

## History of Yakima Valley Chapter of PNAACL

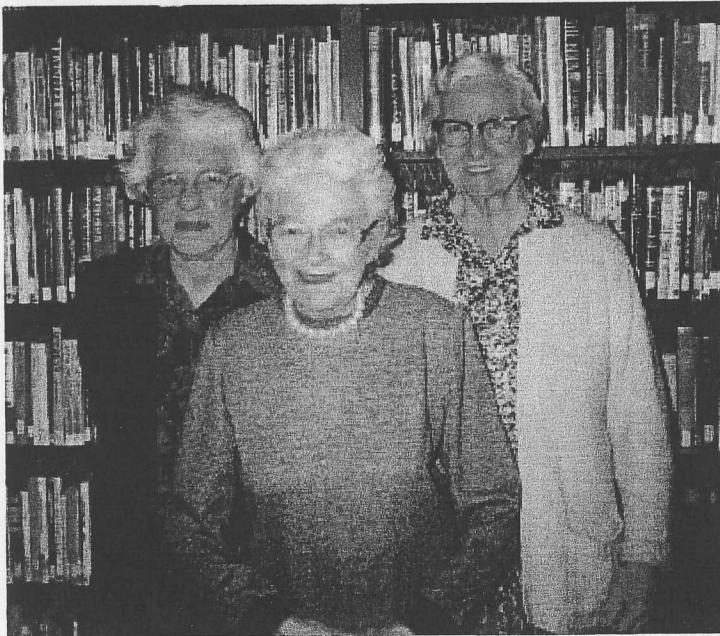
In March of 1977 Charlsie Ripee and Margaret Logan of the Yakima First Baptist Church considered forming a library at their church. Charlsie Ripee became a member-at-large of PNAACL. Margaret Logan attended a PNAACL workshop and in May of 1977 Betty Groff and Martha Shelton of PNAACL attended a church resource seminar at Westside Baptist Church in Yakima and advised the attendees on how to start a local chapter.

January 10, 1978 was the first meeting of church librarians in Yakima. Twenty-seven people attended and set another meeting for February 1978. At the February meeting Rowena Case, who is still an active member of the Yakima Chapter, presented a program on the "Philosophy for church Libraries." It was decided at that meeting that they would meet on a regular basis.

In March of 1978 this group met at the First Presbyterian Church and the Yakima Valley Chapter of the PNAACL was formed. Officers elected were: Rowena Case, Wesley United Methodist Church - Moderator, Jean Maitlen, First Presbyterian Church - Treasurer, Charlsie Ripee, First Baptist Church - Secretary. Chapter members were: Lorraine Beard, Selah Peace Lutheran, Betty Alvord, Selah Covenant, Shirley Johnson, Apostolic Faith, Leona Harleman, Selah Congregational Christian, Charlsie Ripee, First Baptist Church, Margaret Fisher, St. Timothy's Episcopalian, Eleanor Crook, First Christian, Ruth Wachsmith, Free Methodist, Rowena Case, Wesley United, Jean Maitlen, First Presbyterian, Berneita Lisle, Englewood Christian and Margaret Logan, First Baptist.

Much of the credit for the success and "birth" of the Yakima Valley Chapter of PNAACL belongs to Rev. J. Paul Logan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Yakima. The stated aim of the group was to be a source of help and comfort to one another and to grow in knowledge and members. Much of the credit also goes to the vision of Betty Groff and Margaret Shelton of PNAACL and the local school librarians who served as resource people and encouragers.

In May of 1980 the chapter developed a statement of purpose as follows. The Yakima Chapter was established because we believe that the church library helps, strengthens and guides the congregation in its mission, education, stewardship and evangelism - the total ministry of the church. The church librarian is a person with a special mission to carry out and has a responsibility to provide the best possible library resources and to cultivate within the patrons as awareness of those resources. The primary purpose of the Yakima Valley Chapter is to help church librarians with the "how to" of the various resources of starting and developing a church library, its promotion and growth and to carry out their responsibilities as librarians.



Chapter members Rowena Case, Berneita Lisle and Ruth Wachsmith are still active in the Yakima Chapter.

By 1980 we had several other current members active in the chapter. Toni Renfrow and Barbara Mackleit both served in a variety of capacities in both the local chapter and the Association.

Over the 23 years that the Yakima chapter has been in existence these dedicated volunteers have dealt with a huge range of problems and concerns. Upon the start of the chapter a central resource catalog and supply was established which would serve all the member libraries.

## HISTORY OF CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER - SALEM AREA



Ann Bebee, Life Member

As time passed and individual libraries became more self-sufficient the chapter only maintained the central supply support, as it was cheaper to buy in quantities and divide. The members dealt with the technical side of libraries which include book processing, care and mending, dealing with archival materials, weeding and discarding, book classification, reference books, story telling and writing of personal histories.

As technology advanced the programs reflected the need to keep up. Discussions covered microfiche, videos, computers, visual aids, big print books, cassettes and the concerns of copyright use and abuse.

The cosmetic factors were explored in regard to banners, posters, bulletin boards, posting a want list, book storage and displays and putting up with "what you've got". There were problems getting people to use valuable resources available to them.

Promotion covered making buttons for advertising, listing new books in the bulletin, newsletter or anywhere you can, celebrating library week and Bible week, forming a "Friends of the Library" group, using rubber stamps, forming reading clubs and contests, book exchanges, story telling times, surveying the church's needs and initiating birthday or memorial book gifts to the library. There was the business of the chapter by-laws and the individual churches having written policies and procedures for their churches. Dealing with inventorying and subsequent weeding and discarding was a recurring theme of many meetings. Ways of getting money and putting your needs in the yearly budget was also an important subject. Marilyn Mizer of George, Washington first visited us in 1984 and since then has been an excellent help in keeping up with what is hot and what is not. Discussions also centered around material content and controversial books, social issues, providing books for specific age groups, examining Bible archeology, church history, keeping church mission information up to date, aids for Sunday School teachers and resources for Vacation Bible School. Along the way we talked about recycling, Y2K, what PNAFL is and PLUS (Project Literacy of US.)

In Throughout the perusal of the minutes of the last 23 years one thing that stood out was the fellowship of this unique group of people. A short meditation or talk opened every meeting and the minutes reflected many of the subjects covered the needs in each life. But the depth of living a Christian life was a continuing thread. It is our pleasure to serve our Living Saviour in this part of His ministry here on earth.

and reopening of a viable chapter in 1991. The name Capital City Chapter was adopted.

Officers elected

Dale Shafer, President

Connie Sims, Treasurer

Jane Ruyle, Secretary and Chapter Representative.

Shortly thereafter Linnie Renfro took the office of Secretary.

In 1993 Capital City Chapter hosted a mini-conference for PNAFL. Jane Ruyle chaired the event and Connie Sims was registrar. It was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Keizer. The attendance was 60 and there were seven new people in the gathering.

CCC, beginning in 1998, has conducted an annual fall Rally Day with the other Oregon chapters joining in. It has become increasingly successful in reaching more church librarians in the area and getting an enthusiastic start for the year's meetings.