ship. To keep up interest and stimulation, it decided to divide into subject groups for some of the meetings. This worked so well under the local President, Rebecca B. Rankin, that in 1922-23, when she was SLA President, she sponsored the same idea for the whole Association. She also worked for the integration of local associations into the structure of SLA, and the New York Association was one of the first to affiliate as a Chapter, January 1925.

During the 1920's a major project of the New York Chapter was the compilation of the Union List of Periodicals in Special Libraries in the New York Metropolitan District. This was finally published by the H. W. Wilson Company in 1931. A companion piece was the Union List of Services in 34 Libraries in Manhattan, compiled by Margaret Kelt and published in 1936.

In November 1931 SLA Headquarters was located in New York City, and Rebecca B. Rankin agreed to act as secretary without salary. The Standard Statistics Company, through its librarians, Eleanor Cavanaugh, gave office and storage space at 345 Hudson Street. Yawman and Elbe Company supplied necessary office equipment.

The early 1930's were brightened by two entertainment projects: "Rather Special," an original fantasy with music, at the Federal Reserve Bank Theatre, May 11, 1932, and "Bruriaff Diversion," prepared by Chapter members for the entertainment of the SLA Regional Conference at Briarcliff Manor, June 17, 1933.

On the more serious side, the Chapter developed an Employment Committee as early as 1931 and a Student Loan Fund in 1938. Directories of members appeared in 1928, 1931 and 1937 (the current 1956 directory is the seventh edition). Throughout the 1930's Chapter members participated in many other activities ranging from a benefit fund supper in aid of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee to much work in connection with tours for visiting librarians at the World's Fair in 1933 and SLA Day at the Fair, May 17, 1936.

From 1940 to 1955 the Chapter took part in so many war activities that a War Activities Committee was set up to coordinate them and to keep members informed. A major organizational job was the preparation of a complete set of manuals for officers and committee chairmen in 1944-45.

Both the Chapter and the Groups have used the forum, the workshop and the training course as means to inform, aid and inspire members. An outstanding contribution to the work of the profession has been the course in subprofessional training sponsored by the Chapter and given at the Ballard School (YWCA). SLA members have taught the course since its inception in the fall of 1948. The experiment proved so worthwhile that the course has been included in the curriculum regularly offered by the school.

The Professional Training Committee, acting upon the results of a survey conducted among the members of the New York Chapter, has developed, in cooperation with Queens College, an experimental program of professional instruction for special librarians and those wishing to enter the profession. These courses were offered as part of the Queens College curriculum beginning in the fall of 1953 and continuing through 1955.

In 1956 Chapter representatives were appointed to special libraries training to take part in an Institute of the Alumni Association of Columbia University School of Library Service, April 1956. That year also saw work on a Directory of Training

opportunities for Special Librarians (1955-59 revision published in August 1958) and, following a Chapter theater party, the presentation to Shirley Booth of a special miniature desk set for her interpretation of a special librarian in the play "The Desk Set."

The duplicate exchange, first started in 1937, is one of the Chapter's most useful projects, over 1,000 items being listed in 1957. The Chapter also maintains a lively and sustained interest in public relations, library methods and recruiting special librarians. Besides many instances of direct cooperation with other library organizations, the Chapter President serves on the Committee for Library Cooperation in Metropolitan New York.

A two-day Institute on Library Planning, which attracted over 130 people, was the major project in 1958. It is hoped that the papers presented can be used in a revision of SLA Monograph No. 1, Libraries for Research and Industry: Planning and Equipment. The Chapter is also supporting the SLA Consultation Service plans through an active local committee, which is developing a roster of professional consultants well qualified to serve firms and companies interested in organizing new libraries or requesting help with particular problems.

The Chapter had, in December 1958, 132 active members, 13 active committees and 12 subject groups holding from two to five meetings a year in addition to the four Chapter meetings. The separating effect of the Chapter into subject groups has been countered by friendly contacts in social meetings like the annual Christmas party and informal luncheon clubs of Chapter members in various sections of the city.

Two Chapter members, Eleanor S. Cavanaugh and Ruth Savoie, were joint recipients of the Association's Professional Award in 1954.

The activities of the New York Chapter have been so many and varied during the years that it has been possible to survey only the highlights in this history.

Mary Panch

Oak Ridge

The Oak Ridge Chapter had its genesis in the increasing number of special librarians who migrated to East Tennessee in connection with either Atomic Energy Commission projects or the development of the Tennessee Valley Authority. On June 22, 1953 the SLA Executive Board accepted and approved its formation.

The Chapter publishes each June a formal bulletin called Radiations. The first issue was published in June 1954. Twice a year a less formal bulletin is issued, Particles In and Particles Out in November and Particles In and Out in March. The first issue of Particles appeared in November 1954.

Although the Chapter constitution requires a minimum of four meetings a year, with the last one being the annual business meeting, the Chapter has been meeting monthly, from September through May. Most of the meetings are held in Oak Ridge, but Knoxville, Tullahoma, Chattanooga and Kingsport have been host, and other out-of-town meetings have been planned. The membership of the Oak Ridge Chapter is scattered over such a wide area that it is a difficult problem to find convenient meeting places. Besides the state of Tennessee there are members in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.
The Oak Ridge Chapter co-sponsored with the Oak Ridge Library Association the compilation of two editions of the Union List of Serials of the Technical Libraries at Oak Ridge published in 1953 and 1954. The Chapter revised and published the third edition in 1957. The Chapter has co-hosted meetings with the Technical Writers and Editors Society and in 1966 presented a program to the East Tennessee Library Club, in which Evelyn Levine, Martha Anderson and Paul Postell participated. In March 1958 Chapter members organized a special libraries session at the Tennessee Library Association Annual Convention in Gatlinburg.

The projects of the chapter have been many, including:
3. Union Catalog of Scientific and Technical Holdings of the Oak Ridge and University of Tennessee Libraries. A card file has been maintained from the beginning of the Chapter in 1953. Louise Markel, chairman.
4. The Chapter orders books at discount as a service to local scientific and technical personnel. The discount is divided between the individual and the Chapter. This service was started in 1958 under the chairmanship of David Rife and has been continued by John Bobb after Mr. Rife moved from the area.
5. Mrs. Helen Mason, the Chapter chairman for the International Relations and History Section of SLA, has arranged entertainment for 53 foreign librarians and information officers who have visited the area since November 1957. These visitors, under the auspices of the U.S. Information Agency, first visit Knoxville where the Tennessee Valley Authority shows them its facilities. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission arranges a tour through part of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and then Mrs. Mason arranges for these visitors to have dinner in the homes of Oak Ridge SLA members or friends, giving them an opportunity to acquire a firsthand picture of American hospitality. A tour of Oak Ridge is included for these visitors if time permits.
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The Chapter is responsible for the Public Relations Booth at the International Petroleum Exposition held at Tulsa and is preparing an AIME technical publication index.

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Philadelphia

THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES COUNCIL of Philadelphia and vicinity came into being on September 26, 1910, when 34 librarians held a get-together dinner at Kugler's Restaurant in Philadelphia and formed an organization "to accomplish closer coordination of resources and work of special libraries and special librarians."

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Pittsburgh

The organizational meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter was held on December 6, 1943, with 27 librarians present. Officers were elected, a constitution adopted and on January 4, 1948, a petition to form a local Chapter of SLA was signed by ten members. This was granted by the SLA Executive Board.

About eight regular meetings are held each year. It has also been the custom to have at least one additional social meeting—a bridge luncheon, a picnic or a Christmas party or luncheon. These meetings are held in Pittsburgh, unless they are a joint meeting with another professional society or are held at one of the regional libraries outside the city. An endeavor has been made to hold meetings occasionally in members' libraries. Dinner meetings are held frequently.

In addition to the regular Chapter meetings, from 1958-59 the University and College Group held one or more annual meetings, with a prominent outside author or speaker. From 1949-50 the Science-Technology Group also held from one to three meetings each year. Both of these local Groups have been discontinued, the University and College Group in 1953 and the Science-Technology Group in 1956.

Joint meetings with the Pittsburgh Library Club were held March 10, 1939, March 20, 1940, November 7, 1941 and April 27, 1945. Invitations are extended to the Club when there is an outstanding program. A joint meeting was held on November 5, 1948 with the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society, Division of Chemical Literature, and the High School Physical and Chemical Teachers' Club.

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The organizational meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter was held on December 8, 1934, with 27 librarians present. Officers were elected, a constitution adopted and on January 4, 1935, a petition to form a local Chapter of SLA was signed by ten members. This was granted by the SLA Executive Board.

About eight regular meetings are held each year. It has also been the custom to have at least one additional social meeting—a bridge luncheon, a picnic or a Christmas party or luncheon. These meetings are held in Pittsburgh, unless they are a joint meeting with another professional society or are held at one of the regional libraries outside the city. An endeavor has been made to hold meetings occasionally in member libraries. Dinner meetings are held frequently.

In addition to the regular Chapter meetings, from 1935-51 the University and College Group held one or more annual meetings, with a prominent outside author or speaker. From 1949-50 the Science-Technology Group also held from one to three meetings each year. Both of these local Groups have been discontinued, the University and College Group in 1951 and the Science-Technology Group in 1956.

Joint meetings with the Pittsburgh Library Club were held March 19, 1939, March 20, 1946, November 7, 1947 and April 27, 1945. Invitations are extended to the Club when there is an outstanding program. A joint meeting was held on November 9, 1948, with the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society, Division of Chemical Literature, and the High School Physical and Chemical Teachers' Club.

Among the special Chapter events have been the following:

1. Pledged 431 and individual members offered their services to Pittsburgh Defense Council, October 6, 1944.
3. Participated in the collection and distribution of periodicals for libraries in war areas. Large shipments of scientific and technical journals were sent to Europe, the Philippines and Washington, D.C. Also cooperated with ALA.
4. Four members presented papers at the first American Chemical Society's Symposium on Technical Library Techniques, September 1943. This was the first meeting of the newly organized Library Section of ACS.
5. Technical Book Review Index, sponsored by the Science-Technology Group in 1935, was first edited by Grantville Mecciai. In 1939 the editorial and publishing office was transferred to Pittsburgh with headquarters in Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Technology Department. The Editorial Committee consisted of Dr. Julian Perig, chairman, Mr. E. H. McClelland and Edith Fortman. Upon the resignation of Mr. McClelland, Morris Schreiber was appointed, and upon the latter's death he was replaced by Daniel R. Ploutz.
7. Esther Fawcett gave annual lectures before the Carnegie Library School on special libraries, 1937-38.

Chapter projects have consisted of:

2. Union List of Periodicals in Some of the Special Libraries of Pittsburgh, revised and enlarged, June 1935.
3. Union List of Serials in Some of the Special Libraries of Pittsburgh, 3rd edition, revised and enlarged, assembled on cards from which a first draft was typed for editing. Because of publication difficulties project was abandoned, and cards turned over to the Pittsburgh Bibliographic Center.
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Puget Sound

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Marguerite McLellan

Rio Grande

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7. Organization and Administration of a Special Library, consisting of lectures by members at the seventh Educational Course. Three recordings were sold.
8. Educational courses on library services, 1956-58. Paid registration. Attendance varied, the highest being 127.
9. Radio and TV programs, including:
- Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce broadcast, Station WJAS, February 17, 1947.
- Ross Cibells, Geraldine Anderson, Luselle Jackson spoke on special libraries.
- American Chemical Society, Pittsburgh Section, Station WCAR, Geraldine Anderson, Mary Jane Volk.
- Three 15 minute broadcasts during the 1938 SLA Convention, Station KDIA.
- Meetings are given good coverage on the TV program, "Pitt Parade."
10. Public Relations Committee organized in 1956 to develop good public relations in the Pittsburgh area by offering services of speakers on programs of business and professional organizations.
11. A Chapter Consultant Committee was established in 1957.

Chapter participation in professional areas have included:
4. Regional conference with other library associations, Hershey, Pennsylvania.
6. Combined meeting with Indiana, Cincinnati and Cleveland Chapters, 1957.
7. Edith Portman served on Ralph Phelps' Subcommittee on Layout of Periodicals.

Awards and honors have been bestowed on many of the Chapter members: Dr. John Fertig was the recipient of the SLA Professional Award, June 1955; Dr. Fertig and Elizabeth Fry were recipients of the Pittsburgh Chapter Award in 1956. Edith Portman in 1952; Kenneth Pagerbaugh in 1957 and Mary M. Lynch in 1958. Mr. E. H. McClearid was elected Honorary Member of the Chapter in 1956.

The Bulletin, the official title of the Chapter's newsletter, was first issued in November 1933. Although its frequency is generally five times a year, there have been occasions when four or six issues have been published.

The Pittsburgh Chapter has twice been hosts to the Association's Annual Convention—in 1938 at the William Penn Hotel and in 1955 at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel. On February 23, 1951, the SLA Executive Board met in Pittsburgh.

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No fewer than four meetings are held during the year. With membership scattered over a wide area, no meetings would, in all likelihood, place an insurmountable burden on individual members; fewer meetings could spell inactivity. One of these quarterly meetings is scheduled at the same time and place as that of the New Mexico Library Association. The bulletin which is also issued four times a year, the first issue being published in April 1957, is always mailed early enough before each meeting to refresh members’ memories of the last meeting and to set the stage for the one ahead.

The Chapter joined with the University, College and Special Libraries Section of the New Mexico Library Association in planning and sponsoring a program on library publicity and public relations for the NMLA Annual Convention in Socorro, N.M., April 1957.

The activities of this young Chapter tended for some time to be organizational, but it is now well established and working through its membership and committees to enlist the active cooperation of all special librarians in the area. The meetings being held in various parts of New Mexico are bringing people into the fold, and through their interest and assistance the Chapter is hoping to complete a dictionary of report series designations. This dictionary project is now well under way.

Richard L. O'Keefe

San Francisco Bay Region

The early 1940's were years of rapid growth for business and industry in California. The petroleum industry was one of the leaders, and the Standard Oil Company of California's library, established in 1928, was meeting increased demands. The company's librarians, in their search for information sources, found a few other libraries in business organizations in San Francisco. These librarians agreed that work in the profession would increase their effectiveness, and the group met in 1931 to form a local association of special libraries. Early libraries joining the association reflected some colorful periods in the state's history and growth. Some had their origins in the early days of the 19th century; others were established in the 1870's, when libraries were started to serve the state's early industries, professions and scientific and cultural interests.

In October 1943, the association had grown sufficiently to organize a Chapter of SLA, which furthered participation by members in SLA activities. Due to the growth of special libraries in the state, a California number of Special Libraries was issued in June 1946, describing its leading libraries and information resources. The first Directory of Libraries of California, compiled in 1947 by the Southern California and San Francisco Chapters, also pointed to the increasing importance of special libraries on the Pacific Coast. The Chapter's growth and need for closer contacts with SLA and the aroused interest in the development of special libraries in the state led to the acceptance of the invitation to hold SLA’s first Far West Convention in San Francisco, June 18-21, 1950. The Chapter will again be host to SLA's second San Francisco Convention in 1961.

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SLA was represented at the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations Conference in June 1957, by Mrs. Hildegard Miller, librarian of the Bureau of International Relations, University of California, who had also worked closely with the 1945 Conference library.

The Chapter sent four delegates to the Pacific Coast Conference of University of Washington in May 1948 and in 1950 contributed to the CARE book program fund to be used by Unesco to purchase technical books for foreign libraries.

During the Sixth National Conference of the United States National Commission for Unesco in San Francisco, November 1957, the Chapter organized and supervised an "Atia in Books" exhibit, which attracted a large attendance of delegates. A press conference was also arranged for the authors of some of the books displayed in the exhibit.

Chapter publications have included union lists, trade association directories, statistics of California commodities, membership directories and duplicate exchange lists.

Two of the Chapter's most useful projects—the union lists and the duplicate exchange lists—have been carried on since the early years of the Chapter. The first Union List Committee started work on the original list in 1929.

Brief duplicate exchange lists began to be included occasionally in Chapter bulletins in the early 1930's. Since about 1930, the Duplicate Exchange Committee has compiled and distributed spring and fall lists each year. The Committee suggested that a regional duplicate exchange list be compiled by the three Pacific Coast Chapters in the Spring of 1959; this list was available at the SLA Convention in Los Angeles, June 1959.

A Library Promotion Committee was formed in 1954 to foster establishment of special libraries in new and older business and industrial firms and other organizations in the San Francisco Bay area. It sent letters and literature providing information about special libraries and SLA, offered to assist in the selection of a qualified librarian through the Chapter's employment service, consulted with representatives of firms and cooperated in the establishment of several recent special libraries. In 1957, this committee was discontinued, and the new post of Chapter Consultant was filled to conduct similar activities.

Other promotional activities have included Chapter meetings with companies which might be interested in establishing special libraries, mailing letters and SLA literature to companies, preparing articles for newspapers and trade journals about local special libraries and sending out news releases concerning Chapter meetings. The Chapter has also used both TV and radio programs to further library publicity.

The Chapter has participated with high schools and universities in recruitment programs and counseling and in workshops, career seminars and extension courses.

In 1958 Chapter members held a book auction to raise funds for the SLA Scholarship and Student Loan Fund. Contributions to this fund are made annually.

The first Special Libraries Association Professional Award for professional achievement was presented in 1949 to a member of the San Francisco Bay Region Chapter—Edwin T. Comisar, Jr., Director of the Library, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, for his book, Sources of Business Information.

Margaret Hayth

Southern California

To Dr. Ralph L. Powers, an instructor at the University of Southern California and the first Secretary of Special Libraries Association, belongs the credit for calling a meeting of special librarians for March 6, 1922, at the Reata Board Room in Los Angeles. Mrs. Vivian Smith, Security Trust and Savings Bank, was elected President of the new group. Guy E. Marion, Research Department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and a past SLA President, was appointed to make arrangements with SLA.

In this first year of its organization, members set the pace for which the Chapter is well known. A constitution was adopted April tenth. On May eighth a Union List of Periodicals Committee was appointed, with Blanche E. McKown, Periodical Department, Los Angeles Public Library, as chairman. This publication was issued in 1923 after many hours of work by Miss McKown and Josephine B. Hollingsworth, Science and Industry Department, Los Angeles Public Library, who succeeded her as chairman, and by their dedicated committee members.

A second edition was published in 1931. Mildred E. Schae, Southern California Telephone Company, was chairman of the committee responsible, and Josephine B. Hollingsworth, associate chairman. The holdings of 43 libraries were represented in this edition as against 24 in the first list. The third edition, in 1943, listed the holdings of 60 periodical collections. Mrs. Francis S. Davis, Power and Light Division, Los Angeles Public Library, was chairman of the compiling committee. All three editions are now out of print. A study is being made at present of the need for a new edition and whether other publications, such as New Serial Titles, or newer methods of interlibrary loan with photographic reproduction of desired articles might fill this important need.

Other Chapter publications include a Directory of Special Libraries in Southern California, compiled by Dr. Power before he called the first meeting, and successive directories and rosters. The first issue of the Bulletin was published in November 1927. Although at first issued monthly before each meeting, it is now published quarterly. While the cost of publishing and mailing the Bulletin was previously sustained by the Chapter with frequent issues subsidized by firms friendly to the Chapter and its editors, it is now self-sustaining through its advertisements. The Biological Sciences Division started a union list of the periodicals in its members' libraries that was supported by the entire Chapter when it came time for publication and especially by the Farmers Insurance Group whose Multilith Department reproduced the publication.

The Chapter voted to affiliate with Special Libraries Association on October 20, 1942, and in January 1943 the Chapter's application for affiliation with SLA was formally accepted by the Association. Two years later in January, members voted unanimously to call the organization the Southern California Chapter of Special Libraries Association. It officially became a Chapter in February 1947.

A great deal of attention has been devoted by the Chapter to its constitution. The constitution of April 10, 1922 was revised and adopted, May 15, 1943. This was amended in 1936 and in 1938 and revised and adopted, May 14, 1949, and