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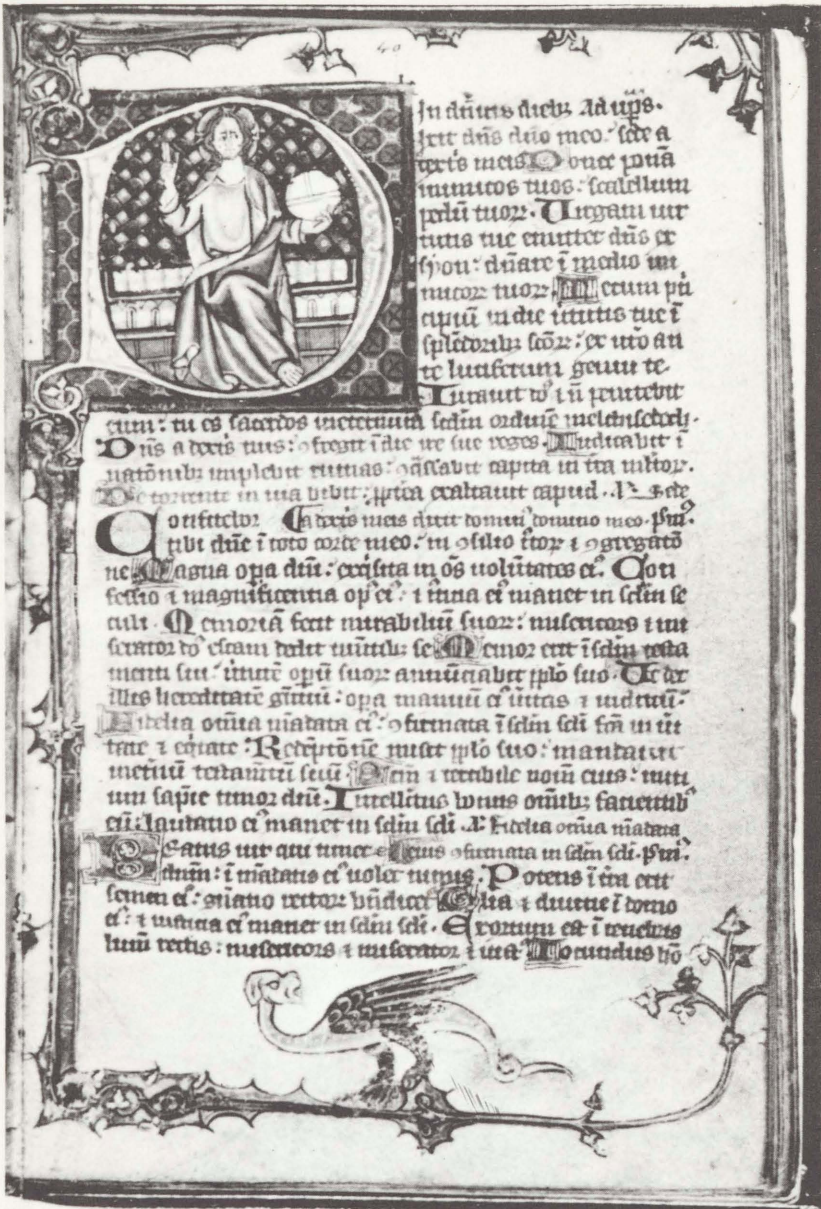
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## *News of the Library and Library Associates*

### **Fall Meeting and Luncheon**

Library Associates' Fall Meeting and Luncheon was held at the University Club on October 14, 1977. The speaker was Dr. Frank Macomber, well-known to Syracusans as a concert reviewer, choir director, organist, and member of the faculty of the Syracuse University Department of Fine Arts.

Dr. Macomber has had a special interest in the Syracuse University Audio Archive since its conception and has closely followed the work of the curator, Mr. Walter Welch. His presentation, "The Syracuse University Audio Archive: The Past with a Future," featured taped examples of recordings taken from early cylinders and discs contrasted with Mr. Welch's re-recordings. Through special processes of reproduction, a life-like sound emerges which has not been heard since the recordings were first played, though actually present in the original grooves. The true sound of these performances from the past are especially useful to students of music history and of instrumental technique.

Dr. Macomber is the author of an article on the Audio Archive which appeared in *The Courier*, Vol. XIV, 1, Spring 1977.

At the trustees' meeting which preceded the luncheon, reports included one by Dr. Kenneth J. Oberembt, head of Special Collections at Syracuse University Libraries, who spoke of the progress in the project to catalog and re-catalog the Von Ranke and Novotny collections. A new special project is being undertaken to catalog the backlog in the manuscripts collection. Miss Donna Burns has been hired as manuscripts librarian for this project. A rare book bibliographer has joined the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections, Mr. Mark Weimer.

The standing committees have begun preparing for the coming year, particularly the new Membership Committee co-chairmen, Mrs. Rhea Eckel Clark and Mr. Douglas Coon. The Program Committee, Mrs. Phillip Holstein and Mrs. Roscoe Martin, anticipate a full program with a twenty-fifth anniversary celebration and perhaps a book fair and auction as special events.

## Syracuse University Press Receives Grant

The John Ben Snow Foundation has granted the Syracuse University Press \$30,000.00 to help carry out a program to publish books about New York State.

The grant provides for an annual award of \$1000.00 for a distinguished manuscript in the upstate area with emphasis on Central New York. It is hoped that the award will "encourage the writing of books of genuine significance and literary distinction that will augment knowledge of New York State and appreciation for its unique physical, historical, and cultural characteristics."

The Syracuse University Press has had a long record of publication about New York State. Its series include: New York State Studies, York State Books, Iroquois Books, and, in cooperation with the museum, the Adirondack Museum Books.

The Press is the only publisher to have received recognition for its contribution to the state's culture from the New York State Council on the Arts. Its books and authors have won Awards of Merit from the Association for State and Local History. Two Syracuse University Press books were sponsored by the New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Mrs. Arpena Mesrobian, director of the Press is a member of the Publication Board of *The Courier*, which the Press once published.

## Members Honored

*Mr. Daniel W. Casey* has received one of two annual Trustee Citations which the American Library Association awards for "distinguished service to library development."

For more than twenty-three years Mr. Casey has been active in support of libraries. He serves as trustee and president of the public library in Solvay, New York, as trustee of the Onondaga County Public Library, and until recently, was a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the federal government's major library advisory group. He is a counselor of the American Library Association and former president of its Trustee Association. At the state level, he is a member of the Board of the New York State Association of Library Boards, of the Council of the New York Library Association, and of the New York State Board of Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.

Mr. Casey's remarkable record in the service of libraries deserves this recognition by librarians, other trustees, and friends of libraries nationwide.

*Laurance B. Siegfried*, professor emeritus of graphic arts at Syracuse University, has received the 1977 Frederic W. Goudy Award from the

Rochester Institute of Technology. The award is made annually to a distinguished individual in the graphic arts.

At the acceptance ceremony, Professor Siegfried delivered the Frederic W. Goudy Distinguished Lecture in Typography.

Professor Siegfried's career in graphics includes close association with type-designer W. A. Dwiggins. In 1919 the two men wrote a famous and influential satirical attack on standards of book production, *Extracts from an Investigation into the Physical Properties of Books as They Are at Present Published*.

Professor Siegfried came to Syracuse after twenty-five years in printing publishing, and advertising, and ten years as editor of the *American Printer*. At Syracuse he was chairman of the Department of Graphic Arts, university printer, chairman of the editorial board and general chairman of Syracuse University Press, managing editor of the Orange Publishing Company, and in charge of editing, designing, and the production of all university publications. He wrote many articles, editorials, and a book, *Typography Design in Advertising*.

He spoke of his recollections of W.A. Dwiggins at a Library Associates meeting in April 1975, when a display of Dwiggins work was arranged at the Bird Library.

### ***Suos Cultores Scientia Coronat***

Chancellor Emeritus William Pearson Tolley (Syracuse University Class of 1922) marked his seventy-seventh birthday with the publication of his book, *The Adventure of Learning*. Thirty-five years after returning to Syracuse University as chancellor and eight years after retiring, he continues to read and work in his study at Bird Library, the exemplification of the adventurer in learning.

Syracuse University Press, which published the book, honored Dr. Tolley with a presentation and birthday party. Dr. Tolley had instigated the founding of the Press in 1934 (as he did Library Associates in 1953).

Dr. Tolley's honors and achievements are many. As a bookman he is both knowledgeable and generous. His gifts to the Syracuse University Libraries' George Arents Research Library are numerous.

The large display cases on the sixth floor of Bird Library were filled with evidence of Dr. Tolley's work, his honors, and his gifts to the library. A reception was given there by Chancellor Melvin A. Eggers in recognition of Dr. Tolley's contribution to the university during his years as chancellor.

An interview and a lengthy review of Dr. Tolley's tenure at Syracuse University appeared in *The Record*, September 15, 1977. A limited number of single copies may be had from *The Record* office, 10 Administration Building, Syracuse University.

## **In Memoriam**

Gladys Rowley Timmerman, who was assistant librarian at Syracuse University for thirty years, died in July 1977. Though she retired twenty years ago, many of her Syracuse friends at the university and among the alumni remember her years of service. She received the Bachelor of Arts in Library Education in 1915 from Syracuse University. At the start of her career she was a librarian at the Montclair, New Jersey, Public Library, then assistant at the former Syracuse University College of Medicine, and later, assistant librarian at West Point.



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