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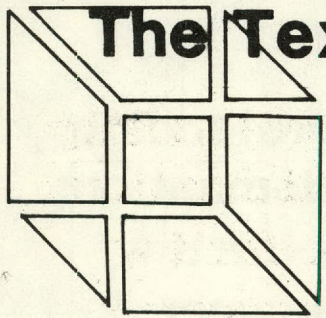
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The Texas Real Estate Research Center Meeting Industry Needs Today and Tomorrow

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Real estate can be one of the most expensive and infrequent purchases made in a lifetime.

Entering the real estate market can be a bewildering experience for first-time investors. Real estate industry leaders realized this and saw the need for an organization that would generate practical knowledge based on scientific research. The results of this research would benefit the general public, the real estate industry and real estate educators. Such an organization was formed in 1972 when Texas Gov. Preston Smith signed a bill creating the Texas Real Estate Research Center (TRERC) at Texas A&M University.

The legislature located the Center at Texas A&M for several reasons. The university is a land-grant institution, and many of its programs are tied to the foundation of all real estate--land.

"Moreover, Texas A&M leads all universities in Texas in research conducted," said TRERC Director Dr. Richard L. Floyd. "It has the facilities, the determination to succeed and a proven track record of turning test-tube theories into practical day-to-day applications."

Since its inception, TRERC has developed more than 400 publications on topics as varied as brokerage, careers in real estate, computers, condominiums, demography, financing, home buying and selling, insurance, investments, real estate law, management and marketing, recreational and rural properties, real estate statistics and taxes.

The law that created the Center also established the TRERC Advisory Committee, comprised of nine members appointed by the governor. Six members are real estate brokers licensed for at least five years. They represent each of the following real estate specialties: brokerage, finance, improvements, residential properties, commercial properties and industrial properties. The other three members represent the general public. In addition, the chairman of the Texas Real Estate Commission is an ex officio member.

TRERC is funded by Texas real estate licensees. Fifteen dollars from each broker's license and \$7.50 from each salesperson's license, collected annually, is allocated for the operation of the Center. This method of funding means every licensee has a vested interest in the Center.

"The Center is seen as a means to provide all parties to a real estate transaction with timely, accurate and unbiased information. Additionally, the Center provides a vehicle through which the professionalism of the Texas real estate industry is upgraded," said Floyd.

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PUBLIC DOCUMENTS HIGHLIGHTS FOR TEXAS is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

The newsletter is intended to keep documents librarians, reference and technical services staffs, state and local government officials, researchers, and other documents enthusiasts informed on a variety of topics concerning the content, management, and organization of all types of government documents in Texas.

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May 1, 1984

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Inquiries and materials proposed for publication should be directed to the Editor, PUBLIC DOCUMENTS HIGHLIGHTS FOR TEXAS, Texas State Publications Clearinghouse, Texas State Library, P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711 (512/475-6725).

Real Estate Research...

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Although the Center does not have a teaching function within the University, some staff members hold dual appointments with other Texas A&M departments. This arrangement allows the Center to occupy a unique, independent position within the university quite similar to that of other experiment stations and extension services.

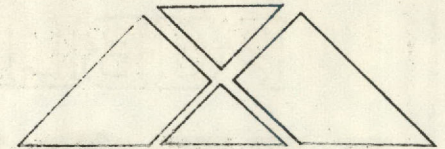
The specific purposes of the Center were established by legislation and may be grouped into three major objectives: to add to the body of real estate knowledge, to disseminate findings and results of the studies conducted by the Center, and to assist in the development of a statewide system of real estate education.

At the time the Center was created the founders had a general idea of what they wanted it to accomplish. They did not, however, want to limit the scope of research because they did not know what new demands the future might bring. Therefore, the law states that the Center is to conduct studies in all areas that relate directly or indirectly to real estate and urban and rural economics.

One of the Center's better known means of communication with its audiences is its quarterly magazine *Tierra Grande*, now in its sixth year of publication. The magazine is the Center's primary means of disseminating information to real estate licensees. Each broker is automatically added to the mailing list but anyone requesting the magazine will receive it free of charge.

TRERC also uses the mass media to reach its many audiences. The Center produces a radio program called "The Realty Report," which includes 20 one-minute spots mailed to some 75 Texas stations each month. "The Real Estate Consumer" is a weekly newspaper column sent to 75 newspapers--mostly weeklies--across Texas. Most of the 100,000 brochures, pamphlets and articles requested annually are provided at no cost.

The Center recently began moving into the television market as well. Television public service announcements are being developed and interviews with staff recorded on videotape. The Center also plans to produce programs for



viewing on public, commercial and cable television systems.

"Tremendous strides have been made in research, education and dissemination of information," said Floyd. "In my judgment, the Center has matured and its constituents are better informed in how to properly use this new ally. The Center strives to be the vehicle to channel 'real world' questions to competent researchers and to provide educators an opportunity to translate scientific findings to the real estate community and general public."

Understanding Condemnation: Help for the Landowner

Through the condemnation process in Texas, valuable private property can be taken against the will of the owner. Judon Fambrough, lecturer with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University and an attorney, has written a concise booklet for landowners faced with condemnation.

Understanding the Condemnation Process in Texas provides an explanation of the process and alternatives available to the landowner. The booklet supplies a checklist of items to include or discuss when confronted by a condemnor. Also included is a step-by-step discussion of condemnation procedures and definitions of legal terms used in condemnation proceedings.

The author explains who has the power of eminent domain, or the power to condemn property. Natural gas and electric current-and-power corporations in Texas have the right to enter, condemn and appropriate land to be used as rights-of-way and easements. Companies or corporations in the business of transporting oil, gas or coal for public consumption also have this right.

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GPO Workshops for Depository Librarians

by Jim Jacobs, Documents Reference Librarian
Texas Tech University Library

The Government Printing Office (GPO) has expanded its workshops for depository librarians from two days to four. I attended the first of these new workshops in September and found it useful and informative. Despite a little disorganization--undoubtedly attributable to the problems of switching to a longer format--everything went smoothly and successfully.

The workshops were originally set up by GPO when they had a large backlog of unprocessed materials. GPO staff members wanted to spread the word in the library community that they were all good, hard-working people and that they were striving to catch up. The workshops served as a means of showing librarians problems and working conditions at GPO, and of giving librarians a chance to get to know the people who were doing the work. The theory was that librarians would not complain as much if they had a better image of

GPO and knew the people working there; the entire depository process would become more personalized for the librarians.

The workshops were intended to be temporary; GPO felt they would not be necessary after its backlog was eliminated. But librarians requested that the workshops continue and GPO found that they facilitated an exchange of information between the librarians in the field and the personnel in Washington that benefited both. So the workshops continued.

The new four-day format reflects these origins. Much of the program is centered around presentations by GPO staff showing how the depository system works, where the work is done, and who does the work. Tours are given of GPO in downtown Washington and the Library Programs Service facility in Alexandria, Virginia. Detailed explanations of the internal work

flow of both printing and distribution are offered, including explanations of forms, files, and databases used by GPO. Machines that print, bind, trim, box, and mail are seen. The cramped office space where all the depository microfiche begins its existence is visited. On display are computers used for printing and computers used for keeping track of depository items, bins where shipments are sorted by library, and claims shelves where extras are kept.

Most of this is done quite well and one acquires an excellent perspective on how the depository system functions, including, somewhat indirectly, its strengths and weaknesses. For instance, the system tends to be passive and reactive--there is very little time or staff dedicated to identifying publications which should be in the system but are not. It is, on the other hand, good and getting better and more efficient at handling and processing materials that do find their way to the Library Programs Service facility.

There are also some opportunities for asking questions. And there are some informal times for getting to know some of the GPO staff.

The workshop is still very Washington-oriented. One learns a lot about how the work is done in Washington, but only a small part of this information is directly applicable in the depository libraries. There is a short workshop on the Federal Register that explains, at the most basic level, what it is and how to use it; a very useful presentation on depository inspections; and a couple of "information exchange" opportunities where the librarians share with each other things that have worked for their libraries.

GPO would like to put the workshop on video-tape so that it can be distributed around the country. Unfortunately, so much that is of value at the workshop, e.g., seeing the actual facilities, meeting people, and asking questions, will not be transferable to video-tape. The workshop is a unique and worthwhile experience. I recommend it, particularly if it can be combined with other Washington travel to help absorb expenses.

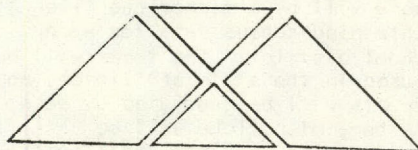
Real Estate Research...

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Before land can be condemned, the condemnor must show the land will be put to a public use. Also the condemnor may not legally condemn more property than is required to serve this use.

No landowner's property can be taken without compensation. Landowners must be paid the market value of their property, which is the price the property would bring when offered for sale. In cases where only part of a landowner's property is condemned, compensation must be made to the landowner for any decrease in the value of the uncondemned portion.

By law, any landowner whose property has been condemned must be given reasonable notice. The condemnor is required to make a bona fide attempt to purchase the property from the landowner. If both parties fail to agree on the purchase price, the condemnor may

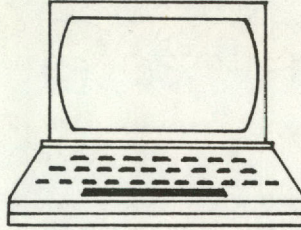


begin judicial proceedings. Settling out of court may be to the advantage of both the landowner and the condemnor.

The author suggests the best defense of one's property in condemnation is to understand the process and act quickly within the judicial framework. This booklet does not substitute for competent legal counsel; its sole intent is to inform landowners about the condemnation process in Texas.

Understanding the Condemnation Process in Texas is available from The Texas Real Estate Research Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2115. A written request for publication No. 394 should be accompanied by a check for \$1. This publication was distributed to Texas Depository Libraries. Microfiche copies are available from the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse Micropublishing Program.

STATE DATA MANAGEMENT AGENCIES MEET



STATE AND LOCAL

by Bonnie Grobar, Manager, Public Services Department
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South Plains Association of
Governments, Lubbock

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Commission, Wichita Falls

Permian Basin Regional Planning
Commission, Midland

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Texoma Regional Planning
Commission, Denison

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Governments, Abilene

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Kilgore

Deep East Texas Council of
Governments, Jasper

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Bureau of Business and Economic
Research
El Paso, TX 79968
(915/747-5122)

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Local, state and core affiliates of the Texas State Data Management Program held their third annual meeting in Austin on November 2-4, 1983.

Representatives from Councils of Governments and the City of El Paso, which make up the local affiliates; eight state universities, which make up the state affiliates; and members of the Governor's Office, Texas A&M University, Texas State Library, and Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) discussed recent Program activities and were made aware of future plans.

This Program originated three years ago when the Governor's Office contracted with the U.S. Census Bureau to receive census products in exchange for distribution of these products to affiliates throughout Texas. While many census products were available in Texas libraries, this Program was designed to make both computer tapes and reports generated from the tapes available to government planners, economists, and the business community on a wider scale and in a less costly and more timely manner. The Governor's Office has been through several reorganizations since Gov. Mark White was elected; however, this Program appears to be well supported although funding was cut by the legislature. The coordinator of the Program promised continuation of funding for development of automated access to census products, workshops, and reports, as well as a second issue of the 1983 Newsletter before December!

Major items discussed at the meeting included availability of summary tape file (STF) data. Census data from computer tape files 1, 2, and 3 has been in the data centers for some time, and

many reports from these files have been prepared and sold to interested users. STF4 has been released, and efforts are being made to prepare it for distribution. One problem with STF4 is that this file consists of 16 reels of data--the other three tapes consist of only 12 reels altogether! An index to STF4 can be found in Part C of the Users Guide to the 1980 Census of Population and Housing (C3.223/22:80-R1-C).

The Census Bureau is making available a tape file for EEO characteristics and one with data arranged by zip code. In addition, there will be a microfiche file containing census data for each school district. The tapes will be housed in the state affiliates, and reports will be generated by each of them; microfiche will be available at the local affiliates and the Texas State Library. Please contact your affiliate for more information.

Texas A&M University has developed software and a data base of tables from STF1A, which contains data to the census tract level, and will soon be for sale. The data base will be on floppy disks that will sell for \$5.00 each. The software will also be available.

Texas A&M is also putting the finishing touches on an interactive system, dubbed TXCENSUS, which will allow the data management network to have access to 33 tables from STF3, down to census tracts, through microcomputers that have dial access to the A&M computers.

If you are interested in microfiche products from the census, see the list of items available from the Texas State Library on page 11. If you are interested in other products or information, contact your affiliate.

Data Management Agencies...

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City of El Paso Planning Department

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Bureau of Business Research
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Austin, TX 78712
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Local Affiliates
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Heart of Texas Council of Governments, Waco

Capital Area Planning Council, Austin

Central Texas Council of Governments, Belton

Brazos Valley Development Council, Bryan

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Golden Crescent Council of Governments, Victoria

Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston

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Middle Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Carrizo Springs

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Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Corpus Christi

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, McAllen

CIS Offers FREE List of Statistical Publications

A new list of more than 1,800 statistical publications by nearly 1,000 American associations, business organizations, research organizations, universities, and state governments is available free from Congressional Information Service, Inc.

The 40-page booklet, which is excerpted from CIS's 1982 Statistical Reference Index Annual, lists publications under the names of their issuing sources and tells how often each publication is issued.

For a free copy of the list of statistical publications, write:

SRI Source List, CIS
4520 East-West Highway,
Suite 900
Bethesda, MD 208145

or call CIS's Customer Service Department at 800-638-8380 (toll free) or 301-654-1550.

[Reprinted from The Docket, Newsletter of the Documents Librarians of North Carolina.]

Calendar of Texas Events

The astonishing scope of colorful occasions that Texans choose to celebrate is to be found in the latest Calendar of Texas Events released by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Covering happenings throughout the state for the months of October through March, the Calendar is an inventory of things Texans do in the wintertime.

Crammed into 182 days of the six-month period, Texans (and guests) will gather for 692 reasons to frolic, parade, dance, eat chili, rodeo, and race anything from antique cars to rattlesnakes.

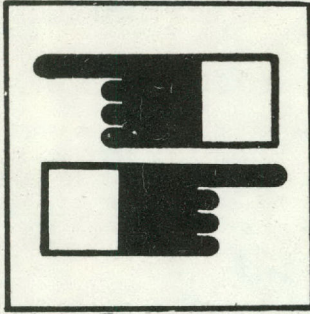
Twenty-one formal chili-cooking contests range from the Czech-accented Czhilispiel in Flatonia to the annual world championship affair at the unlikely site of ghost-town Terlingua. Other food fetes include the East Texas Yamboree in Gilmer, a gumbo cookoff in Seabrook, New Braunfels' rousing Wurstfest, peanut festivals in Floresville, Grapeland and Whitesboro, and rice festivals in Bay City, Katy and Winnie. They'll be cooking cabrito in Sinton, barbecue and beans in Ballinger, oysters in Edinburg, and shrimp in Aransas Pass. There's even a Sugarfest in Weslaco.

Autumn is welcomed in Winnsboro throughout October. Winter is celebrated at the All Valley Vegetable Show in Pharr and in Mission at the Texas Citrus Fiesta. Lots of candlelight tours and carol events highlight the holiday season. March ushers in spring with azalea trails in Houston and Tyler, and dogwood festivals at Palestine and Woodville.

In between, just for variety, Chappell Hill has scheduled a Scarecrow Festival, and the Great Gobbler Gallop is set in Cuero.

Variety is the word among those 692 listings. For a free copy, write Calendar of Texas Events, Box 5064, Austin, TX 78763. The Calendar of Texas Events is published semiannually by the Travel and Information Division of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation from information supplied by Texas chambers of commerce. The publication is distributed to Texas Depository Libraries.

Librarian



Exchange

If your library has a special document need - or - available discards which you think might interest another library, please contact us so that we can list these items in the "Librarian Exchange." All inquiries concerning the listings should be addressed directly to the interested library and not to the Highlights newsletter. The library accepting the material agrees to pay any postage and packaging costs.

Have...

Government Documents and Maps Office, McDermott Library,
University of Texas at Dallas, Box 643, Richardson, Texas 75080

TEXAS COUNTY STATISTICS, 1974 (A900.6 C832 1974)

TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS RULES & REGULATIONS
(A2100.4 R861 1978)

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, TEXAS STATE
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES UNIFORM INSURANCE AND BENEFITS ACT,
REVISED 1981 (C3400.4 Em73u 1981)

STATE OF TEXAS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MANUAL, PART II and PART III,
1977 ((D500.5 D63 1977 pt.2 and pt.3)

CLEAN WATER 83, December 1982 (N970.8 W291qc 1983)

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND 1975 ANNUAL REPORT (W600.3 An78f 1975)

AN ASSESSMENT OF SURFACE WATER SUPPLIES OF ARKANSAS WITH COMPUTATIONS
OF SURPLUS SUPPLIES AND A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR IMPORT TO TEXAS, 1976
(W600.8 As74sa)

CONTINUING WATER RESOURCES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR TEXAS, draft,
May 1977 (W600.8 C767w Ph.1d vol.1 and vol.2)

REPORT OF THE TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976 and
FISCAL YEAR 1977 (W1200.3 B477 1975/76 and 1976/77)

RULES, TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION, 1976 (W1200.4 R861 1976)

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Federal Government Publications in Special Formats for Blind and Physically Handicapped

by Linda Lindell, Reference Librarian
Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Texas State Library

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) in Washington, D.C., has established a central clearinghouse for information about federal government publications that have been produced in special formats (braille, large print, talking book records, cassette tapes) for use by visually or physically handicapped people. It is hoped that the distribution of these publications will improve significantly with the establishment of this operation.

The Consumer Relations Section of NLS oversees the project, which has three objectives:

1. To produce and maintain a comprehensive file of current federal government publications in special media.
2. To disseminate bibliographic information to individuals, libraries, and agencies about these publications and to direct inquirers to the appropriate sources.
3. To provide a means for reporting bibliographic data on new publications and for withdrawing information about outdated publications.

NLS maintains a card file of bibliographic information on the documents, which provides access by title, subject, and publishing agency. Due to the timeliness of the material, they have decided not to produce a catalog. Readers, librarians, volunteer braille or recording groups, and government agencies may request or report information by contacting:

Ms. Freddie Peaco
Volunteer/Consumer Specialist
NLS/BPH
The Library of Congress
1291 Taylor Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20542

202/287-9225 or 287-6397

A subject listing of documents is available and copies may be obtained by contacting:

Linda Lindell, Reference Librarian
Division for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped
Texas State Library
P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711

512/475-4758
WATS 1-800-252-9605



TEXAS STATE DOCUMENTS ARE RECORDED TOO!!



Carolyn Randall, Volunteer Recording Manager
Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Texas State Library

How do Texans who cannot read regular print learn what Texas documents contain? Print-handicapped Texans need this information as much as non-handicapped citizens.

Every week day for the past five years, volunteers have spent hours at the Texas State Library recording material for Texans who cannot read regular print. These volunteers "work" for the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH).

The Library of Congress produces books and magazines of national interest for the handicapped that are circulated by the Texas State Library. The Volunteer Recording Program was developed to record material to supplement the Library of Congress Talking Book recorded collection. One area of need is for informational material, such as Texas documents, and many volunteers undertake the production of these publications.

In Room 403, DBPH houses two recording booths. Telex recorders are used to produce open-reel master tapes from which the circulating cassettes are duplicated.

Two of the most popular Texas documents produced by the Volunteer Recording Program are Texas Highways and Texas Parks & Wildlife magazines. Every month three volunteers prepare these beautiful magazines for the registered patrons of DBPH. It takes approximately ten hours for a recording team (narrator/monitor/reviewer) to produce a master tape from the print text of these magazines. The listening time is about two hours. The Volunteer Recording Program has produced every issue of Texas Highways since December, 1977, and Texas Parks & Wildlife since January, 1978.

Texas patrons request the material that is to be recorded. In addition to books and magazines, patrons request Texas documents. Depending upon the format and the length of the proposed document, the recording may be by a single voice, or it may be multi-voiced.

To assist in the ease of use, the longer, multi-sectioned documents are tone indexed by introducing an electronic signal onto the tape that is audible in the fast forward or rewind mode, thus audibly separating the sections or subject matter. This provides the patron the convenience of rapidly moving the tape to the area of his interest, as opposed to listening for hours to find what he wants to hear specifically.

Following is a list of other Texas documents that are available on cassette to DBPH patrons:

Insurance Problems of Elderly and Handicapped Texans - Texas State Board of Insurance

Attorney General's Compilation of Texas Laws Relating to Persons with Disabilities, 1982

New Texas Laws of Interest to the Handicapped - Texas Legislative Council

Consumer Protection (3 pamphlets) - Texas Attorney General's Office

Needs and Concerns of Disabled Texans - 1980 Report and Recommendations - Senate Committee on Human Resources

Texas Drivers Handbook (English and Spanish) - Texas Department of Public Safety

For more information about state publications in recorded format, contact:

Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Texas State Library
P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711

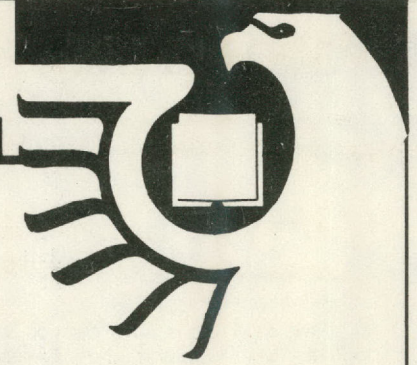
For more information about the volunteer recording program, contact Carolyn Randall, Volunteer Recording Manager, DBPH (512/475-4758)

Librarian Exchange

Have...

- Library, Adams State College, Alamosa, CO 81102
- THE COLORADO MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM OF 1959
- THE COLORADO PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN (1961)
- DEVELOPING CURRICULUM FOR INDIAN CHILDREN, Alfred M. Potts, ed. (1964)
- KNOWING AND EDUCATING THE DISADVANTAGED: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY, Alfred M. Potts (1965)
- LEARNING ON THE MOVE: A GUIDE FOR MIGRANT EDUCATION (1960)
- NOW WE GO...TOO, Alfred M. Potts (1958)
- PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN, Alfred M. Potts (1961)
- PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN (Rev. 1967)
- READINGS FOR UNDERSTANDING SOUTHWESTERN CULTURE (1963)
- A SOCIAL PROFILE OF AGRICULTURAL MIGRATORY PEOPLE IN COLORADO, Alfred M. Potts (1959)

Fall Meeting of the DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL



by Jan Swanbeck, Documents Librarian
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Opening the fall meeting of the Depository Library Council, Mr. Barrett, deputy public printer, summarized the findings and recommendations of the Grace Commission's study of Government Printing Office (GPO) operations. Of note is the recommendation by the Commission that agencies assume responsibility for the sale of their publications. This would obviously have enormous implications for GPO's sales program and for librarians and the general public who are attempting to purchase government publications.

Mr. DiMario, superintendent of documents, included in his comments the announcement of Sara Kadec's imminent departure, less than a year after she assumed the position of director of the Library Programs Service. This news came as a surprise to Council and the audience, although a high rate of staff turnover has plagued GPO for some time. Of special concern to Council was the effect this might have on the future of the ambitious automation plan developed by Ms. Kadec and the ADP Committee.

Bernadine Hoduski of the Joint Committee on Printing announced that the long-awaited printing and binding regulations will be distributed in the near future. She encouraged all present to examine them carefully and send written comments to the committee.

Sarah Kadec, director of Library Programs Service, reported that the distribution of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) maps through the depository program will begin soon. Bibliographic control of these maps will be the same as for maps currently distributed to depositories. Negotiations with the Department of Energy (DOE) for the distribution of its technical reports through the depository

program are nearing completion. Bibliographic control of these reports remains with Energy Research Abstracts; however, the possibility of on-line access to DOE's data base by depository libraries is being explored. Ms. Kadec also announced that libraries will now be inspected every seven years, that a fiche duplicator which will enable Library Programs Service to fill fiche claims and replace lost or missing fiche is on order, and that a new series of workshops has been developed and will be video-taped and made available to depository libraries.

Other presentations made to Council during the first two days included an update on the GPO marketing program, including plans to publicize depositories; two panel discussions on the Washington Library Network and cooperation between federal and depository libraries in the state of Washington; a Census Bureau report on planning for the 1990 census that indicated a commitment to user input; a talk on managing microform collections; and a futuristic vision of the distribution of government information by Fred Kilgour of OCLC.

In addition to these numerous oral communications, Council received a series of fact sheets presenting updated information and proposals for consideration. Some of the issues covered by the fact sheets include inspections, the Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries, the Federal Documents Data Base, energy publications, the format of the Monthly Catalog, item numbers, and the USGS/DMA/GPO map project. Council also received a list of issues on which GPO wanted advice.

With this overwhelming amount of information to deliberate upon, it is not surprising that Council committees came up with twenty-

three resolutions. Of these, one resolution concerning the indexing of Administrative Notes was withdrawn. The remaining resolutions were passed and are summarized as follows:

Government Operations

Committee

1. Council reaffirms its support for the development of the Public Printer's endorsed integrated automated support system for GPO's Library Programs Service. It is essential that the development of this system receive widespread input from depository libraries, a nationally recognized consultant, the Government Documents Round Table of ALA, and the national library community.
2. Council requests that cover information be provided for List of Sections Affected.
3. Council would like to bring to the attention of the Public Printer that timely appointments to the Council, the provision of a minimum of 60 days notice of meeting times and places, and the provision of appropriate materials for review at least 20 days in advance of scheduled meetings would significantly contribute to the effectiveness of the Council.
4. Council suggests that GPO include all non-depository titles appearing in the Monthly Catalog in the depository system.
5. Council recommends that no change in the item selections scheme be made at this time.
6. Council strongly recommends that GPO meet its previous commitment to distribute retrospective DOE Technical Information Center fiche.
7. Council commends the Public Printer for his farsighted understanding and approval of the concept of an integrated data processing support system for the Library Programs Service.

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

1. Council commends GPO for establishing the classification hotline and urges that this service be continued.
2. Council urges GPO to authenticate its serial records through the CONSER project.
3. Council recommends that GPO give attention to the recent increase in typographical errors in classification appearing on shipping lists and take steps to eliminate them.
4. GPO in its response to Spring 1983 resolution 5 proposes to discontinue establishing personal name authorities through the Library of Congress NACO project as of Oct. 1, 1983. Council recommends that GPO not unilaterally implement a change of this magnitude without:

1. consultation with the bibliographic utilities to assess the impact on their users and,
2. examination of alternatives such as discontinuing personal name authority work for technical report material only.

5. Council commends GPO for beginning compilation of A Practical Guide to the Superintendent of Documents Classification System. Council recommends that GPO ensure that this manual reflect current policies and practices and provide for its updating to accommodate future changes.

6. Council recommends that GPO develop procedures for distributing corrections in machine-readable form to subscribers of the Monthly Catalog tapes.

7. At its Fall 1982 meeting Council submitted the following resolution: "Due to the increasingly widespread potential use of the GPO MARC tapes by bibliographic utilities, consortia, and individual libraries, Council recommends that GPO investigate the various problems being encountered in the use of these records." In its response to this resolution GPO recognized the problems encountered by users of the tapes and stated that a task force would be created by July 1, 1983, to study the issues and report its findings. Council is unaware that the proposed task force has been created. It now wishes to resubmit the 1982 resolution and urges that GPO take immediate action.

8. In response to GPO's request for advice on Monthly Catalog format, Council recommends the following:

To improve searchability:

a. Continue to provide the indexes to the Monthly Catalog separate from the register of full bibliographic information, but increase the amount of access information in the indexes so that most users need conduct only a one-step search.

b. Provide the indexes as a microform publication which cumulates monthly to the end of the year and cumulate the annuals at the end of five years.

To reduce cost:

a. Provide both the register and the indexes in fiche.

b. Provide the paper index and the fiche index as separate subscription items. Many subscribers would need only the indexes and not the full bibliographic record provided by the register.

To meet user format needs:

a. Provide the register and the index in a choice of fiche or paper for depository libraries and as sales items in both fiche and paper.

To reduce printing delay:

a. The shift by some users to microforms or to purchase of the paper index without the register would reduce the volume of printing.

Example of format of records in index:

INDEX TERM IN CAPITAL LETTERS
 SuDoc number
 Main Entry
 Title. Edition. Publisher...Date. p. Format. (series)
 Item number (microfiche) Registry issue no.

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Bibliography of Texas Statistics in Preparation

The Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations is planning a bibliography of sources containing statistics collected and published by Texas state agencies. The bibliography is expected to be available early in 1984. Agencies and librarians are requested to submit information about Texas documents containing statistics to staff member Catherine Harris at:

TACIR, Information Center
Room 407, Sam Houston Bldg.
P.O. Box 13206
Austin, TX 78711

or telephone 512/475-3728.

NEW DIRECTORY FOR TEXAS

JOB HUNTERS

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To find out what it takes to become, say, a chiropractor in Texas, would you rather:

- Research the civil statutes;
- Call the board or agency in charge of the occupation; or
- Find the legal requirements, as well as job description, employment and earning outlook, educational qualifications, working conditions and more in one easy-to-use publication?

If you answered "c," you may want a copy of the Directory of Licensed Occupations and Apprenticeship Programs in Texas.

The directory, published in September, 1983, is an update of a 1980 publication. It was produced by the Information Services Division of the Texas State Library for the Texas State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

The directory devotes two pages each to most of the 54 occupations that require state licensing or certification in Texas, from accountant to veterinarian. This format is designed to enable users--typically counselors and high school students exploring career choices--to get a comprehensive picture of each field at a glance. Several listings in which the legal and educational requirements are less detailed, such as interpreter for the deaf and lay midwife, have shorter descriptions.

Twelve occupations were added to the directory as a result of the 1983 legislative session, which also created changes in many of the previous listings. It is hoped that the directory will be revised with each legislative session, to maintain its accuracy.

Information in the directory was taken from the law and from materials supplied by licensing agencies and occupational or professional associations. Employment figures and projections came from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, the Texas Employment Commission, professional associations and experienced practitioners in certain fields.

Copies of the directory will be distributed to Texas Depository Libraries. Other interested persons may order the directory from: Texas SOICC, TEC Building, 12th and Trinity, Austin, TX 78778. Microfiche copies will be available from the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse Micropublishing Program.

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Depository Systems Committee

- Council requests the continued awarding of certificates for:
 - achieving an overall depository grade of excellent on an inspection; b) a special anniversary of the library; c) a special program or service which increases the use and effectiveness of the depository system. In addition we urge that GPO send press releases to the individual library receiving the certificate, the state library, the regional library, the Congressmen and Senators of the state and any other appropriate body.
- The recurrent reports of the executive agencies required by law to be sent to Congress should be included in the depository library distribution system.
- Council commends GPO for revising the inspection report form. Council recommends that depositories be encouraged to

conduct a self-evaluation before the actual depository library inspection takes place using guidelines developed by GPO.

- Recognizing that GPO has undertaken an intensive campaign to market the Depository Library Program, Council recommends that GPO establish an on-going, comprehensive continuing education program for documents librarians throughout the country.
- Council supports the statutory requirement for retention of depository materials by selective depositories for a five year period.

If you would like any additional information, including copies of the fact sheets and the 1990 census presentation, please call or write:

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College Station, TX 77843
409/845-2551

1980 CENSUS DATA PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY

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