

COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAM AND
THE SPEAKERS

The program for the Biennial Meeting in October is slightly shorter than in previous years. The plan for holding the first general session at 10 a. m., Wednesday, October 20, will allow many delegates to make the journey early the first day of the meeting. We are omitting many of the customary welcome and response speeches in the belief that we should streamline out wartime meeting, and that by their presence members will be welcomed, for Charlotte extends a most cordial invitation to all.

The first speaker on Wednesday morning, Mr. Christopher Crittenden, is Secretary of the State Department of Archives and History. Mr. Crittenden, now serving as Coordinator of War Records for the State Office of Civilian Defense, will present important information for the librarians of the State, who believe that record collection is one of the normal practices of libraries.

The election of new officers is scheduled early in the meeting in order that the new President may appoint committees during the Charlotte meeting for the coming biennium. Such appointments will provide an opportunity for committee members to meet while in Charlotte and to make plans for the future. The Executive Board has approved an amendment to the By-Laws which is reported elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The theme of the Biennial Meeting will be "Planning for the Future of Libraries in North Carolina." Embarking on the theme of planning, Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, chairman of the Charlotte and Mecklenburg Planning Committee, will speak on techniques for the establishment and operation of planning committees in cities and counties. Mr. Roberts is ably qualified to present the subject through his training, experience and study.

The luncheon meetings on Wednesday will be for small groups, but any group wishing to meet for a luncheon may do so either by making its own arrangements, or by notifying the Association President.

The one Association dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, at which informal dress will be in order. The guest speaker of the evening will be Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, N. C. Mr. Humber

is the author of the Declaration of the Federation of the World, which was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly on March 13, 1941 as a Resolution. Since that motion by the N. C. legislature, 10 other state legislatures have adopted the action. Mr. Humber, a former Rhodes scholar, dates his thinking on the principles of world federation back to his Oxford days. The fact that he was in Paris just before the entry of the German Army in 1940 may have stimulated and crystallized his feeling for the need of international cooperation.

The Wednesday afternoon session is given over to separate meetings of the officially organized Sections of the Association. The completed programs for each Section have not been included in this issue of North Carolina Libraries since they are being arranged by the elected Chairman of each Section. From informal reports received from the Section Chairmen, we can be assured that attractive programs are being arranged.

A new group has asked for a place on the program this year. The Staff Organizations Round Table has been a regular part of the A. L. A. meetings for several years, but the 1:30 meeting on Wednesday of the Staff Organizations Round Table will be the first for the N.C.L.A. We welcome this group in the program. This introductory assembly is not a luncheon meeting, and individuals, as well as members of Staff Associations, are welcome.

You will note that the College and University Section and the Public Library Section meetings will be held at 2:30, while the School & Children's Librarians Section and the Catalogers Section meetings are scheduled an hour later at 3:30. This arrangement has been made to allow librarians to attend meetings of more than one Section, and also to facilitate the attendance of school librarians in Charlotte, who are not able to arrange their schedules for an earlier meeting. We hope that by holding the Section meetings on the first day, the Sections will have sufficient time to formulate recommendations to present to the Association for official action the following afternoon. Will the Chairmen of the Sections, please make special note of this and be prepared to present their recommendations to the Association on Thursday at the Second General Session.

Early on Thursday morning the Junior members will meet for an 8:00 breakfast session. Miss Parks has not announced the program, but we can be sure from past experience that it will be an interesting and well attended meeting.

At 10:00 a. m. Thursday the Citizen's Library Movement session, with Dr. Louis R. Wilson coordinating the group will be highlighted by the appearance of Governor Broughton as the principal speaker. We shall again be interested to hear a short report on the progress of the State Aid program by Miss Beal. The final speaker at this session will be Mr. Albert Coates from the University. Mr. Coates has been asked by Mr. Roy McMillan, State Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, to organize war and postwar information centers throughout North Carolina. Mr. Coates sees libraries as a logical organization to endorse and carry out this program, and he will discuss their importance as governmental information centers in peace and war.

The program for the Trustees Section luncheon has not been completed and it is possible that this meeting may be shifted to another hour.

The principal speaker for Thursday afternoon will follow the theme of planning with specific application to the subject of adequate and appropriate library buildings for North Carolina.

An important purpose of the Thursday afternoon session is to provide an opportunity for the new officers to initiate a program for the two year interval before the librarians are scattered again throughout the State. We seriously need to begin the new work and avoid a lapse of activities.

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