

## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Dear N.C.L.A. Members:

Many of you know how much Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas has meant to me through the years and what part she has played in my efforts to serve the library profession to the best of my ability. You can imagine the thrill I had when I received the Winter 1969 issue of *North Carolina Libraries* which paid tribute to Mrs. Douglas. I thought it so appropriate that people from library schools all over the country expressed their feelings as to the contribution this outstanding librarian has made to the profession. Since Mrs. Douglas has contributed so much to the advancement in school librarianship it was most fitting for the North Carolina Association of School Librarians to present the first Mary Peacock Douglas Award to the person whose name this award bears at the Fall 1968 Conference in Durham.



The focus of this issue of *North Carolina Libraries* is on National Library Week. It is most fortunate for all concerned that Mr. Henry Belk, Editor Emeritus of *Goldsboro New Argus*, is serving as guest editor. Mr. Belk has proved through the years that he is truly a friend of libraries. For many years he has planned a program for the Goldsboro Rotary Club Luncheon during National Library Week and has had outstanding speakers for each occasion. This meeting is open to the public, and the people of Wayne County look forward to joining Mr. Belk and the Rotary Club in a salute to all libraries.

Assisting Mr. Belk with this issue is Mrs. James M. Harper of Southport. It pleased those of us who were involved in the plans for N.L.W. when Mrs. Harper agreed to serve as chairman of the 1969 National Library Committee for the State of North Carolina. She has shown her interest in all types of libraries for many years and at present she is vice-chairman of North Carolinians for Better Libraries.

Charles Adams, Librarian of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is Deputy Director of N.L.W. and he has evidenced much enthusiasm over the 1969 program. The plans being formulated by him and Mrs. Harper will long be remembered. We salute them and their committees and predict that 1969 N.L.W. in North Carolina will be the best yet.

Mrs. Robert Scott has invited the N.L.W. committee to the Executive Mansion to a luncheon on Friday, February 21. This is evidence that the present administration is interested in the library program in our state.

The Executive Board of N.C.L.A. met in Raleigh, January 17, 1969, in the Dogwood

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Room of the S & W Cafeteria. The Special Committee on Studying the Feasibility of Establishing an Executive Office for N.C.L.A. gave their report. This committee is exploring the possibility of working with North Carolinians for Better Libraries and perhaps sharing their secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Allen. Mrs. Allen met with the Board and took us over to the B.B.&T Building to see the offices of N.C.B.L. The committee is doing further work on this and will report to the Board at a later date. The feeling is that the two organizations could work well together and it would be to the advantage of both groups. The financial part of the arrangement will have to be determined and then a decision will have to be made as to whether N.C.L.A. can assume the financial responsibility of such an attempt to have a part-time executive secretary.

I represented N.C.L.A. at the formal opening of the Moore County Library Building in Carthage, N. C., on Sunday, January 19, 1969. Mr. H. Vince Anderson is Director of Sandhill Regional Library and his offices are in this building. He and the people of Moore County are to be commended for making it possible to have an up-to-date library building and program for their people.

Miss Charlesanna Fox, Librarian, Randolph County Public Library, Asheboro, N. C., has been appointed to represent N.C.L.A. on a committee to determine the feasibility of a central research library facility to serve the entire state. This study was one of the recommendations in the Board of Higher Education's report, *Planning for Higher Education in North Carolina*.

The N.C.L.A. Spring Workshop will be held at the Public Library, 310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C., on Saturday, March 22, 1969, at 10 a.m. I hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely yours,

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