Where appropriate, subject headings are subdivided.
geographically and place entries are subdivided by subject. Where subdivisions could not be made, cross references are provided from place to subject. Related topics are linked by "see also" references. It is an in-depth index containing more than 85,000 entries. There are over four pages of entries under "Georgia."

Orders for the Guide should be referred to Ms. Gloria Acuna, ABC-Clio, Inc., Riviera Campus, 2040 A. P. S., Box 4397, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

This fall the Atlanta Historical Society will offer a unique look into the city's many historical resource organizations. In a one-day seminar entitled "Discovering the Primary Source: Local Archives and Libraries," experts will discuss the types of organizations in the metro-Atlanta area with historical collections and will give guidelines for using these resources. The Atlanta Historical Society, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Department of Archives and History, the Southern Labor Archives of Georgia State University, the Emory University Special Collections, the African American Family History Association, the Atlanta Public Library's Special Collections, the Trevor Arnett Library at Atlanta University, the Historic Preservation Section of the Department of Natural Resources, and metro-area public libraries will be represented.

This seminar will be invaluable for history researchers--from laymen, to students, to teachers and scholars--and will take place on Thursday, September 18, 1980, from 8:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the Atlanta Historical Society's McElreath Hall, 3101 Andrews Drive, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30305. The cost of the seminar is $5 (includes lunch) and pre-registration by September 12 is required. Call (404) 261-1837 for more information.

Atlanta is among six United States "focus" cities in which the Washington, D.C.-based Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History has launched a nationwide Oral History project. The project will cover the great domestic migration of black Americans that occurred in the United States between World War I and II. The project is intended to "discover and record the feelings of and happenings to black Americans as they moved from south to north, from south to west, and from east to west in search of employment and what was then styled 'the free life.'"

According to one of the oral history project directors: "Folk history has generally been neglected in the writing of American history. What is needed now . . . is the recording of that experience." Persons who reached their age of majority during the period of 1915 to

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1940 will be interviewed by project leaders in the six "focus" cities. Eventually, the project is expected to be sponsored in most of the 139 cities in which ASALH has branches.

In Atlanta, Dr. Alexa B. Henderson, associate professor at Clark College, and Dr. Herbert Ross, professor of sociology at Atlanta University, will direct the project in the Atlanta area. For information, call (404) 681-3080, ext. 342.