



Newsletter

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AT LAST A COURSE IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP!

The School of Library Science at the University of Toronto will offer a course entitled "Map Librarianship" in the 1970 Master of Library Science summer programme. The course will be given by Joan Winearls, Map Librarian at the University of Toronto.

Emphasis will be on contemporary map collections in research libraries, (both large and small), and will cover all phases of operation. The main topics will be as follows: types of maps, modern and early cartography, types of map libraries and their organization, selection and ordering of maps and atlases, storage, preservation and processing, cataloguing and classification, and reference work. Guest lecturers will speak on modern cartography and map interpretation and visits are being planned to local map libraries and to a map printer. The six week course involves 13 two-hour seminars and a paper on some map library problem will be required.

Applications for the course must be made by April 15th, 1970 and persons interested should get in touch with the School of Library Science, University of Toronto (McCaul St., Toronto 181) for further details.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, A.C.M.L.

The tentative programme for our 4th annual Conference -being held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 1 - 3 -is outlined below. The final programme will be included in the next (May) Newsletter and will also be mailed to members together with registration forms, etc.

Monday June 1st.

Morning

Registration.

Historical Development of Japanese Maps, (illustrated talk)
Basil Stuart-Stubbs, University Librarian, U.B.C.

The Arrowsmith Map of Canada
Dr. Coolie Verner, Faculty of Education, U.B.C.

Afternoon

History of Hydrographic Surveying in B.C.
R.W. Sandilands, Senior Field Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Service, Victoria, B.C.

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Tuesday June 2nd.

Morning

Air Photos and Storage
Hugo Stibbe, University Map Collection,
University of Alberta.

Remote Sensing, (to be announced)

Afternoon

Are Map Libraries Obsolete?
Kate Donkin, Map Librarian, Dept. of Geography,
McMaster University.

To Loan or Not to Loan.
Joan Winearls, Map Librarian, University of Toronto.

Wednesday June 3rd.

Morning

Maps as Sources of Historical Evidence.
Betty Map, Chief Cataloguer, National Map Collection,
Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.

Cartographic Development at Mitchell Press.
William Salter, Head, Cartographic Division,
Mitchell Press.

Afternoon

Reports of Committees.

Business Meeting.

NEWS AND REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.

The University of Western Ontario

In recent correspondence Serge Sauer, Map Librarian at Western informs us that his "Maps in Theses Committee" has already held one meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for late March. A detailed report on developments will be given at the Conference in June.

Serge also mentions an interesting and inexpensive atlas which may be of interest to many of you.

Physical and Cultural Atlas of Lambton County

F.G. Higgins; M.R. Kanouse. Sarnia, 1969. \$2.00.

Available from: Mr. Frank G. Higgins, Lambton College of Applied Arts & Technology,
Box 969, Sarnia, Ontario.

Many of us should perhaps follow the example of the Map Collection of the University of Western Ontario, in displaying our maps for visitors and the general public. Over the past year Serge has organized three very impressive exhibits. The first a very comprehensive exhibit of Canada in Maps and Atlases comprised:

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19 examples of The Mapping of Early Canada and XIX Century Surveys and Plans, 54 examples of topographic and thematic maps of Canada, and 22 atlases. A second exhibit was entitled Japan in Maps and Atlases and a third was displayed for participants of The Third Annual Conference of the Huron - Erie Geography Teachers Association.

McMaster University

A short note from Kate Donkin, informs us that a report on the Salary Survey that she is conducting will be ready for the Conference. To date only 60% of the members have returned the forms sent to them in January. Please complete and return your form as soon as possible. If you have not yet received one write to Mrs. Donkin and request one. Mrs. Donkin promises a most interesting and revealing, if not shocking report.

University of Toronto

Joan Winearls has kindly forwarded the following reports on: "Acquiring Canadian Town Plans", her recent "Visit to Reise-und-Verkehrsverlag", a proposal for "A National Union Catalogue of Air Photos" and notice of a forthcoming "Map users Symposium":

Acquiring Canadian town plans

A recent attempt to acquire town plans of Ontario has proved most successful at the University of Toronto Map Library. A working list was prepared from the populated places named on Plate 9 of the Economic Atlas of Ontario. This included towns incorporated or unincorporated but with a population of 1000 or more. The list comprised some 298 villages, towns and cities. Letters requesting copies of the latest plan were sent to each of these in August and within three months the following resulted:

Maps received without charge	157
Reply requesting payment, etc.	<u>18</u>
Total received	175
Towns reporting no map	<u>3</u>
Total	178
Cost of the 18 plans (average \$1.76 each)	\$31.65

The majority of maps received were ozalid of blue/black-line prints. Over half were zoning maps or the map from the official town plan. Follow-up letters will be sent shortly to the towns not replying; and it seems likely that a good proportion will respond.

It was interesting to note that Yves Tessier at Laval was also acquiring town plans of Quebec last summer by the same method, (see Cartologica no. 1, Sept. 1969). He received 119 of 254 requested and these are listed by name, scale and date.

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Acquiring Canadian town plans

Several points can be made from these examples. First of all the initial response seems excellent - a 50 percent reply in 3 months. Secondly the level of cartography seems very high even for small places. According to the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs this could be a result of the increased number of planning consultants operating in Ontario since the late 1950's which has improved the standard of town plans. Moreover the Department also reports that over 200 Ontario towns and cities have official plans and these areas account for 80 percent of the population. In the last five years there were as many plans prepared as there were in the preceeding 10 years. All of this is of course good news to the map librarian.

This method would seem to be a reasonably quick and efficient way of acquiring recent town plans. Requests could be sent every two years and eventually many towns might become aware of research needs and the value of giving plans to map libraries. They may then automatically supply them as published.

Visit to Reise-und-Verkehrsverlag

A visit to Reise-und-Verkehrsverlag, the well-known Gernam map dealer is well worth the time and money. RV has just moved its offices to the suburbs of Stuttgart so it was with some surprise that I finally stepped out of the taxi in front of a small factory in a residential district. On entering, I was met by Mr. Beutel the manager, Mr. Bischoff, in charge of orders, and Miss Lenz, in charge of the catalogue. An English-speaking employee was on vacation - I know no German - so we soon had the sign language going thick and fast. What perturbed me was that we had been in and out of tiny offices and I could see no sign of map stocks - what could I possibly do there for a whole day? Eventually they asked if I wanted to see the stock. A door was opened and I was relieved to find myself looking into a vast room full of wooden shelves thick with maps, packing tables, desks and even cartographers working on the maps that RV publishes. Instantly communication became no problem as we discussed this or that topographic series, the numerous shelves of town plans, the latest atlases, new arrivals of maps, etc.,

After discussing business for some time warmed by a glass of kirsch, (produced from a beautifully-hidden cabinet) we went to lunch in a charming Black Forest inn and I ate Black Forest specialties amid digs about "Morrie Old Germany". In the afternoon with the help of Mr. Bischoff I selected maps to fill in the gaps in our Asia collection. The great forte of RV is that their maps are in stock and I can only suggest that for a map librarian starting up a new library a visit to RV can save hours of work. (In fact Richard Malinski of York University had preceded me by only a few days). In the evening Mr. Bischoff and Miss Lenz were kind enough to take me on a tour of the town and to a delightful dinner in the town hall restaurant overlooking a park. All in all very rewarding!

A National Union Catalogue of Air photos?

At a recent meeting of Ontario professors of cartography and photogrammetry at the University of Waterloo, several people expressed the desire to see some type of index to the holdings of air photography in Canada (or Ontario). It is notoriously difficult to find out what air photography is available for certain areas of Canada, let alone the world and a partial solution to this problem is to see what we have on our own doorstep.

NEWS AND REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:A National Union Catalogue of Air photos? (Cont'd)

Serge Sauer and I attended this meeting and indicated that the Association might be interested in looking into the question. Probably this would mean each map librarian reporting for their own library and/or organization in the form of coverage maps. So come to the conference in June with ideas and opinions on the ways, means and/or feasibility of a project such as this!

A map users symposium

It is to be hoped that several map librarians will be interested in attending a map users symposium which will be held at Queen's University from September 8-10, 1970. Map librarians have a definite role to play in supporting the call for new and better maps from the map publishers and in giving information on the use made of maps. The map librarian may not know in depth what use was made of his maps but he does know what maps are frequently requested and used and what requests for maps he could not satisfy.

Invitation from the Chairman, Geography & Map Division, S.L.A. (Miss Nora Corley)

The Special Libraries Association will be meeting this year in Detroit, Michigan during the week of June 7-11 at the Sheridan-Cadillac Hotel.

On behalf of the Geography and Map Division of SLA I would like to take this opportunity of inviting all members of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries to join us, as our guests, at our Division meetings. Last year in Montreal many of you joined us, and I think you will agree that it was to our mutual benefit. Our programme is noted below. If you are not an SLA member and wish to attend our sessions please let our programme chairman know, (Mr. W.W. Easton, Illinois State University, Milner Library, Normal, Illinois 61761), at your earliest convenience, as we need to know approximately how many people we have to seat, at meals, meetings and on buses!

PROGRAMME-GEOGRAPHY AND MAP DIVISIONMonday, June 8

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Luncheon. Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

"The Map Collections of the Newberry Library"

Speaker:

1. David Woodward, Map Curator, Newberry Library, Chicago.

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Division Annual Business Meeting
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

3:45 pm - 5:45 pm

Map Workshop Panel
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

Moderator:

1. Gerard Alexander, Chief, Map Division, New York Public Library.

PROGRAMME-GEOGRAPHY AND MAP DIVISION

Monday, June 8

3:45 pm - 5:45 pm (Cont'd)

Members of panel and topics:

1. John Wolter, US Library of Congress:
"L C Geography and Map Division Moves
to Arlington, Virginia"
2. Nordis Felland, American Geographical
Society: "On editing CURRENT GEOGRAPH-
ICAL PUBLICATION"
3. Rae Rips, Detroit Public Library: "Maps
for Travelers"
4. Louis Kiraldi, Western Michigan University:
"Courses in Map Librarianship"
5. Jeremiah Post, Free Library of Philadelphia:
"Ephemera--Trash and Treasure"

Tuesday, June 9

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tour of Stroh's Brewery
Bus from Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

8:30 pm - ?

Scholarship Event, "Monte Carlo Night"
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

Thursday, June 11

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Tour US Lake Survey, Detroit

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Bus from US Lake Survey to Ann Arbor

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Luncheon. Women's League, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor
"Unusual Maps of the Renaissance" (Illustrated)
Speaker:

1. Dr. George Kish, Geography Department, Univ.
of Michigan.

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Tour of Clements Library
University of Michigan.

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Tour of Map Collection
University of Michigan.

MAP LIBRARIANS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT:

Anyone having a vacant map librarians position will be pleased to note that we have had two requests for assistance in finding such employment. Should you have an opening in your map library, or require further information from either of these ladies, contact them directly at their respective addresses:

MAP LIBRARIANS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT: (CONT'D)

NAME

Miss Lynda Chai-Chin Chen

Miss Lorraine Dubrouil

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London, Ontario.

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EDUCATION

1969-70 M.L.S. (May 70)
School of Library & Information Science
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(1970) B. Sc. (Major in Geography)
McGill University.

1960-64 B.A. (Major in Geography)
Nanyang University,
Singapore.

EXPERIENCE

One year as a student assistant in the
Library & Bindery of the School of Library
& Information Science, University of Western
Ontario.

Three summers (4 months each) as
Map Library Assistant in the
University Map Collection,
McGill University.

PRICE INCREASE OF PUBLICATIONS:

The price of the Associations publications has been increased by \$1.00 as of January 1, 1970. Further discussion on the price of publications, etc. will be held at the June business meeting.

The Proceedings of the Annual Conference will sell for \$3.00 per copy (formerly \$2.00) except for the one free copy which each member receives at the time of publication.

The Directory of Canadian Map Collections (now being reprinted) will cost non-members \$3.00 (formerly \$2.00) - subsequent copies will cost members \$3.00 also.

The Newsletter is distributed free to all members.

The Proceedings of the First Annual Conference has been re-printed and is again available to anyone wishing to purchase a copy - new price \$3.00 per copy.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE MEETING

An executive meeting of the Association was held at the University of British Columbia on February 23. An outline of some of the items discussed, with comments, follows:

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE MEETING (CONT'D)

It was agreed that the Annual Conference Proceedings are a symbol of the Association and should be of the highest possible quality. An effort must be made to improve the style and appearance of the Proceedings. An immediate improvement can be implemented by adding a cover. Numerous additional improvements can be accomplished but they will be costly.

A large portion of the Association's budget is presently spent on publishing the Proceedings, Newsletter, etc. Our publications must become self-supporting, (or nearly so), leaving more of our budget free to cover the routine commitments of the Association and to undertake new projects. Some suggested solutions to this financial problem were: to approach a sponsor to assist with the publishing, to include some advertising, to increase membership fees, to further increase the price of the publications, or to charge members for copies of the Proceedings which they now receive free of charge.

All of the above are suggestions only. Any additional practical proposals will be welcomed. Come to the conference prepared to solve this one!

As reported in the last Newsletter a Geography and Map Subsection of the International Federation of Library Associations was established last year. The executive feels that it is very important for our Association to have a voice in this international organization and to be officially represented at its meetings. The next meeting will be held in Moscow late this summer (August). The annual membership fee for our Association would cost approximately \$37.50. A decision on this matter will be made at the June meeting.

The possibility of establishing a permanent address (P.O. Box, possibly in Ottawa) was discussed. Since our letterhead, envelopes, and publications do not give a permanent address most non-members and some members are at a loss to know where to write for information or publications. This situation is further complicated by the fact that the executive alternates each year from one end of the country to the other. This problem will also be discussed at the annual meeting.

It was decided to proceed with the reprinting of the Directory of Canadian Map Collections now, without revision. The revision for a new edition will be initiated next year and will be published in time for the meetings, August 17-19, 1972, of the International Cartographic Union in Ottawa, and the International Geographical Union in Montreal.

As an aid in planning future conferences it is requested that any member interested in attending other conferences such as the Canadian Association of Geographers, The Canadian Library Association, etc., make their feelings known so that our conference can be scheduled to avoid conflicts of interest.

GENERAL NOTES:

The numerous ideas, suggestions and issues mentioned in this Newsletter require much serious thought and discussion. It is your duty as members to consider these problems carefully and make your feelings known to the Association. This can be done by writing a letter to the President of the Association or by collecting your thoughts and proposals for presentation to the annual business meeting.

Sincere thanks is extended to the two members who forwarded their lists of map sources. It might be interesting to note that from the two lists provided approximately 30% of the sources (addresses) were not included in the master file. There must certainly be more members who can contribute additional sources. It is felt that if such a large percentage of addresses are missing from the master file it is well worth waiting until more members forward their lists. Once again your co-operation is requested in forwarding your addresses.

It was gratifying to have had so much support from members for this issue of the Newsletter. Please keep the information rolling in.

Brad Fay
Editor.