

Report From The President



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I bade you adieu in the last issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES but Mell Busbin tells me that you are due one more "message" or report from me.

By the time you receive this issue the biennial convention will be a thing of the past. You will know how you like Winston-Salem — the Convention Center and housing facilities; whether or not you liked the new format of the convention; whether you would like to continue or would prefer to revert to the former type of meeting. However, those of you who were privileged to attend the whole convention will agree on the excellence of the program, the appeal of the speakers and topics to all types of librarians. In addition many lay people, including teachers and school administrators, were attracted to the program. This is the first time in my memory that our programs

were of distinct value to people outside librarianship. In this way they proved to be a good vehicle of public relations for our association. I trust that you had the opportunity to thank Elizabeth Copeland for providing such an outstanding program. We trust, also, that you will go forward with plans in your own communities to implement the Right-to-Read movement.

We wish to express to Mr. Joseph Ruzicka the appreciation of the entire association for the support he and his company have given through the years — the Ruzicka Scholarship, the printing of the convention programs, and most of all for the printing and mailing of the journal. With this issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES we are on our own, which makes us very conscious of what this support has meant. We extend best wishes and moral support to Mell Busbin in his dual role as editor and business manager. We encourage the aid of the membership in seeking financial support.

To our new officers — Elizabeth Copeland, President; Gene Lanier, First Vice-President and President Elect; Mrs. Marion J. Phillips, Second Vice-President; Richard Barker, Treasurer; Gary Barefoot, Secretary; Neal Austin, ALA Representative; Leonard Johnson, SELA Representative; Catherine Weir and Kenneth Brown, Directors — I extend best wishes and a helping hand. May you have no broken down computers nor green flags in your future!