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LINCOLN BARNETT ADDRESSES SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

Author Lincoln Barnett of Westport, New York, addressed approximately ninety-two librarians and trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library at the annual meeting on August 2 at the Royal Savage Inn.

He was introduced by Anthony F. Vecchio, System Director, who also spoke briefly on the growth of the System and its purpose of extending, expanding and improving library service to the area.

Mr. Barnett whose latest book is *THE TREASURE OF OUR TONGUE* described the spread of the English language throughout the world. He spoke of the infusion of new elements into English - and the distortions that corrupt it. Emphasizing the fact that language must be used to crystalize thought, he deplored slovenly speech and slovenly language as a barrier to communication. Mr. Barnett then quoted Quintilian on language to the effect that..." One should not aim at being possible to understand, but at being impossible to misunderstand."

Mr. Barnett's past books include his award winning *UNIVERSE AND DR. EINSTEIN*, *THE WORLD WE LIVE IN*, and *THE EPIC OF MAN*. He is currently working on a history of the Bell Telephone Company.

REPORT ON ALA CONVENTION

Mr. Vecchio attended the 84th annual conference of the American Library Association held in Detroit, July 4-10.

The conference was held in Cobo Hall, a remarkable building complex on the banks of the Detroit River. There were acres of floor space for hundreds of exhibits, many rooms and an arena for meetings, a cafeteria and other facilities for the convenience of the delegates.

Librarians came from all over the country and indeed from all over the world.

The meetings, exhibits and personal contacts provided a good opportunity to get fresh ideas and broaden one's knowledge.

BUILDING INSTITUTE PLANNED AT ALBANY

Mr. Vecchio will attend a three-day institute on Library buildings in Albany on August 11, 12 and 13. Hoyt Galvin, Director of the Charlotte and

Mecklenburg County Public Library, will head the workshop which is sponsored jointly by Library Extension Division and the School of Library Science at State University at Albany.

NELSON ASSOCIATES MAKE STUDY OF PROCESSING

The System cooperated with Library Extension Division and Nelson Associates, Inc. of New York City to provide necessary information in an intensive study of centralized processing to determine the economics of the processing procedure. A second and concurrent study is also being carried on to explore the feasibility of systems contracting to do processing for college and public school libraries.

HEADSTART GETS BOOST FROM SYSTEM

The System bought 625 children's books to be used in conjunction with the Federal Headstart Program for disadvantaged children. These books will be made available to the children enrolled in this program on the C-E-F L bookmobiles or at local public libraries.

Barbara Doh, Children's Consultant, and John Crager, Bookmobile Librarian, participated in a demonstration given at the State University College at Plattsburgh to teachers actively engaged in this summer's Headstart program. They displayed titles chosen for these children and gave information on bookmobile use and bookmobile stops.

Mrs. Doh would like to hear from member librarians on the amount of circulation they are receiving from books selected for use in this program.

CHURUBUSCO READING CENTER IN OPERATION

The System has supplied books for a summer reading center in Churubusco. John Crager, Bookmobile Librarian, selected approximately 600 books for this center and arranged for the center staff to use the bookmobile stop at that village to exchange and replenish book stock as necessary. Members of the Neighborhood Youth Corps who man the library are Charlene Boyea, Peggy Woods, Sandy Finalyson, Marlene Boyea and Susan Finlayson.

EMILY NEVILLE SPEAKER AT COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Emily Neville, author of the Newbery Award-winning book *IT'S LIKE THIS, CAT*, spoke at a luncheon held at the Royal Savage Inn during the Workshop on Children's and Adolescent Literature of the State University College at Plattsburgh.

Mrs. Neville touched briefly on the background material for *IT'S LIKE THIS, CAT* and also talked about the writing of her newest book, *BERRIES GOODMAN*.

Dr. Frances Breen, College Librarian, and Barbara Doh, System Children's Consultant, directed this annual workshop.

Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Leggett attended the luncheon.

DIRECTOR VISITS MEMBER LIBRARY

Mr. Vecchio met with several trustees and the librarian of the Hammond Library, Crown Point, on Thursday, July 22.

HELP NEEDED -- WHO OWNS THESE BOOKS?

A substitute driver picked up two cartons of books from one of the member libraries on delivery route No. 3 which stops at Keene, Keene Valley, Essex, Elizabethtown, Wadhams, Willsboro, Westport, Crown Point and Ticonderoga. These books which seem to be primarily works of Charles Dickens do not have any library identification mark on them. Will the librarian who recognizes them as her own please notify Headquarters?

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS LIBRARY

Mrs. Maicus, Librarian, tells us that she has three members of the Neighborhood Youth Corps working in the library. They are Donna Shambo, Pat Brown and Shirley Milli. With this extra help the library is able to be open every afternoon, Monday through Saturday from 1-5 and on Thursday evening from 7-9.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Edward Gregory has been appointed assistant librarian for the summer to assist Mrs. Isham.

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