SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING

OCTOBER 23-26, 1946

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The 12th biennial Conference of the Southeastern Library Association was held at George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville, N. C., October 23-26, 1946. More than 500 Librarians and Friends of Libraries from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virgina attended.

Outstanding speakers for the General Sessions were: Hudson Strode, Teacher of Creative Writing, University of Alabama, and author of books on Finland, Story of Bermuda and South By Thunderbird, who spoke on “A Traveler’s Impression of the Scandinavian Countries Today”; Dr. Tommie Dora Barker, Dean of Emory Library School, who summarized activities of “Libraries in the Southeastern States, 1942-1946”; Dr. Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina, who by proxy told of the “Southeastern States Cooperative Survey of Libraries”; Paul Howard, Washington Public Relations Representative of A.L.A., who stressed “Libraries Must Learn to Live Together”; Hoyt Galvin, Director of Mecklenburg County and Charlotte (N. C.) City Library, who demonstrated various audio-visual machines and spoke on “Audio-Visual Opportunities and Obligations of Libraries”; and Mary U. Rothrock, President of A.L.A., whose subject was “Libraries and the South Today.”

Dinner and luncheon speakers included: Trustees Luncheon: William T. Polk, Greensboro (N. C.) Library Board Member and Editor, Greensboro Daily News, who spoke on “What’s In A Library”; School and Children’s Sections: Glen Blough, specialist in science with the U. S. Department of Education, who spoke of his adventures in writing Monkey With A Notion, and adventures with teachers of science; and General Dinner Meeting: Mrs. Christine N. Govan, author of many children’s books, most popular of which is Those Plummer Children, who spoke humorously of her family life and writing under the subject of “My Life in an Ivory Tower.” Various State Library Association members and Library School Alumni had reunion breakfasts and luncheons.

A welcoming reception was given by the Friends of the Library of Asheville. Tours of Biltmore Estate and other local points of interest were arranged.

Sessions were scheduled to allow time for Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, sight-seeing, shopping, renewing friendships and browsing through the book exhibits.

Approximately 30 exhibits prepared by publishers, book binders, and library supply houses were on display in the Asheville City Auditorium. Outstanding among the exhibits was the Combined Book Exhibit which gave Librarians an opportunity to examine a well-balanced selection of the pick of the recent library titles from leading publishers. This exhibit, in two sections, children and adult selections, was arranged by the Dewey Decimal Classification and printed check-lists were provided to save note-taking for purchase information. As a special feature of the book dinner, numbers were drawn for gifts from the exhibitors, some 30 books, globes, maps and other articles.
Officers for the biennial ending with the 12th conference were:
President, Ola M. Wyeth, Savannah (Ga.) Public Library; Vice-
President, F. K. W. Drury, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library; Sec-
retary-Treasurer, Alfred Rawlinson, Centre College Library, Dan-
ville, Kentucky. Presidents of the nine State Library Associations
served as members of the Executive Committee. The local com-
mittees were headed by Margaret H. Ligon and Annie Westall.

Officers for the next biennial: President, William H. Jesse, Di-
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NOTE: An article by Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina,
"Southeastern Library Association's First Quarter Century" appeared in the
Southern Packet, October 1946, to give a review of the "Accomplishments of
the Southeastern Library Association ... a conference small enough for close
contacts and free discussion, and giving opportunity to consider library prob-
lems in the light of Southern conditions, social and economic, and taking into
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