participants to its spring program meeting on "Economic Reality: Strategies for the Academic Library" on May 3 at the University of Maine, Orono. The New England Chapter has 768 personal members and 86 institutional members.

- The Oregon Chapter has established the pattern of meeting in the winter, spring, and fall of each year. At the February meeting, held on the campus of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Stephen Beckham, a historian at Lewis and Clark College and an authority on Northwest Indians, discussed the ways in which libraries have been helpful to him in his research. The April meeting at Oregon State University in Corvallis featured a presentation on Earlam College's course-related library user instruction program by Tom Kirk, science librarian, and Jerome Woolpy, professor of biology at Earlam.

- The Western New York/Ontario Chapter sponsored a workshop on April 7 in Rochester jointly with the Upstate New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The topic was "Analysis of Library Collections: How to Evaluate What You Own and How Much It Is Used."

POOLE NAMED CHOICE EDITOR

Jay Martin Poole has been appointed the new editor of Choice, a monthly book selection journal published by ACRL in Middletown, Connecticut. At Choice Poole will have responsibility for a publication with a circulation of about 6,000, a budget of $700,000, and a staff of twenty-two.

Since 1974 Poole has been head librarian of the Undergraduate Library, University of Texas at Austin. He was head of the Reference Department at the State University of New York at Buffalo Library during 1973–1974, and special programs librarian and reference librarian at the University of Washington (Seattle) Libraries from 1970 to 1973.

He earned his B.A. degree from the University of Tulsa and his M.L.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Active in ACRL, he was the 1978–1979 chair of the ACRL Undergraduate Librarians Discussion Group.

Inside Washington

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services is now only two months away. Much has been written about the resolutions adopted by the state conferences. Now people are beginning to speculate on the possible impact of resolutions that will come out of the national conference.

The Washington office is greatly interested in what happens at the White House Conference. The office is constantly seeking new material that will help tell the library story to those in government who make laws and regulations. Resolutions of library organizations and meetings lend weight to the message we convey on behalf of librarians and libraries.

The results of the White House Conference will have special significance for several reasons. First, the time is right for a fresh look at the direction the library field is taking. Second, the conference will focus national attention on library issues. Third, the predominance of citizen participants (two-thirds of the total) should not only improve discussion but also enhance the overall credibility of the process. And finally, multiple targeting on local, state, and national issues and the wide scope of the topics to be considered will give added importance to the resolutions that come out of the conference.

All of this is not to say that the current slate of library problems will be wiped clean, or that long-debated issues will finally be resolved. On the other hand, it will be refreshing to look at a brand new distillation of what is changing (and not changing) in the field. In the Washington office, we are confident that the overall results of the conference will help to highlight our national assets, to reconfirm continuing needs, and to focus our efforts in new areas.
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