Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

At the annual fall meeting held in Cleveland, the following officers were elected to serve during 1970: president, Mathew F. Dee of Ohio State; vice president, Stan Farmann of Notre Dame; secretary, Carol Bratton of the Cincinnati Bar Association; and treasurer, Vince DeMelto of Case-Reserve. The Friday afternoon program was a panel consisting of a law student, a practicing attorney, a judge, and a law school faculty member who presented views on law library service. The Saturday morning meeting was a description of OBAR, the Ohio Bar Association's computer project for cases.

At the business meeting, a resolution was sent to AALL requesting that the AALL constitution be amended to alter certain provisions regarding chapters. In particular, it was requested that the 50 percent AALL membership for chartering be eliminated.

In May, ORALL met in Akron concurrently with the Ohio Bar. On Friday afternoon Mr. C. Robert Beirne, president of the Cincinnati Law Library Association, gave a talk entitled, "Selling the Law Library." On Saturday morning, Morris Cohen, AALL president-elect gave a stimulating report of AALL's present status. Morris' talk evoked a great deal of discussion and a sharing of ideas.

During the business session, the ORALL membership voted upon a scholarship program under the chairmanship of Kathy Farmann. Two grants were awarded for ORALL members attending the 1970 AALL institute and convention. Also, a Constitution Committee, under the chairmanship of Nancy Miller, is in the process of studying the ORALL constitution, with the intention of submitting suggested changes to the membership in the near future.

Mathew F. Dee, President

Liaison With the Library of Congress

This committee should have had a busy and productive year for the followup to decisions made with the Library of Congress regarding the processing and distribution of thousands of volumes of State legal material. Early in October of 1969, the president informed the executive board that he, with legal counsel, had concluded that the proposed project would exceed the corporate powers of the American Association of Law Libraries and should be abandoned. The executive board voted to rescind previous approval of the project. Your chairman felt no pressing obligation to pursue that matter further or, indeed, any other matter, without some move from the Library of Congress suggesting a need for our involvement in some activity.

The committee is valuable; it should be available to relate to the Library of Congress whenever necessary.

Lewis C. Coffin
Morris L. Cohen
Dan F. Henke
William D. Murphy
William B. Stern
Earl C. Borgeson, Chairman

Private Law Libraries

The committee has undertaken the task of keeping members of the law library profession informed of current technical developments, particularly as they affect private law libraries. To that end, we are presenting a panel discussion on "Private Law Libraries in the 1970's" at the association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on June 28.

The proposed program:


"Administration and Staff Supervision." Mrs.