

Report from the President

Let me begin this report by expressing my sincere appreciation to Herb Poole and the Editorial Board for the fine journal they are putting out for us these days. Each issue gets better and is evidence of serious study and determined effort. Thanks to Herb's drive and forceful leadership, we are into the new year on schedule.

The Planning Council of the Public Libraries Section met in the beautiful Stanly County Library in Albemarle in January. I attended a part of the meeting and enjoyed hearing of the work that is going on among public librarians. It was especially nice to be able to meet some of the Library Trustees who entertained us at lunch. We were grateful to Margaret Johnston and her staff for their gracious hospitality during our visit.

The next day, January 18, I was back in Greenville and spent the day at East Carolina University. The College and University Section sponsored a workshop on serials for a large group of librarians from North and South Carolina. Coordinated by Emily Boyce and Sallie Mann, the sessions were problem oriented and dealt with all aspects of serials operations. The program was under the direction of Mr. Eugene Huguelet and included the following discussion leaders: Shirley Tarlton of Winthrop College, Marcia Tuttle of UNC-Chapel Hill and Anne Briley of ECU. It was a very worthwhile day and everyone benefitted from the experience.

Several librarians were in Washington in January for the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association. Most of them attended the Legislative Workshop and Congressional Luncheon. Our ALA Representative, Neal Austin, served as host for the occasion. We were disappointed that our North Carolina Congressmen were not able to be present although all of them sent aides as substitutes. Neal has faithfully attended all sessions of our national association and has kept us informed about matters relating to us.

Another person doing an extraordinary job this biennium is Bill O'Shea, the Chair-



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man of our Governmental Relations Committee. He has gone far beyond the call of duty in speaking on behalf of all libraries to the Governor, the new Secretary of Art, Culture and History and to many members of the General Assembly. Untiring in his efforts, he has given time, talent and energy to this cause.

March began with a dinner meeting of the Special Libraries Association in Chapel Hill. We were delighted with President-Elect Gilles Frappier, Parliament Librarian from Ottawa and his lovely wife who were visiting the North Carolina Chapter.

The next day, March 3rd, I drove to High Point for the Spring Workshop of the Junior Members Round Table. I continue to be impressed at the interest and activities shown by this group. I commend especially Gail Koontz James and Theresa Coletta for their careful planning and good hard work. Neal Austin joined me there and both of us spoke to the group about our State and National Associations.

It was nice to head toward the Sand Hills March 7th for a meeting of the Editorial Board of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* in Carthage. We met with Pauline Myrick in the Administration Building of the Moore County School System. Discussions centered around manuscripts for future issues and general business involved in publishing a journal. Editor Herb Poole announced that subscriptions have increased from 1300 to 2260 in the year that we have been on our own. Pauline was a warm and generous hostess in providing freshly made sausage biscuits for coffee and then taking us to the Carolina Hotel for lunch. It was a very enjoyable day in one of the most beautiful sections of our state.

From there I drove to Quail Roost for an invitational conference with selected librarians and publishers on "Channels of Communication." Sponsored by the Adult and Young Adult Services Committee of

the Public Libraries Section and the Office of the State Library, this was one of the liveliest meetings I have attended. There was much give and take among the participants who did an excellent job of communicating as they talked of books and young people, publishing and the literary market. In the later afternoon Wesley Brewer was host for a delightful "Attitude Adjustment Period." Everyone should attend a meeting at Quail Roost Conference Center which belongs to the University of North Carolina. Among rolling acres of field and forest, the handsome manor house of Williamsburg style offers residential facilities with beautiful rooms, superb food and even bowls of ice cream at bed time. Special commendation goes to Nancy Wallace, Kay Taylor, Valerie Kneer, Bob May and the others who planned and executed the sessions.

Gene Lanier is working hard on programs for our fall conference to be held in Winston-Salem in November. Good speakers and interesting activities will provide something for everyone. Make your plans now to be present.

Executive Board Members are using the newly revised loose leaf *HANDBOOK* this biennium and finding it a helpful guide for the work of the Association. The revision brings up-to-date the preliminary edition of 1963.

Marjorie Hood as chairman of the committee was assisted by Catherine Weir, Arial Stephens and Helen Brown.

The *HANDBOOK* includes the Constitution and By-laws and guides for officers, committees, sections, round tables and members of the association. An excellent reference tool, it covers matters of tradition and practice as well as legalities.

Members of the Committee are commended for an excellent piece of work.

With the advent of summer, our people scatter in many directions. Wherever you are and whatever you do, I hope the season will be safe, successful and rewarding.