

# GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

BY CLARK L. BECK, JR.

## *Books*

The Library has received a number of European imprints, including an Elizabethan Bible of 1595 and the Robert Rutgers family Bible of 1728, the latter containing the family's vital records for the years 1755-1800. Both volumes are gifts of Mrs. Eleanor Parmly. Other European acquisitions include Heneage Finch, *An Exact and most Impartial Account Of the Indictment, Arraignment, Trial, and Judgment (according to Law) of Twenty nine Regicides* (London, 1660); Madeleine de Scudery, *Clelia, an Excellent New Romance* (London, 1678); Louis Rustaing de Saint-Jory, *Les Galanteries Angloises Nouvelles Historiques* (La Hay, 1700); Richard Ward, *The Life of the Learned and Pious Dr. Henry More* (London, 1710); William Tong, *An Account of the Life and Death of the late Reverend Mr. Matthew Henry* (London, 1716); *Het Leven van William de I* (Leyden, 1732); Isaac Watts, *Philosophical Essays on Various Subjects* (London, 1733); and eight volumes of *The Spectator* (London, 1789).

Newly acquired American imprints include Emanuel Jay Rousuck, *The Boston Terrier* (New York, 1926); Glenway Wescott, *Good-Bye Wisconsin* (New York, 1928); Eunice Tietjens, *Leaves in Windy Weather* (New York, 1929); Blaise Cendrars, *Panama or The Adventures of My Seven Uncles*, translated and illustrated by John Dos Passos (New York, 1931); and an inscribed copy of Robert Frost's *A Further Range* (New York, 1936).

## *Manuscripts*

From Marian S. Olden of Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, have come two boxes of papers relating to sterilization. An active proponent of compulsory sterilization, Mrs. Olden founded the Sterilization League of New Jersey and was its guiding force during the 1930's and 1940's. The papers include surveys, articles, clippings, etc., concerning genetics, birth control and sterilization; pamphlets on sterilization written by Mrs. Olden; miscellaneous pamphlets on sterilization. Rich in source material on a delicate and controversial

subject, the collection covers the years 1934 through 1970, with emphasis on the period 1934-1948. Received with these is a scrapbook of clippings compiled by her father, Arthur H. Stephenson (1860-1902), reflecting his interest in radical causes of the day.

Mrs. Noel Sargent, of Rossmoor, has donated the papers of her late husband, a Columbia University economist and secretary of the National Association of Manufacturers. Consisting of two archival cartons and twenty-three volumes, the papers include notes for speeches, reports, magazine articles, pamphlets, clippings, etc., for the years 1925 to 1969. The material is expected to be especially useful as a source for studying labor-management relations in the mid-twentieth century, and should provide an interesting complement to the Library's many collections of labor organization records. Paradoxically, a great deal of literature on socialism and various forms of radicalism is included.

Further additions have been made to the Spencer Brodney and Free Acres deposits. Some of Mr. Brodney's correspondence as editor of *Current History* and *Events* magazines (1921-1948) has been received, as well as miscellaneous recollections by members of Free Acres, a single-tax community in Berkeley Heights, N.J. Mrs. Edith Schulze, formerly of Free Acres, donated her papers recently. They contain minutes of monthly meetings; financial memoranda; papers concerning the Forestry Committee, of which Mrs. Schulze was chairman; newsletters; clippings, etc., 1938-1971. In all, additions to the collections involving the community total about one and one-half boxes.

In keeping with their archival arrangement with the Library, *Partisan Review* editors William Phillips and Richard Poirier have deposited their business correspondence for the year 1967. As in the past, the correspondents include some of the most prominent writers on the contemporary scene, such as James Baldwin, Jules Feiffer, Allen Ginsburg, Norman Mailer, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Susan Sontag and Gore Vidal. These two boxes of correspondence should enhance significantly the research potential of the rich source material in the *Partisan Review* files.

Two other organizations with which the Library has an archival relationship are the New Jersey Academy of Science and the Consumers' League of New Jersey. Representatives of the Academy

have recently deposited two cartons of material, including correspondence with members and general business correspondence; minutes of annual membership, executive committee, business and council meetings; financial papers; papers concerning constitution and by-laws revisions; material relating to the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and tape recordings on environmental pollution, etc., 1965-70. Twenty-two boxes of Consumers' League records have been added. The lot comprises correspondence; minutes; reports; president's correspondence; material on milk control, child and migrant labor, minimum wage laws, pollution, etc.; financial records and photographs, 1923-1971.

Winston DeVille, of Princeton, has presented five letters, 1821-1855, written by Theodore Frelinghuysen (1787-1862), a prominent figure in national as well as New Jersey history. Whig candidate for the vice-Presidency in 1844, he was president of Rutgers University from 1850 to 1862. Correspondents include Thomas Gibbons of steamboat fame, Whig Senator William L. Dayton and Secretary of State Daniel Webster.

The Library's collection of local history has been enhanced by two recent acquisitions. Mr. G. Clifford Nevius has donated two boxes of photographs of historic houses, barns, churches, etc., in the Somerset County area. Included in the collection is an unpublished manuscript by the donor entitled "Our Heritage: A Memento to the New Jersey Dutch, 1700-1900." Mrs Benjamin B. Hageman has given the diary of Garretson Hageman, a farmer and surveyor from Franklin and Hillsborough Townships, Somerset County. Filling eighteen volumes, the diary provides a good record of county life for the period 1869 to 1914.

Recently de-classified State Department documents concerning noted Rutgers alumnus Paul Robeson have been acquired through the aid of Willie J. Ellison. Dating between 1946 and 1962, the papers relate to government surveillance of Robeson's association with the Communist Party.