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NEWS REELS

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), in 1983, was designated as the primary data center for the state. With the agreement of the governor and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, DCA becomes the central census depository and distributes census information to the public through the State University Library/Information System.



The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is offering to local governments a microfilming service that will pay for itself. Hoping to extend beyond the currently funded project of microfilming pre-1920 land records and estate papers, the department established a fund for microfilming that is planned to sustain itself.



American Association for State and Local History, Nashville, TN, received \$144,334 to produce for distribution a slide/tape presentation, a brief pamphlet, and a guide to managing local records. The project continues the work of the National Advisory Committee on the Management, Preservation, and Use of Local Governmental Records.



The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Public Records Division, has a \$150,000 National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant to distribute money to local governments for microfilming, document preservation, and rerecording of deteriorating records. Numerous courthouse and city hall fires in the past five years have demonstrated the vulnerability of the records.

The University of Georgia Libraries, Special Collections Division, has accessioned a collection of forestry photographs and organizational records from the Southern Forest Institute. The records contain the files of four forestry organizations. The photographs, which number more than one thousand, highlight the southern logging industry between 1939 and 1946.



Florida and Alabama, in 1983, were added to the list of southern states receiving \$25,000 Needs Assessment Grants from NHPRC. The National Association of State Archives and Records Administrators has been given supplemental grant money to conduct a planning seminar for state historical records coordinators in states currently receiving assessment grants.



The Coalition for the Preservation of Alabama Newspapers obtained a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to develop a statewide plan to preserve the state's newspapers. Work on the project began in July 1983 with a survey to determine newspaper holdings in the state.



The M. I. King Library at the University of Kentucky also received a NEH planning grant for Kentucky's portion of the United States Newspaper Project. It is anticipated the project will identify newspaper sources and microfilm them. For additional information, contact Frank Levstik, Newspaper Project Director, King Library, UK, Lexington, KY 40506.



The University of Louisville obtained a \$12,000 NEH

grant for microfilming the records of the Works Project Administration's Kentucky Medical Historical Research Project. The project is a joint venture of the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library and the University Archives, both at the University of Louisville. The project archivist is Janet Hodgson.



The SPINDEX Users Network (SUN) plans to expand its membership and coverage in its newsletter to include archivists, librarians, and records managers who use mini, micro, and main-frame computers. For more information, contact Tom Converse, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602.



As part of the second year of the Yale-Cornell-Stanford-Research Libraries Group (RLG) Title II-C project to develop a TLG automated bibliographic system of manuscripts and archives, funds have been provided to convert Cornell SPINDEX format records to RLIN/MARC format records. In the late fall of 1983, specifications for the conversion will be written and software should be available by mid-1984.



Conservation Resources International (41 N. Royal St., Alexandria, VA 22314) is currently marketing archival containers made from "lig free" material. This paper, which is free of the lignin in wood tissue, not only has the proper ph, but also contains a layer of mylar. The lig free photo boxes are buffered only on the outside.



Process Materials Corporation (301 Veterans Blvd., Rutherford, NJ 07070; telephone 201-539-3900) is now selling an opaque photographic negative enclosure. The "Archivart" enclosure is acid free and unbuffered.