

**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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**American Library Association Convention**

Holding their first annual convention in New York City since 1877, some 5,000 members of the American Library Association from all sections of the country attended the sessions of the 59th conference of the association from June 21-26, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Mr. Malcom G. Wyer, librarian of the Denver Public Library, the president, presided. At the 1877 conference only 66 persons attended, of whom six were women.

The association members were welcomed at the first general session by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and Frederick A. Stoker, New York publisher. The theme of the convention, "Enduring Values," was introduced in the first address by President Malcom G. Wyer and emphasized throughout the sessions in relation to books, the library profession, library methods, library buildings and library service to the public.

Outstanding personalities, prominent librarians and publishers from all over the country took part in the sessions. There were also twenty-one delegates from twelve foreign countries. The 130 sessions included such subjects as library publicity, adult education, reference work, work with children, library work with the blind, school libraries, library gifts, friends of the library, library building, county and regional libraries, microphotography, trustees, professional training, library work in small libraries, book-binding, young people's reading and library work with the foreign born.

Highlights of the convention included talks by many famous persons. Among these was the talk by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the dinner in honor of the Newberry medal winner, Miss Ruth Sawyer. Mrs. Roosevelt expressed in her informal talk, the belief that children's books in the future should inform children of what is really going on in the world, particularly their own country, concerning the economic and social conditions. Miss Ruth Sawyer, whose book

"Roller Skates," won the John Newberry medal for "the most distinguished juvenile book" during the year, wore a blue and pink old-fashioned dress of 1812 as she charmingly spoke about her book, her experiences and her purpose in writing the book. She stressed the fact that children need freedom and need to use their own ways and means, their own trust and sense of values to try out life and to successfully adjust themselves to it. At the dinner in her honor, instead of a formal speech, she kept her audience entranced for over a half hour by telling them an old tale for children, inherited from her beloved Irish nurse.

Mr. Carl Van Doren, literary critic and author, spoke very interestingly and with humor on "The American Imagination." Mr. Chas. W. Ferguson, associate editor of "Readers Digest," spoke on the subject of "Educating the Emotions." Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the School for Social Research, N. Y. City, gave a very thought-provoking talk on the "Social Meaning of the Book" at the final session. Christopher Morley paid his respects to librarians as "a place in which to think," in this noisy and busy world.

Besides the serious sessions the conference included many social diversions—over 50 teas, breakfasts, luncheons and dinners were scheduled. All libraries in N. Y. City and surrounding territory were open for welcome and inspection. Tours to see the sights of the city were conducted.

During the week librarians were cheered by the news that the bill providing a permanent state aid for \$500,000 for Michigan libraries, had been passed by the legislature and is to be signed by the Governor. Also came news that the 2,300 New York public librarians now have the assurance of an annuity upon retirement from their professional duties. Efforts toward a retirement system have been carried on for 31 years and finally reached success during the convention week.

**Have You Visited "The Land Of Covered Bridges"**

This is one of the many titles by which the territory surrounding The Shades Resort is known. That picturesque—almost primeval—strip of land lies down in the wooded hills of western Indiana—where the waters of Sugar Creek, appropriately called "Rock River" wind through rocky gorges to join the placid flow of the Wabash. As William Jennings Bryan once said upon a visit: "Here one gets a glimpse of the mountains in the midst of a prairie."

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**A Backward Trek**  
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**Gayety at The Shades**  
A quick change! While you dream, in its caravan-like seclusion, of those sturdy pioneers whose hands cut the seasoned timber—their selves seasoned to storm and struggle in the wilderness—suddenly you hear the strains of soft, exotic melodies. You have come upon a hall where young people of today are dancing to the music of a modern orchestra. There are lights and laughter and you find yourself under the archway that leads to The Shades and on the gayety and charm. This quick transition is one of the great charms of this place which is going to be, you already feel sure, an un-

forgettable experience.

**Tree and Rock Formations**  
The park itself, with its intriguing title of The Shades, opens to a wide open space, at the end of a winding wald, we come upon a stately old verandah of an old-fashioned southern type of home. It is a hotel but at first it looks as if somebody were there especially to greet you. And there is—a very charming "somebody" in the person of Miss Ethel Frisz, the daughter of the owner of the Shades. Under her friendly guidance you are at once at home in the hotel and apparently experience has taught her just about what every visitor wants to do first. And so she suggests the trail she thinks you would like to follow—unless of course, you show signs of being weary when you will be escorted to one of the coziest rooms imaginable with an outlook cheerful and home-like.

**Then To The Trail**  
If you will send for a descriptive map of The Shades—asking especially for the airplane view—they will send you information which will help very much to give you all the good of your trip. It describes the Indian trail, Lover's Leap (of course there is a Lover's Leap—what resort would be complete without it?) The Devil's Fireplace, the Hanging Gardens, the Springs of Beauty, Health and Youth—and all marked with arrows in the picture so that you can visualize what you shall see and just how long it will take you to go there and back. The time for the trails varies from three hours to thirty minutes so that all can find plenty to see without over-exertion.

Live again in imagination the romance you thought smothered by our sophisticated life today. For example—take the trail to the springs some night when the moon silvers every leaf and branch—and makes the boles of the trees blacker... cross the 14 inch board that spans the chasm near the Bridal Veil Falls. (Of course there is a Bridal Veil Falls too). Put your arm deep into a crevice between the dark, frowning layers of rocky ledge. It is soft with moss and fern and the edge is dappled with moonlight, but you get a creepy feeling just the

same. For the catamount used to slumber here and still wild life abounds. You might even disturb a buzzard on her nest. But they tell us there is nothing to fear, as the constant coming and going of guest on the trails keeps the wild life in seclusion. The Shades Resort is only 160 miles from Chicago—on Route 41—Indiana 234.

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**Deerfield Locals**

Mrs. Ray Horman of Bellevue, Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Dunham.

Mrs. Joseph Korenin was hostess to members of the Independent club yesterday afternoon at her home on Chestnut street.

Mrs. A. R. Hedges (Ruth Patterson) entertained her Deerfield bridge club on Monday evening at her home in Chicago.

Mrs. Bessie Andrews and son, Cyril, of Christopher, Ill., are staying at the home of Mrs. Andrews' niece, Mrs. Jack Morton. Mrs. Andrews' daughter, Moyne Camille, is attending Northwestern university this summer.

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire department was called out because of a grass fire in Woodland park last Thursday evening.

The Walter Page family spent the week at Lake Wandawega in Wisconsin.

The Deerfield Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting on Monday evening, July 19, at the home of Mrs. E. G. Jacobson of Deerfield road.

Mr. A. C. C. Timm is in the Highland Park hospital for several weeks.

The Just Sew club met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. R. Warner with Miss Mabel Ducker as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haws (Dorothy Savage) of Exeland, Wis., announce the birth of a daughter, Peggy Jean, on June 23. They have another little daughter, Margie.

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