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Faison, Miss Margaret J., Sampson County Public Library, Clinton, N. C.

Hodgin, Mrs. Allie Austin, Appalach-
ian State Teachers’ College, Boone, N. C.

Moore County Library, Southern Pines, N. C.

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ton, N. C.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE
DEMONSTRATION BILL

By MARJORIE BEAL

The Public Library Service Demon-
stration Bill has been reintroduced in
both houses of Congress. Senator Lis-
ter Hill of Alabama and Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont intro-
duced the bill in the Senate on Jan-
uary 6, 1947. It is numbered S. 48 and
has been referred to the Committee on
Labor and Public Welfare. Nine of the
thirteen members of the new Sen-
ate Committee supported the bill last
year. Hearings have been scheduled
for May 16, by the sub-committee on
Education.

Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins of
Ohio, influenced by library conditions
in his home county, introduced on
March 10, 1947, an identical bill in
the House of Representatives. It is
H. R. 2465. Chairman McKeown of
the Committee on Education and La-
bor has referred the bill to a sub-com-
mittee on which Honorable Graham
A. Barden of New Bern is the only
Southern member.

The Act Provides:
1. $25,000 per year for five years to
set up in each State rural library
demonstrations. There is no danger
of federal control. Demonstrations
would work like this:

a. Federal funds to be used in
areas without public library
service, or in areas with limited
library service.

b. Areas to comprise one or more
counties.

c. Demonstration periods to extend
for two or more years.

d. The area to promise to support
the service by local, county, and
state funds at the termination
of the demonstration.

2. An additional $25,000 to $75,000
for each of the five years. The 1947
North Carolina General Assembly
appropriated money which can be
used to match such federal alloca-
tions.

To secure committee hearings and
the passage of the bill, the North
Carolina Congressmen need your ex-
pressions of approval, your requests
for copies of the bills, and your rea-
sions why North Carolina is concerned
and needs this help.

Write to Senators Clyde R. Hoey
and William Umstead, Senate Office
Building; Hon. Graham A. Barden,
House Office Building; and to the
Congressman from your district.

North Carolina has benefited from
three demonstrations of public library
service: (1) The Julius Rosenwald
Fund demonstration helped in Davi-
dson and Mecklenburg Counties; (2)
the WPA Library Program with
books, bookmobiles, and trained su-
pervision; (3) the TVA Library Pro-
gram in the six Western counties. All
these demonstrations have set up
standards of service, have provided
books and extension of services.
Three hundred thousand North Car-
olinians still live in areas with no pub-
lic library service!

When the Commissioner of Educa-
tion approves the plan submitted by