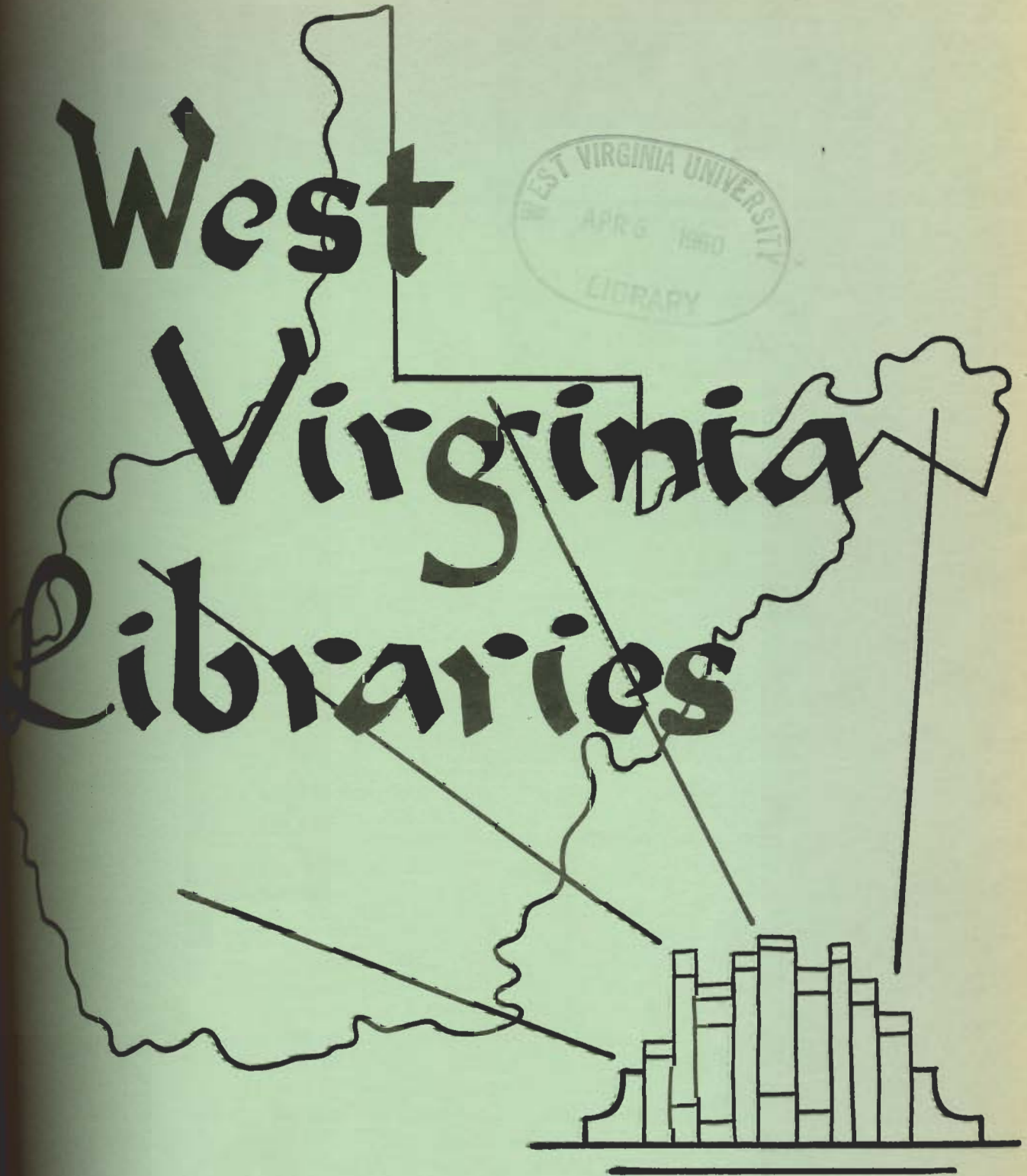


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Meetings of the Executive Board were held in Charleston on February 27, 1960 and in Morgantown on March 26, 1960. At least one more and perhaps two such sessions will take place prior to the annual conference.

I urge all of you to mark your calendar now for October 21-22, 1960. The conference site will be Wheeling with convention headquarters at the McLure Hotel. This will be our 45th anniversary meeting. You can help to make it the biggest and best by planning to attend.

I feel that a great deal has already been accomplished at this early date. However, there is still much to be done. For those librarians, trustees and friends of libraries from the Wheeling area who might consider volunteering to perform some good, hard work still to come, may I suggest that you contact Virginia Ebeling at the Ohio County Public Library.

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 29, 1960 shows a balance on hand of \$1,515.24.

Membership in the Association, as of February 6, 1960, totals 110. Indications points to a successful year. Your cooperation is essential and solicited. You can help by reminding those with whom you are familiar to complete their renewals, as well as to invite those not presently enrolled by extending them invitations of membership.

The Executive Board approved the appointment of Mr. Robert Bullen, Consultant, West Virginia Library Commission as

State Executive Director for National Library Week 1961.

Miss Florence K. Reese, Chairman of the Department of Library Science at West Virginia University, attended the Morgantown Executive Board meeting and outlined the aims and needs of the Library School.

In anticipation of holding another Middle Atlantic Regional Library Conference in cooperation with state library associations from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and New Jersey, the Executive Board has authorized me to explore, together with my opposite numbers, the possibilities of holding such a conference in the year 1963. If favorable dates are to be secured, it is most important that plans and decisions be made at this time.

Nicholas Winowich, President  
West Virginia Library Association

CAPITAL COMMENTS

by

Robert McClarren, Chairman  
WVLA Legislation Committee

1960-61 is the fourth consecutive year the West Virginia Library Commission's state budget has been set at \$99,000. The Commission requested \$189,853, but the Board of Public Works recommended only \$123,000, an amount which the Board mistakenly thought would qualify the State for maximum Federal funds under the Library Services Act. (Actually \$127,076 was needed). The \$123,000 included in the Budget Bills introduced in the Legislature was increased to the necessary \$127,076 by the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates, but the Senate's Committee reduced the amount to \$99,000. Both houses sustained the action of their respective finance committees, and the budget went to the joint Conference Committee for reconciliation of the difference. Unfortunately, the Senate Committee's recommendation prevailed, and the Conference Committee recommended \$99,000, the amount finally voted by both houses of the Legislature.

Although the specific effects on the Commission's operations for 1960-61 are not yet known, the Commission's program obviously will be held close to the current levels, and West Virginia probably will not be able to qualify for the full Federal funds.

To be commended are the members of the House Finance Committee, who increased the budget recommendation to \$127,076. Members of the Association represented by these gentlemen should inform them of the Association's appreciation for their efforts.

