

## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

*The work session for section officers and committee members of N.C.L.A. was held in Greensboro in the Jackson Library of UNC at Greensboro, Saturday, May 7. This work session has become an established annual meeting which gives the sections and committees a good opportunity to meet. The brief progress reports which were submitted at the general session in the afternoon gives the officers of the association an opportunity to appraise the work of the various groups. We had a good attendance of sections and committees and the majority had meetings or gave reports.*

*The Executive Board held two meetings May 7. Most of the first, or morning meeting, was devoted to old business which had not been completed at a previous meeting in December, 1965. It had been voted by the previous Executive Board that the new Board be asked to consider establishing a special committee to explore inter-related library problems in the area of adult education in North Carolina. After considerable discussion it was decided that a special committee would not be appointed, but that the Adult Services Committee of the Public Libraries Section would be asked to work with individuals and groups who may be interested in adult education.*

*There was considerable discussion at a previous Board meeting relative to scholarships and loans. The former president discussed the Ruzicka Scholarship with Joseph Ruzicka, and he agreed to revise the regulations so that in-service librarians working toward a library science degree in summer school could be included, and that the Scholarship Committee could change the date for receipt of applications for the scholarship. Mr. Ruzicka further agreed to award the scholarship annually instead of biennially as in the past. The Executive Board decided after much discussion that the association would discontinue making loans. It was decided that the association would invest the memorial funds, and all unpaid loans when they are repaid, (memorial funds have provided the money for the loans) and use the income to establish scholarships which may be awarded annually or biennially. These scholarships will be known as the "N. C. Library Association Scholarship".*

*The Executive Board accepted the Treasurer's report, which shows that the association is in very good financial condition. The Board approved the proposed budget for 1966, which totals \$7,463. I would like to point out, however, that proposed expenditure exceeds the anticipated income by almost \$900. The primary source of income during a non-conference year is from annual dues, and there are two facts quite evident. We do not have enough members or the dues are too low. Recommendations have been made by two committees to increase the dues, both individual and institutional. You will hear more about this at a later date after a special group from the Executive Board makes a study of the dues structure. You will be given complete information as to why the association should balance its budget each year, and why it is necessary that the association have a larger operating budget.*

*During the afternoon or second meeting of the Board, an important item of business was the matter of a place and date for the 1967 NCLA biennial conference. It was decided that the conference would be held in Charlotte at the Queen Charlotte Hotel October 26-28, 1967. Several invitations from cities were received and considered, with Charlotte the final choice. Please note the dates and make your plans now to attend this conference. Ariel Stephens of Charlotte will be the Exhibits Chairman, and Mary Frances*

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*Crymes will head the local arrangements committee. We hope to be able to accommodate all who apply for exhibit space. It is none too early for all Section officers to begin thinking about plans for your program during the conference. Mrs. Mildred Council of Boone vice-president and president-elect, is the General Program Chairman, and she will be contacting you at a later date.*

*National Library Week was observed during the week of April 17-23. We were fortunate to have the State's First Lady, Mrs. Dan Moore, as the state chairman. H. William O'Shea of Leaksville was executive director.. The National Library Week Committee sponsored a contest during the week for the best article by a newspaper staff member concerning the library and its facilities in their community. Prizes were not only awarded to the person writing the best article, but equal prizes were awarded to the library concerned. It is most encouraging to report that 60 persons entered the contest. The prizes were awarded in Raleigh on May 18 as follows:*

*First prize of \$100 each — Mrs. Doris Betts of the SANFORD HERALD and the Lee County Library; second prize of \$75 each — Gordon Tomlinson of the DAVIE COUNTY ENTERPRISE-RECORD, Mocksville, and the Davie County Library; third prize of \$50 each — Miss Ruth Peeling of the CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES and the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library. The association extends its thanks to Mrs. Moore, Mr. O'Shea, and the state committee, and to librarians, newspaper personnel, and lay persons throughout the state who had a part in making NLW in North Carolina a success.*

*I am happy to report that one of the Who's Who in America Citations for Library Philanthropy has been awarded to the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation of Winston-Salem in recognition of its significant and substantial giving to libraries in America, specifically to the Forsyth County Public Library System for 1965.*

*I would like to remind you that the Honorary Membership Committee is a standing committee. The chairman or members of this committee should be advised if you have someone worthy of this honor to propose for honorary membership in the N.C.L.A.*

*I briefly report that the North Carolina Association of Library Trustees has sponsored the organization of a group known as NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR BETTER LIBRARIES. (See news item on page 16). This organization is concerned with the improvement of libraries in every community of our state. An outstanding group of people has been selected as directors and officers of this organization. Governor Moore has indicated his interest and support. Your association has given a sizeable sum of money (from a special fund) to NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR BETTER LIBRARIES because we believe that their objectives coincide with ours, and that the job of promoting better libraries may be done best by a lay group.*

*I urge you to continue to support your association and do your share as a "Committee of One" to increase our membership, both individual and institutional.*

*Sincerely yours,*

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President