

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Dear N.C.L.A. Members:

The 1968 North Carolina Library Association Workshop was held at Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines Saturday, March 23. There were over 100 members present and the Executive Board, Sections, and Committees of the Association were very busy getting plans made for the work that is to be done during the next few months.

The librarian and administrators of the college made all local arrangements which consisted of room assignments for all groups and a buffet luncheon at the Whispering Pines Restaurant off Highway 1.

The time and place of the 1969 N. C. L. A. Conference is being explored and as soon as a decision is reached an announcement will be made.

Alva W. Stewart has resigned as editor of *North Carolina Libraries*, but he has agreed to serve until the Fall, 1968 issue has been completed and has further agreed to consider serving until a new editor is secured. The Executive Board went on record as follows: "the Executive Board accepts with regret the March 18 letter of resignation from Alva W. Stewart. He has served well as editor of *North Carolina Libraries* for 2½ years." Mr. William Powell resigned as associate editor in order to give the incoming editor the opportunity to appoint an associate. Mr. Powell was asked by the Board to continue the reviews of "New North Carolina Books" for *North Carolina Libraries* and he agreed to do this.

An N. C. L. A. membership directory is under consideration. Mr. Leonard Johnson was authorized to explore the cost of computerizing the membership list and investigate the tax cost. Previously this directory has appeared in an issue of *North Carolina Libraries* every other year.

The purchase price of the revised edition of *Library Education in North Carolina* was fixed as follows:

- 1 to 2 copies—\$.50 per copy
- 3 to 25 copies— .25 per copy
- 26 or more copies— .20 per copy

These may be purchased from Mr. Leonard Johnson, N. C. L. A. Treasurer.

The Committee To Study Possible Establishment of a Headquarters Office gave the following report to the Executive Board:

"The Committee has had two meetings. One of the first questions that must be answered is, how much will the establishment of such an office cost, and the source of funds? The primary source of income is from membership dues. We could not estimate an income of more than \$9,000-\$10,000 in an off-conference year. We feel that an office with a full-time secretary would cost a minimum of \$12,000-\$15,000, and we cannot see this much income available any time soon.

We feel that we cannot get a full report of the membership until after July 1, when members either pay dues or default.

The Committee recommends that the Board allocate \$2,000 to the treasurer on a yearly basis in order that he may employ part-time help to perform duties now performed by his staff, and other duties which he may assign. This item would be in addition to the budgeted item of \$1,500 for the treasurer. One of the assigned duties may be to compile a list of all librarians in the state, and mail to each a membership form and information about the N. C. Library Association, soliciting their membership.

It is further recommended that \$1,000 be allocated to the President on a yearly basis in order that she may employ part-time help to relieve her of clerical duties of the office. This allocation would be in addition to the present budgeted item of \$500 for conference expense, telephone calls, and postage.

We recommend that the membership committee prepare a brief sheet or folder giving information about the North Carolina Library Association.

The Committee may be in a position to make further recommendations relative to the establishment of a central office and staff after July, 1968."

The report was approved. Further recommendations concerning the work of this committee will be made later.

The second general session of the North Carolina Library Association was held the afternoon of March 23 in the Lecture Hall of Sandhills Community College. A quorum of the membership was declared present and Mrs. Stella Townsend, chairman of the Constitution and Codes Committee, read the proposed amendment to the Constitution: Article II, Item I, deleting the present statement regarding appointment of standing committees for the biennium. The sentence was deleted. The change was moved and approved by unanimous vote of the membership. This matter will be taken care of in the revised handbook. With this change the Executive Board can appoint committees to a term—to be agreed upon later—that will not end at the biennial conference. By so doing, committees can get much work done at each conference.

The Education for Librarianship Committee reported that work was being done to set up standards for library technicians or library aides. With this accomplished we would have what is needed in courses for technical institutes and community colleges in setting up a program for training library technicians or aides. N. C. L. A. will be contacted for approval of the committee's findings after the survey.

The Recruiting Committee feels that efforts should be made to concentrate on the college level. A thirty-minute program regarding the library profession on WUNC-TV, similar to programs describing six other professions, is under investigation as another means of recruitment. Space to publicize in *North Carolina Libraries* has been suggested.

At the second N. C. L. A. general session concern was expressed over proposed cuts in appropriations to libraries. Because of the urgent need for continuing support to libraries by state and Federal governments, Miss Charlesanna Fox of Asheboro presented the following resolution:

"The North Carolina Library Association herewith expresses appreciation to the North Carolina members of the Senate and House of Representatives for their past support of libraries and urge their continuing interest and support. The need for materials and facilities for all types of libraries will increase greatly during the immediate future because of and in spite of

world conditions. Since periods of stress have always resulted in increased demands upon libraries, it is urgent that no cuts be made in appropriations."

The resolution was passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Charles Adams, Librarian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will serve as 1969 Director of National Library Week in North Carolina. A deputy director and lay committee chairman will be announced later.

Your president represented the association at the inauguration of Dr. Hawthorne Clough Evans, Jr. as President of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk April 29 and attended the luncheon for official delegates and the inaugural reception.

The Scholarship Committee met Saturday, May 11, and selected Miss Sarah Moore, librarian of J. Y. Joyner School in Greensboro, to receive the N. C. L. A. Memorial Scholarship Award of \$300. Miss Moore plans to study at Appalachian State University in Boone this summer. She is the second recipient of this award; the first recipient was Mrs. Nancy Cook, a member of the library staff at Appalachian State University. Miss Nancy Jewel Clark, an English teacher at Walter Hines Page Senior High School in Greensboro, was selected to receive the Joseph Ruzicka Scholarship Award of \$500. Miss Clark has been accepted by the Library School of UNC-Chapel Hill and will begin her studies there in September, 1968.

Sincerely yours,

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TRENDS IN NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Any discussion of trends in North Carolina academic libraries should consider first the trends of the academic institutions they serve. Opportunely, the director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education has recently stated his view of the current situation:

"There is a growing realization that, as the demand for expanded services and programs increase, as costs rise, and as enrollments continue to spiral upward, statewide planning and coordination are necessary if the needs of our citizens for post high-school education are to be met effectively and economically.

Last fall, North Carolina colleges and universities enrolled 120,558 students, a seven percent increase. State appropriations for operations of the 16 state-supported senior colleges and universities for this biennium are 30 percent more than before. For community colleges the increase is 65 percent. There are now 71 colleges and universities in the state consisting of 16 public senior institutions, 13 public community colleges, 28 private senior institutions, and 14 private junior colleges."

Thoughtful educators are now aware of the ever-growing number of mergers, con-