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STRANGE LANG-UAGES-Every pro-fession and every sport has a language of its own which is probably in-comprehensible to other le. That thought occurred to me as I prepared to write my account of the eting I attended last at the State Library in Raleigh. One of my honorary duties is to represent the small regional libraries on the Advisory

Committee for the Processing Center (a very important function of the State Library which handles most of the technical services for a large percentage of the libraries in the state) and it dawned on me that a layman would find our deliberations rather baffling. For instance, we talked

about networking, first-time hits, CIP, OCLC, new sets from LC, SOLINET, and various other phrases which are peculiar to libraries. Computer technology has been adapted to use in the cataloging of new books and much of the terminology refers to this new science. For instance, "networking" means using a system which ties computer terminals in different parts of the country to a central data bank. "First time hits" is the term used to describe the request for cataloging information for a new book for the first time (subsequent requests cost less than the initial enquiry). "CIP" is the practice of including a facsimile of a catalog card on the reverse side (the verso) of the title page of a new book and stands for "Cataloging in Publication". OCLC is an acronym for the computer center in Ohio which is the data bank for Library of Congress (LC) catalog cards, and SOLINET is the network for libraries in the

Southeastern states. The subject for our advisory committee meeting was basically a simple one: hate to miss any of them.

all of this new technology is expensive but essential if we are to stay current with the information explosion. The problem is to find the ecessary funds.

My weekend golf game produced some interesting words and phrases too. We played a mixed Scotch foursome, Pinehurst style, with a shotgun start and enjoyed a Rock Muddle afterwards. Translated, that means that the game was for ladies and men (mixed), we played only 2 balls among the four of us by taking alternate shots (Scotch), we used selective drives (Pinehurst style allows everyone to hit a tee shot on every hole) and each foursome started on a different hole all at the same time after the pro gave the signal with his shotgun. The Rock Muddle was a delicious fish stew made from rockfish, potatoes and onions with lots of red

SCREECHES

CAR TROUBLE-My trusty steed failed me on my way back from Raleigh last week and I learned the hard way that you can't afford to ignore it when you detect a slight slippage in an automatic transmission. By the time I limped into a garage, I had ruined the transmission - a costly error, to say the least.

Fortunately, it happened near enough home and during daylight hours so that I wasn't completely stranded. I shudder to think of my plight if I had been on my way back from Nags Head instead to enroute to the AADA dinner meeting there. Needless to say, I didn't get to Nags Head. I just hope I have no more troubles with the car this week since I'm scheduled for a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee in Chapel Hill, the Personnel Committee in Tarboro and a retirement dinner for a fellow regional library director in Roaring Gap. I'd

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