

Report from the President



Eunice Query

THE ANNUAL SPRING WORKSHOP, held this year on Friday, April 2, at the Betsy-Jeff Penn Center near Reidsville, was disappointing in several respects—the weather was poor, attendance not too good, and facilities not too conducive to successful pursuance of business. However, those committees that had enough members present to conduct their affairs made encouraging progress, the results of some of which are announced in this issue.

Plans are going forward for the biennial convention to be held in Winston-Salem at the Convention Center, November 4-6, 1971. The tentative general program was published in the last issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. Elizabeth Copeland, Lucy Bradshaw, Carlton West, and Arial Stephens have already done much work. We hope that every librarian in North Carolina

will be able to attend the full convention in order to profit from the speakers and the exhibits, to enjoy tours and friends, and to participate in the business of the Association. In addition to the general meetings, sections and committees may hold business sessions. The Library Education Committee plans an open forum as a follow-up of the February Library Education Conference held in Pinehurst. Other open forums, e. g., in connection with the Right to Read movement, or any issue likely to be of interest and concern to members, could be scheduled. If you have such in mind, please write immediately to Miss Elizabeth Copeland, Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville. Any group desiring a meal function should do the same.

We hope that by June 1 you received the ballot and voted for your officers for the next biennium. The roster of nominees appears on page forty-five.

We wish to commend Mildred Herring and the Nominating Committee for their fine work, realizing at the same time that the nominees' gracious consent to run enabled the committee to complete its work on schedule.

You will receive in due time the proposal for two amendments to the constitution—one making dues payable biennially instead of annually and the other concerned with succession to the presidency. Please give these careful consideration and be prepared to vote at the business meeting of the Association.

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"Therefore the invitation to become professor and dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill presents a new professional challenge of the highest order, and one which I accept with enthusiasm.

"I am aware of the tremendous development of the University of North Carolina and its leadership role in the South. To become a part of the University of North Carolina's efforts to strengthen and expand the programs of the School of Library Science should prove as rewarding in its own way as building the research library at the University of Houston.

"I look forward to my new assignment."

Holley is a member of the American Library Association, the Southwestern Library Association, the Texas Library Association, the Texas Gulf Coast Historical Association, and Beta Phi Mu, professional library society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We are undergoing a very important phase of our association year—the annual membership drive. We should like to encourage all librarians in the state to join your professional organization and to work to improve it. If it is not doing what you want, then you must be the ones to bring about change. We urge that you talk with your friends who are not members and encourage them to join, also. Nor is it too late to join the ALA!

Very important legislation is being considered both in the General Assembly and in Congress concerning continued support of libraries and education. Make your voices heard by writing to your state representatives and national Congressmen. Someone has said that only a few words are necessary, such as "Please support House Bill # ..." The

members of the Association should know of the work of the Executive Secretary, Evalyn Allen, with one committee in the state legislature. She has made library support and services visible in the halls of the State House!

I do not know about the rest of the state, but National Library Week had more impact in Watauga County than at any time previously. We congratulate Vera Melton, the state committee, and especially the local committees.

If you are planning to attend the ALA Convention in Dallas in June, perhaps we will see you there or even be able to get the North Carolina delegation together.

Best wishes for a happy summer, whether at work or on vacation.