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"I'm late ... I'm late ... for a very important date."

Like the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, I'm rushing.

Apropos, the child of a hopeless communicator, is nine years old this year. But like its creator, it is late.

Within the next few pages, you will assess whether it was worth the wait ... to find out the new provincial executive, the schedule of provincial Executive/Board of Directors' meetings, the line-up of regional activities, brief summaries of some conference workshops from May and more.

Welcome back, friends.

WHAT'S NEW

Congratulations to Bette Heard. On August 4, 1987 she married John Gore. The couple will reside in Val Caron, just outside Sudbury.

Executive/Board of Directors' meetings have been scheduled for the upcoming year as follows:

September 19, 1987
November 21, 1987
February 6, 1988
March 12, 1988
(tentative)
April 9, 1988

The Executive meetings will run from 9-10 a.m. The Board meetings will follow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meetings will continue to be held at the Metropolitan Toronto Public Library (789 Yonge St.) Room A until further notice.

Any member can attend as an observer and is welcome to do so.

WHAT'S NOT SO NEW

On August 28th, the posting for a library technician position with the Elliot Lake Secondary School closed. The ad indicated that a library technician with audiovisual training was required for the high school. This was the position vacated by Bill Land who is now with the Elliot Lake Public Library.

OALT/ABO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE 1987/88

At the May conference at Erindale College, a new provincial executive was elected. The names and positions held are as listed:

President	Jean Eliof
Vice-President	Maggie Hotchkiss
Secretary	Bette Gore
Treasurer	Beth Barnes
Public Relations	Pat Graham
Newsletter Editor	Alan Devine

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**OALT/ABO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1987/88**

As with the Provincial Executive, the advent of May? usually brings on a flurry of new names on the Board of Directors.

This year is no exception. For Ottawa, we have Danielle Amat, former provincial president, etc... for Huronia, Louise Campbell; for Halton-Peel, Roberta Tripp, last year's provincial president; for Lohania, Theresa Talsma; for Talta, Dale Peters; for Thunder Bay, Helen Heerema.

Sudbury is experimenting with rotating the directorship. For the September 19th meeting, Denise Denomme will be representing the region. The November 21st meeting will be covered by Linda Davis or Denise Denomme, the February 6th one by Millie Cayen, the tentative March meeting, by Monique Fuchs and the last one will introduce Lorrie Roberts to the provincial body.

WATCH OUT FOR

In the next few weeks, you should be receiving a flyer for the upcoming regional workshop. It will be Saturday, October 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Roy Bonin, the current Director of Library Administration at Laurentian University. Do plan to attend.

**NATIONAL LIBRARIAN VISITS
SUDBURY**

As a result of a study about interlibrary loan services in Canada, a series of consultation meetings occurred across Canada "to examine in greater depth and precision the various arrangements in place for resource sharing in each province and territory, and how these might relate to national resource sharing activities and programs."

By March 1987, meetings had been held in Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta. The encounter for Northeastern Ontario (which comprised of representatives from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Timmins, Hearst, Kapuskasing, Kirkland Lake and other communities) was in Sudbury, April 9-10, 1987.

The first day of discussion took place at Laurentian University, with the wrap-up session happening at Cambrian College, the following day. In addition to Marianne Scott and her assistant, a CISTI representative and one from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, there were twenty one participants from various kinds of libraries (special, academic, public, etc.).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss resource sharing in Northeastern Ontario "its organization, roles, and responsibilities; problems or barriers to cooperation in

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sharing documentary and information resources, and future directions."

A wine and cheese reception followed the first day's session. Held at the Sudbury Public Library Auditorium, it was open to all library staff, giving them an opportunity to meet the National Librarian. A videotape was shown presenting an overview of the services of the National Library.

As one of the guests to this two-day event, I discovered Miss Scott to be amiable, interesting, intelligent and sincerely concerned about Canada's interlibrary loan system in a time of fiscal restraint, and the federal and provincial governments' roles in future developments of resource sharing.

One to two participants from each of these cross-Canada meetings will be invited to attend the plenary session, where the resource sharing picture for their province as a whole will be put together and examined. I am sure that those of us involved in interlibrary loans services will be eager to learn the resulting recommendations.

by Millie Cayen

MADAME PRESIDENT

As the new regional president, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this association and invite you to participate in our activities.

As you know a workshop is

planned for Saturday, October 24th. Our Spring workshop is being organized for April 1988 in Sault Ste. Marie.

The annual Christmas supper will be Friday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Mr. Prime Rib on Barrydowne Road in Sudbury.

The Sudbury region's annual business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th, 1988 and elections for regional positions will be held at that time.

For our members outside the Sudbury region, I would like to remind you that any time you wish to attend any of the regional activities, billeting can be arranged. We would love to see you.

Monique Fuchs

1987 CONFERENCE BURSARY

In 1987, the Sudbury region instituted a \$200 bursary whose purpose was to assist regional OALT/ABO members without sponsorship to attend the provincial conference. This year's recipient was Millie Cayen, a contract employee of the Sudbury Algoma Hospital.

If you wish information on how to apply for this bursary, send a letter to the regional post office box. The next conference is only a few months away.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the regional report for the period of May 1, 1987 to August 25, 1987.

Balance (87 05 01) 179.37

Credits

Membership fees	272.00
Interest	67
Transfer from savings	100.00
Interest G. I. C.	106.25
Workshop Rebate	30.00

Debits

Conference Bursary	-200.00
Bank charges	8.76
Workshop expenses	16.20
Provincial dues	150.00
Newsletter printing	18.58

Balance (87 08 25) 294.75

In addition to the chequing account balance which is outlined above, our savings account has a grand total of \$1548.35 and our G. I. C. is \$1000.00.

FEE INCREASE

As a result of concerns voiced at the OALT/ABO annual business meeting at the 1987 conference, membership fees in our association will increase next year. A graduate's fee will go up to \$35 from the present \$30.

CLA 'S TASK FORCE ON THE ROLE OF THE LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

The Canadian Library Association has set up a task force to investigate the role of the library technician in the library field.

Susan Morley is OALT/ABO's co-ordinator. She will be responsible for gathering submissions from the regions and along with other OALT/ABO volunteers, compile the information and write a report for this task force.

Copies of your job descriptions, your salary scales, etc. will help in the preparation of this document as they will best reflect the current job market in which we work and the true role of the library technician. Please send this information to:

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OALT/ABO CONFERENCES

The sites for provincial conferences for the next three years have been set. In 1988, the conference will be held in Thunder Bay at Lakehead University; in 1989, Lohania will host it in Hamilton at McMaster University and in 1990, we will have the opportunity to revisit Geneva Park in Orillia courtesy of the Huronia region.

A NEW CREATURE

A new position has been added to help the provincial executive. A MEMBERSHIP CHAIR has been set up by the Board of Directors to help alleviate the workload of the Public Relations Coordinator. All matters dealing with membership such as preparing the membership directory and its supplement, compiling membership statistics, etc. will be removed from the duties of the PR coordinator, liberating the person in that position for public relations. The new Membership Chair is Carolyn Boardman. She is an ideal choice for this job as she is already acquainted with the work involved with membership as the past PR coordinator.

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