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JOHN COWPER POWYS

*Photograph from the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections,
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News of the Library and Library Associates

At their Annual Meeting on April 22, 1977, the Board of Trustees of Library Associates elected a slate of officers for a three-year term: Dr. Benjamin J. Lake, chairman; Mr. Henry Bannister and Mr. Chester Soling, vice-chairmen, Dr. Erik Hemmingsen, treasurer, and Mr. John S. Mayfield, secretary. Trustees who were elected to the Class of 1980 are listed on the inside back cover of this issue of *The Courier*.

The report from the Acquisitions Committee indicated an outstanding year for Library Associates in terms of acquisitions purchased for the Syracuse University Libraries through gifts from the acquisitions fund. Gifts to the libraries for acquisitions in fiscal year 1976-77 totaled approximately \$8000.00, topping the total of \$5352.54 in 1975-76. In the same two year period \$8333.34 was placed in an endowment fund.

Mr. Metod Milac, assistant director for Collections, reported that the Syracuse University Libraries budget base has been increased, i.e., a permanent increase, and this year's book budget has been increased also. He thanked Library Associates for its gifts, and said that Library Associates had helped to make the year one of considerable improvement in the libraries' financial situation.

Dr. Lake is to appoint committees to plan for the auction and for events to note Library Associates' 25th anniversary in May 1978.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon for the membership was held at the University Club on April 28, 1977. Dr. Wayne S. Yenawine, former dean of the School of Library Science and director of the Syracuse University Libraries (1956-1965) was the guest of honor, Dr. Yenawine received the annual *Post-Standard* Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Syracuse University Libraries. (See below.)

At the meeting, Mr. Donald C. Anthony, director of the Syracuse University Libraries, gave a brief report expressing cautious optimism about the budgetary situation of the libraries. He announced that the position of rare books librarian had been restored.

Dr. Lake gave a summary of the year's accomplishments by Library Associates and listed the major acquisitions which Library Associates had purchased for the library since 1975.

The luncheon speaker was Professor Antje B. Lemke. To mark the 500th anniversary year of Caxton's printing of the first book in English in England, she chose as her title: William Caxton: 1477-1977, His Age and His Work.

Citation for the Post-Standard Award

On this 1977 award day, the *Syracuse Post-Standard* takes pleasure in honoring Wayne S. Yenawine, who was director of the Syracuse University Libraries and dean of the School of Library Science from 1956 to 1965.

Twenty-four years ago it was, in part, his initiative which brought Syracuse University Library Associates into being, with the purpose of providing the library with an ongoing source of interest and support from friends and alumni. This same initiative two years later helped bring about the establishment of *The Courier*, the periodical publication which has grown in distinction with the passing years and is now a well-established feature in library literature.

Dr. Yenawine presided over the fortunes of the Syracuse University Libraries and the School of Library Science in the significant period when the university was evolving from an institution serving primarily the needs of undergraduates into an institution for graduate study and research, with library facilities adequate for the support of graduate work at the doctoral level.

Library holdings grew from less than half a million to more than a million. With the strong support of Dr. William P. Tolley, then chancellor, and Dr. Frank Piskor, then vice-chancellor, Dr. Yenawine led the libraries' vigorous pursuit of acquisitions for special research collections.

With the support of the late philanthropist, George Arents, the modest collection of rare books was reorganized and upgraded into the Lena R. Arents Rare Book Room (later a part of the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections at Syracuse University.) The establishment of the rare book library encouraged the acquisition and donation of incunabula and unique volumes by other generous donors.

With the help of consultants brought to this campus by Dr. Yenawine as director of Libraries, the first plans were initiated for a new library building adequate for these expanded uses.

The libraries' classification system was changed from the traditional Dewey scheme to that of the Library of Congress—a system flexible and adaptable enough to meet the needs of a large institution.

Syracuse University joined the prestigious Association of Research Libraries.

Thus, under Wayne Yenawine's leadership, the Syracuse University library system joined the front rank of university libraries across the country, distinguished alike for the quality of their holdings and their services to scholars and students.

Recognition of Wayne Yenawine's service would not be complete without mention of staff development and leadership. With patient kindness he encouraged a staff accustomed to traditional ways to become a staff adapting to constant change in a continuously changing world. His thought-

fulness and wisdom could also be seen in the encouragement given to librarians from other countries who sought reestablishment of unintentionally interrupted careers in the unfamiliar environment of the United States. One such former staff member has said, "I shall never forget the man who made it possible for me to leave the factory and resume a profession."

Wayne Yenawine came to Syracuse from the University of Illinois shortly after receiving the degree, Doctor of Philosophy, from that institution. During the years of service here, he was president of the New York State Library Association and, later, of the American Association of Library Schools. On his departure from Syracuse in 1965, he became director of Libraries at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and some years later he was asked to develop a College of Librarianship for the University of South Carolina, of which he then became the dean until his retirement in 1976.

The *Syracuse Post-Standard* is pleased to recognize this distinguished career in the service of libraries by naming Wayne S. Yenawine the 1976 recipient of the *Post Standard* Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Syracuse University Libraries.

In Memoriam

An old and very active member of Library Associates in its early years died in Syracuse on March 7, 1977. Dr. Francis A. Wingate was treasurer of Library Associates from 1959 to 1967. He had been with Syracuse University for twenty-seven years, serving as vice-president and treasurer from 1960 until 1973. In 1973 he accepted the position of vice-president and treasurer of Onondaga Community College. He spent all of his adult life in the service of educational institutions and is remembered with respect and affection by his friends and colleagues in Syracuse and in Library Associates.

Member Publishes Local History

Mr. George Hawley has published a booklet, "Dr. Jonas C. and Mrs. Betsy Baldwin, The Founders of Baldwinsville, New York, and Some of Their Descendants." Founded at the beginning of the nineteenth century a few miles northwest of Syracuse, New York, Baldwinsville owes much to Dr. Baldwin's energetic enterprise. Upstate New York historians will find Mr. Hawley's work a detailed and careful compilation of what is known about the Baldwin family in this area.

The booklet is well illustrated and has an index.

The Class of 1912: Library Benefactors Par Excellence

The Class of 1912 has made the Syracuse University Libraries its special interest for many years. The leadership of the class president, Mr. Elmer G. Quin, in reminding these alumni of the importance of the library, has resulted in an outstanding record of funds donated for the purchase of valuable and useful books and reference materials.

A substantial endowment fund was presented to the Libraries in 1962 on the occasion of their fiftieth reunion, the income from which has been used to purchase one-of-a-kind items and other "books of importance for which there was an unusual need by undergraduates and graduate students, researchers and faculty members" (*The Courier*, 28, 1967, p.1).

Since 1972 the class has made two outstanding purchases: the *Human Relations Area Files* and a part of the *Codex Atlanticus*.

Their purchase of seven volumes of the Leonardo da Vinci *Codex Atlanticus* facsimile (*The Courier*, XI, 3, p. 41) will be complete with the publication of the last volume, expected in 1978.* The need to subscribe in advance of publication to the complete set of twelve volumes in order to purchase them makes the commitment of the Class of 1912 especially important and far-seeing.

The value of this acquisition is obvious. This edition of the *Codex Atlanticus* includes seventy hitherto unknown drawings and marginal notations exactly reproducing Leonardo's original. It contains material related to the vast range of his interests in such fields as astronomy, chemistry, physics, botany, anatomy, hydraulics, mechanics, geometry, geodesy, military engineering, and so on. There are designs, maps, architectural plans, sketches for his artistic works, precepts for painters, linguistic research, letters, notes, lists, etc., of interest to scholars.

The *Human Relations Area Files*, a microfiche set in five units, is a comprehensive collection essential to students and scholars in area studies. Companions to the *Files* are the *Index*, the *Outline of World Cultures* and the *Outline of Cultural Materials*, indispensable access guides to this collection.

More than a few members of the Class of 1912 have further expressed their interest in the Syracuse University Libraries by joining Library Associates. Mr. Quin has been a member of Library Associates since 1962 and was a member of its Board of Trustees from 1966 through 1969. He became a member of the Advisory Council in 1969.

*Five other volumes are being purchased with funds from other donors.

J. Terry Bender

The death of J. Terry Bender saddens all who knew him. He was keeper of a rare books and director of Special Collections at Syracuse University from 1964 to 1969 and worked actively with members of Library Associates to add to the distinguished collection in the George Arents Research Library. In 1969 the *Syracuse Post-Standard* presented him with its annual Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Syracuse University Libraries. He became a member of Library Associates' Board of Trustees in 1974.

His friends and colleagues knew him as one of the most knowledgeable, most enthusiastic men in his field. He came to Syracuse from the prestigious Grolier Club in New York City. When asked why he had made the change to Syracuse University, he said that he had come to the Lena R. Arents Rare Book Room "with a great desire to advance the growth of the collections which are already strong and flourishing, to see new collections added to this group, and above all to see that these valuable materials are known to and used by interested members of the University community *on every level*, and by the scholarly world at large" (*The Courier*, IV, 3, Autumn 1964, p. 9).

This is indeed what Terry Bender did, systematically, thoughtfully, and most successfully. In addition, many of his colleagues benefited greatly from his rich knowledge and experience.

Those who knew him will not forget his generosity, his wit, his sense of style. He will always be remembered with fondness and gratitude.

A special exhibit in his memory was arranged by Ms. Amy Doherty, Archives librarian, in the Spector Room, Bird Library. Perhaps the most striking exhibit in the display was the William Morris-Kelmscott Press edition of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. With a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Strouse, Mr. Bender engaged Roger Powell to execute a new binding for the magnificent volume, because the original blue-gray boards and cloth spine were in poor condition.

In a letter to Powell, Mr. Bender remarked that the elegant binding was a great source of pride to him and to the university, because it is not only the library's sole "example of the contemporary school of British binding, but a superb example on a great English press book."

Ms. Doherty said that, some years ago, on a return visit to the Arents Library, Mr. Bender asked to see the book once more in its binding: blind stamped white alumed pigskin over boards, with titles and contents lettered in gold on the spine and on both sides.

A Correction from the Snow Foundation

Mr. Ralph Snow writes us in regard to the mention in the last issue of *The Courier* (XIV, 1 & 2, p. 34) of gifts from the John Ben Snow Foundation of Pulaski, New York, to the Van Ranke Collection. The initial gift of \$100,000.00 to the Von Ranke collection restoration was a personal gift from the late Mr. John Ben Snow and not a gift from the Foundation as was erroneously reported at that time in the press. Once in print, such an error is difficult to correct. *The Courier* is sorry to have repeated the error, but is grateful for this opportunity to make the correction.

Mr. Ralph Snow also reports that the \$25,000.00 pledged by the Foundation for the new Von Ranke cataloging project has been paid in full.

From the Syracuse University Libraries "Bulletin"

The slide collection in the Fine Arts division of the Bird Library passed the 100,000 mark early last fall, having grown from 28,000 in 1965 to 128,000 by April of this year. This rapid growth has been matched by an increase in use in the same period from four regular faculty users to one hundred faculty users and one hundred selected graduate student users. Circulation averages about 16,000 slides per month.

The growing use of visual aids in teaching has enlarged the basic art and architecture collection to include such fields as color, nature, the Women's Movement, and the anti-war protests of the 1960's.

Primarily a teaching collection, use is restricted to faculty, teaching assistants, and selected graduate students. The development and organization for use of the collection has been the work of Ms. Romona Roters, slide curator.

An interesting resource is now available on microfilm in the Humanities Microfilm Collection at the Bird Library: verbatim transcripts of the major C.B.S. news broadcasts from 1975 to date. The transcripts will be updated every two weeks. An index is available in book form.

Not only are the major newscasters covered, such as Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, and Morton Dean, but also special shows, including, for example, "60 Minutes," "C.B.S. Reports," and "C.B.S. Special Reports for Young People."

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