

MEET N.C.L.A.'s EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

By DAVID L. VAUGHN



That pert redhead who helped register you at the Charlotte conference of NCLA last October is a mighty important lady to our association. She is Mrs. Richard N. (Evalyn) Allen, secretary of the Headquarters Office of the North Carolina Library Association as well as secretary for the office of North Carolinians for Better Libraries.

It had been apparent for years that the task of coordinating the activities of NCLA required more time than practicing librarians could spare from their jobs. So, as a result of efforts begun during the presidency of Mr. Paul Ballance (1965-67), this position was created.

Fortunately, the NCBL had established an office in Raleigh in October, 1966. It was natural that these two functions be combined. Meeting in June, 1969, the executive boards of NCLA and NCBL agreed to share the cost of this office and its secretary. Last August, Mrs. Allen began adding the NCLA responsibilities to her NCBL duties.

Mrs. Allen had been in the NCBL office since it was organized. Originally she was secretary to Mr. H. B. Rogers, executive director of NCBL. When Mr. Rogers left, approximately a year ago, she stayed on and has been handling affairs quite well by herself. She does call in outside help when things get hectic, for instance, just before conferences.

During the 1969 General Assembly Mrs. Allen did effective service as clerk to the Senate Committee on Libraries. In this position she was able to remind legislators when votes on key legislation would be taken.

Mrs. Allen lives in Raleigh with her husband (who is an engineer with Great American Insurance Co.) and two children: Richard Jr., 11, and Claudia, 13. A full-time mother, with a double-barreled part-time job, makes for few idle hours. However, Mrs. Allen is still an avid reader and library user.

It was at the old Olivia Raney Public Library in Raleigh several years ago that Mrs. Allen became involved in all these library activities. Local citizens were trying to get a new building and Mrs. Allen joined the effort. One of the leaders was Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, the wife of a former mayor and a trustee of the local library. Mrs. Reid played a part in forming NCBL and getting Mrs. Allen for its staff.

Born and educated in Goochland County, Virginia, Mrs. Allen received two years

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LIBRARY SCIENCE 204. COMPARATIVE LIBRARIANSHIP. A three-credit semester course on library and information system characteristics in selected European and developing countries. Emphasis will be placed on world trends and international cooperation in library organization and service. The instructor for the course will be Dr. Gertrude London.

LIBRARY SCIENCE 246. LIBRARIANSHIP AND THE LAW. A three-credit semester course offering an introduction to the various areas of law relevant to librarianship. Particular attention will be given to current legislation relating directly to libraries and librarians. The instructor for the course will be Frances H. Hall, M.S.L.S. and J.D., Assistant Professor of Library Science.

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Thus, we comfort the beloved dead;
with voiceless flowers, and a crooked cross.
Thus, we hush them to their bed
beyond the path of tears and sense of loss.
Now, we leave them — and they sleep
while impervious guard
their rows of crosses keep.

Eulogies and prayers are all said —
A lullabye for their dreamless sleep.

—Mary Alice Thomas

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of nurses' training in Richmond and New York City. She also studied dramatics for a year in Washington, D. C.

The office is still in its formative stage, Mrs. Allen says. Some of the association's functions and duties have not yet been transferred to her office. With characteristic modesty she wonders if she will have time for all the duties listed in her two-page job description. These duties include secretarial chores, membership records-keeping, public relations, financial bookkeeping, and assisting with registration and exhibits at conferences.

The NCLA office is in room 908 of the Branch Banking and Trust Building, 333 Fayetteville St., Raleigh. Mrs. Allen's mailing address is P. O. Box 2414, ZIP code 27602 and her telephone number is 828-5815. Office hours are from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Monday through Friday.

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