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WE'LL MISS YOU, KATHRYN

Kathryn Wilson, linchpin of the archives for six years, retired the last of August and now enjoys life at a more leisurely pace. Kathryn worked in government documents from 1967 to 1979 when she transferred to the archives. From then until her retirement, Kathryn represented us to the public, edited this newsletter, maintained the vertical files, processed all our book orders, balanced our accounts, developed exhibits, saw to it our supplies and equipment arrived when needed, ran the office and, when necessary, the staff.

All of us remember Kathryn's professional flower arrangements for the library parties and receptions. For staff luncheons and parties Kathryn brought dishes which were favorites with everyone--layered salad, chicken-broccoli casserole and "little bits."

Now Kathryn will have more time for her grandchildren and her hobbies including needlework and flower gardening. When Kathryn and her husband Charles are not in Johnson City, you will find them in their second home at Land Harbor, North Carolina.

Ellen Garrison has often said, "The archives was without a director for almost eleven months and nobody seemed to notice. But when Kathryn goes on vacation for a week, the whole place falls apart." Kathryn's hard work, impeccable appearance, good nature and devotion to the archives will be missed. We wish you joy in your retirement, Kathryn, and we dedicate this issue of the newsletter to you as a mark of our esteem and our affection.

ETSU AWARDED CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES AND SERVICE

As part of the state's Better Schools Program, passed by the 1984 legislature, East Tennessee State University inaugurated a Center for Excellence in Appalachian Studies and Service (CASS). The center builds on earlier work by faculty in a number of disciplines who have been nationally recognized for their contributions to the study and improvement of the region.

CASS includes the Institute for Appalachian Affairs, B. Carroll Reece Museum and Archives of Appalachia. Additional faculty will serve as fellows of the center, using this opportunity to complete a variety of projects to enrich the economic, social and cultural life of upper East Tennessee. Dr. Richard Blaustein is co-ordinator of the center. Charlotte Ross, the first faculty member hired through CASS, will be working with the co-ordinator in developing programs and activities of the center.

As part of CASS, the Archives of Appalachia will receive supplementary funds for staff, equipment and materials. These additional resources will enable the archives to improve access to its collections and to make its holdings and services more widely available.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Along with its responsibility for collecting and preserving Appalachian documentary materials, the archives and special collections department is charged with insuring the preservation of the permanently valuable records of the university. The department--in cooperation with President Ronald E. Beller, university records officer David L. Kite and College of Medicine archivist Martha Whaley--has sponsored two workshops on records management during the past year.

On May 23-24, Dr. Frank Cook, ETSU alumnus and director of the archives at the University of Wisconsin, visited ETSU. He held a seminar May 23 describing the principles and benefits of records management for university administrators. His presentation was followed by a luncheon and an address by President Beller outlining the university's plans for records management. There followed onsite consultation with selected university officials about records problems in each office.

Based on this survey, Dr. Cook recommended that the university conduct training on design and implement information retrieval systems. On September 27 Gerald Hegel, director of management and education services, a division of TAB Products, held a half-day workshop for university employees directly responsible for maintenance of records. This session covered the information explosion and its impact on the university, information organization including files and forms management and information equipment selection.

GRANT NEWS

"Archives of Appalachia: Meeting a Region's Needs"

The Archives of Appalachia/Appalachian Consortium grant which began in April 1984 continues to make substantial progress. Nine hundred and forty-seven repositories, historical societies and museums have received our survey. Plans for the directory (which will supplement the National Historical Publications and Records national directory) are now underway.

The training workshop has been planned for Nov. 14-16, 1984, at Mars Hill College, North Carolina. Archivists from regional institutions will offer instruction on four topics:

Conservation of documentary materials--Mike Holland, Appalachian State University.

Techniques for arranging and describing materials--Anne Campbell, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky and Ellen Garrison, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University.

Audio/video tapes and photographs--Terry Birdwhistell, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky and Jim Lloyd, Archives and Special Collections, Western Carolina University.

Public relations/outreach activities and strategies for improving fund raising--Richard Dillingham, Rural Life Museum, Mars Hill College and Malinda Crutchfield, Appalachian Consortium, Appalachian State University.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$47. This price includes a double room in a dormitory at Mars Hill College, six meals in the student cafeteria, all workshop materials and entertainment for both evenings.

If you are interested in attending the workshop on archival training, please contact Kathy Wheelock, project coordinator, or Ellen Garrison, project director, in the Archives of Appalachia.

WELCOME ABOARD

Norma Myers Thomas has joined the staff as technical services archivist. Norma, who has just completed her master's in history at ETSU, will supervise the processing operations of the Archives. This position is funded by CASS, and as part of her work

for CASS Norma will be developing a computer-based subject index to all materials in the archives. This index will provide a single access point for manuscripts, photographs, vertical files and audio and video tapes, thus enabling researchers to locate all needed materials quickly and efficiently.

Graduate assistant Martha Egan began service in the archives in July. She is pursuing the MA in history and holds a BS in communications from the University of Tennessee. Martha has worked in radio news and government and is a Kingsport native.

Two new student assistants joined the staff in August. Freshman chemistry major Karen House of Greeneville began her experience with the archives by working on the newly acquired Clinchfield Railroad materials. Karen is a pledge of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. Patricia Thagard has a double major in English and history. A junior from Mountain City, she originally hails from Miami. Patricia is currently working with the Appalachian Preaching Mission Records.

WELCOME BACK

Lee Burrow of Elizabethton returns to the archives for his fourth year as a student assistant. An elementary and special education major, Lee expects to graduate in June 1985. Currently, he is completing work on the East Tennessee Light and Power Company Records.

Senior accounting major Gregory Taylor returns to the archives as he completes his final semester of study at ETSU. Recently married, he and his wife reside in Gray. Completion of the Elizabethton Star negative collection is the focus of Greg's archival service.

Greeneville native Tim Seaton began his second year as an archives student employee by performing the preliminary processing of the most recently acquired Clinchfield Railroad records. Tim is a sophomore marketing major and is a pledge of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Lewis Cox of Boones Creek is returning for his sixth year as a student assistant in the archives. He is majoring in electronics with a minor in computer science and will graduate in May 1985. Lewis is working on various computer projects with the archives Apple II plus microcomputer.

EXHIBITS

"Changing Campus," the theme of the archives current exhibit, features ETSU buildings. Beginning with the Gilbreath administration and the first five buildings in 1911, the exhibit progresses through the Sherrod, Dossett and Culp administrations. Each of these presidents planned buildings which later gave recognition to his administration and ETSU. By 1977, the campus consisted of 68 buildings on 325 acres, serving a student body of 10,000 students.

Kathryn Wilson prepared a quilting exhibit to coincide with the Blue Ridge Quilters' Guild seminar in July. In two flat table exhibit cases (loaned by the Carroll Reece Museum) she arranged various types of quilt pieces, templates, quilting accessories

and a how-to book to illustrate the various facets of quilting. The cases were on display in the first floor hall adjacent to the medical library.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

In June, Ellen Garrison and Mildred Kozsuch attended the Tennessee Archivists meeting in Clarksville, TN. Director Garrison was one of the speakers for the program, "Public Programs: Links to the Public." Aug. 29-Sept. 2, Garrison attended the Society of American Archivists annual meeting in Washington, D.C., and delivered a paper, "Promoting Special Collections in the Library." She also attended a meeting of the 1985 SAA program committee.

Since the first of April, archives outreach programs have been shown to diverse groups including the Erwin Kiwanis, Grace Baptist Church of Knoxville, Exchange Place Historical Farm quilt show in Kingsport and the Southern Highland Institute for Educators. The latter was held in Boone and Culowhee, North Carolina, Blacksburg, Virginia, and ETSU. At the Southern Highland Institute for Educators, Garrison also spoke to local teachers and demonstrated the use of archival resources on Appalachia in the classroom.



ARCHIVES COOKOUT

Ellen Garrison entertained the staff and student assistants with a cookout in her backyard Sept. 12. Dave Hogan, announcer for WJCW, provided the food and did the cooking for the group. Ellen won the dinner in a contest sponsored by WJCW, a Johnson City radio station.

Several teachers from area schools have brought their classes to receive instruction on the resources of the archives. Schools represented were Sullivan South High School, Kingsport University Center and the Elizabethton West Side Elementary School.

For the May alumni dinner meeting, Garrison prepared a slide program, "ETSU--A Special Place," which depicts the history and spirit of ETSU. The program was presented by alumni association President Jim Reel. Larry Smith, university photographer, produced the slides for the program. The archives staff is fortunate in having Larry to assist with projects, exhibits and publicity.

Dr. Thomas Burton of the ETSU English Dept. has placed a reel-to-reel tape recorder and head phones in the archives on permanent loan. Burton has long been a benefactor of the archives and we appreciate his continued interest and generosity. The library has purchased a video cassette player and monitor for the archives. The acquisition of this equipment will enable researchers to use the archives video and audio tapes, previously housed in the IMC, in our own quarters. We express appreciation to the IMC for assisting researchers using audio and video tapes until the archives acquired the necessary equipment.

Adding the finishing touches to the East Tennessee Light and Power Company Records is a main goal of the technical services staff for this semester. More Clinchfield Railroad Records were obtained over the summer months; consequently student assistants are involved in the processing of these records. During the fall semester work will be accomplished on the B'Nai Shalom Congregation Records and processing will begin on the D.R. Beeson, Sr. papers.

The archives staff honored Kathryn Wilson with a retirement reception Sept. 7 in the staff lounge. Many of her university friends attended and wished her a happy retirement. She received a gold necklace from the archives and library staff, honoring her 17 years of service.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE, JOHNSON CITY BASEBALL TEAM PHOTOGRAPH, 1912. 1 photograph. Oversized photograph of the Johnson City baseball team of 1912. Donated by David W. Vincent, Johnson City, TN.

BREWER, GLADYS ADDINGTON (ca. 1906-1984) PAPERS, 1935-1977. .5 l.f. Newsclippings, postcards, poetry, ration books, telegrams, newspapers, 25 b&w photographs (various sizes) World War II correspondence written by William Brewer of Kingsport, TN. to his wife, Gladys; and correspondence concerning Mrs. Brewer's career as a teacher, dietitian at the Pentagon and hostess for officers' clubs in Texas. Donated by daughter, Barbara Blevins, Kingsport, TN.

BURTON-HEADLY VIDEO TAPES. 32 video cassette tapes. Concerns serpent handling and the drinking of poison in religious services at Carson Springs and the Holiness Church of God in Jesus' Name churches near Newport, TN. Filmed by Dr. Thomas Burton and Thomas Headly, ETSU. Purchased by Archives of Appalachia.

FITZGERALD, WORLEY (1887-1984) PAPERS, 1897-1977. 1 l.f. Newspapers, poetry, notes on religion, song-book, cash journal, 1925 map of Johnson City, Tennessee Market Bulletins 1920's and the Tennessee Baptist Reflectors 1950's of Worley Fitzgerald, farmer and operator of a greenhouse in Johnson City, TN. Donated by Richard Ellis, Johnson City, TN.

HICKS, W.C. PAPERS, 1884-1928. 1 folder and 5 vols. personal and business correspondence and 5 account books related to the "Midget" Roller Flour and Corn Meal Co. of Morris-town, TN. and Rural Retreat, VA. Purchased by Sherrod Library for the archives.

HIGGS, JOHN CURTIS, SR., (1902-) MANUSCRIPT. 1 folder. "The Story of My Life: May 12, 1902 to Dec. 1983." John Curtis Higgs, Sr.'s autobiography of his life in middle Tennessee. Donated by Dr. John (Jack) Higgs, Jr. ETSU.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, CITY JUDGES' DOCKETS, 1891-1939. 28 vols. Records of criminal cases heard by the city judge. Deposited by John Campbell, city manager.

JOHNSON CITY COMMUNITY THEATER RECORDS, 1946-1984. 4 l.f. and 1 scrapbook. Programs, correspondence, broadsides and b&w photographs (various sizes) of the Johnson City, TN, Community Theater. Donated by McBerney Burleson, Johnson City, TN.

KNIGHT, CARL B. PAPERS, 1977-1981. 2 l.f. Correspondence, board of directors' minutes, insurance papers, financial reports, newsclippings, legal suits, deed, and profile of Carolina Clinchfield Railroad. Donated by Carl B. Knight, Big Stone Gap, VA.

NORRIS DAM, TENNESSEE, PHOTOGRAPHS, ca. 1933. 9 photographs. 9 b&w 2 3/4" x 3 3/4" photographs of the construction of Norris Dam. Donated by Ms. Eloise Haney, Kingsport University Center.

SPEARS, ROSS INTERVIEW, 1984 (copy of Omni program of WSJK-TV) 1 30 min. video cassette tape. Ross Spears interviewed by Terry Hickson on "The Making of the Electric Valley," a documentary history of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 1933-1983.

SHOUN FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, ca. 1900-1910. 8 photographs. B&W photographs (various sizes) of the Shoun family of Carter County, TN. Donated by Norma Thomas, Johnson City, TN.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BUS LINE RECORDS, 1934. 1 folder. Records of fares and passengers on bus trips. Donated by Sam Wheelock, Johnson City, TN.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, COMMISSION RECORDS, 1982-1984. (copies) .5 l.f. Zoning ordinances, financial records, annual report, agreement, newsletter, study and proposal of the Washington County Commission. Donated by Dr. Robert D. Patton, ETSU.

WINTER, MARK INTERVIEW, 1984. (copy of Omni program of WSJK-TV) 1 30 min. video cassette tape. Mark Winter, oral historian for TVA, interviewed by Terry Hickson on the history of TVA.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCRAPBOOK, 1911-1964. 1 scrapbook, 11" x 14". Newsclippings, programs and b&w photographs (various sizes) concerning activities and recognition of alumni, faculty and students. Transferred from the ETSU University Relations Office.

ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY REPORTS TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1955-1976. 3 l.f. Reports to the state board concerning enrollment, land acquisition, federal grants, building program and recommendations of various university topics by ETSU presidents Dossett and Culp. Transferred from the President's office.

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS, OFFICE OF, RECORDS, 1977-1981. 2 l.f. Grant proposals prior to 1980, memoranda, minutes, reports and ETSU and SBR policies. Transferred from the office of contracts and grants by Dr. Abbott Brayton, acting director.

DELTA SIGMA PI FRATERNITY, 1959-1970. 7 B&W photographs. Oversized composite photographs of the College of Business Delta Sigma Pi fraternity. Donated by Mildred Kozsuch.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD RECORDS, 1978-1984. 4 l.f. Minutes, correspondence and surveys of active proposals submitted to the board by the faculty. The board reviews all research proposals involving research on human subjects. Transferred to the archives by Dr. Robert Rasch, ETSU.

LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE RECORDS, 1977-1984. .5 l.f. Minutes, memoranda, reports and correspondence of the committee. Transferred to the archives by Dorothy Baird, ETSU.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR APPALACHIAN AFFAIRS RECORDS, 1982-1984. .5 l.f. Memoranda, correspondence, recommendations, minutes, report and notes of the committee appointed to serve as an advisory group to the vice-president for academic affairs and, in consultation with the director, provide guidance and direction for the Institute for Appalachian Affairs. RESTRICTED. Transferred from the committee.

SCATES, ELEANOR ROBERTSON TAPE, 1984. 1 90 min. audio cassette tape. Reminiscences of ETSU, 1944-1955, by training school faculty member Eleanor Robertson Scates. Donated by Dr. Edwin T. Greninger, ETSU.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SELF STUDY RECORDS, Sept. 1983-March 1984. Re-accreditation records, including departmental surveys, brochures, standards and publications. Deposited by the office of the vice-president for academic affairs.

SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE RECORDS, 1969-1984. 2 l.f. Programs, media guides, schedules, play-by-play of the Grantland Rice Bowl of 1969, N.C.A.A. basketball box scores, 1979-1983, and N.C.A.A. official scoring summaries for football, 1978-1983. Transferred from Sports Information Office.

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS REPORTS, 1973-1981. (copies) .5 l.f. Quarterly and annual reports of the Tennessee State Board of Regents concerning the state college and community college system, including statistics and topics related to the operations of these institutions. Deposited by the President's office.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECORDS, 1948-1972. (copies) 6 l.f. Quarterly and annual reports, minutes, agenda, statistics, and recommendations to the board by the university presidents concerning the faculty, students, facilities, enrollment and other topics related to the operation of the university. Deposited by President's office.

WETS-FM TAPES, ca. 1976-1984. 15 l.f. Reel-to-reel audio tapes of the Zeitgeist program recorded by Tom Christy and related to music festivals, concerts and interviews with local musicians, artists and representatives of human service agencies. Donated by Tom Christy, Johnson City, TN.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

A number of books were donated to the department during the spring and summer months. HILLYBILLY WOMAN by Kathy Kahn and GIFT FROM THE HILLS by Lucy Morgan

were given by Kathryn Wheelock. Anne Sims, archivist at Southern Illinois University and former graduate assistant at the archives, contributed THE NEW RIVER CONTROVERSY by Thomas J. Schoenbaum. Those persons interested in crafts will want to see these two books: TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND CRAFTSMANSHIP IN AMERICA: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY by Susan Sink, donated by the American Folklife Center, Washington, D.C., and A PEOPLE AND THEIR QUILTS by John Rice Irwin, contributed by Ellen Garrison. Also, Ellen Garrison gave the APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE 6th. ANNUAL APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE, which was held at Pipestem State Resort Park, W. VA in March 1983. An alumnus of ETSU, Mrs. Hazel Scott Craft, has donated her publication, JESUS, GOD'S GIFT OF PEACE TO YOU: A COLLECTION OF HIS BLESSINGS AND ASSURANCE. Two copies of HARD TIMES REMEMBERED: A STUDY OF THE DEPRESSION IN McMINN COUNTY were given by James E. Burn and Bill Akins on behalf of the McMinn Chapter of the East Tennessee Historical Society, Niota, TN. Timothy O. Reaves of Johnson City has contributed THE REAVES FAMILY TREE, which will be of interest to genealogists of the area. Dr. Susan Mattingly of the ETSU Communicative Disorders Department has donated ALABAMA HERITAGE by Virginia Pounds Brown and numerous copies of SOUTHERN EXPOSURE, a periodical with articles on Appalachia and the South.

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