

PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOP

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The Davidson County Library in Lexington, Antoinette Earle, Librarian, was host to a Workshop for Public Librarians of North Carolina, May 17-19, 1950. The workshop was sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association Public Libraries Section and the North Carolina Library Commission and was planned by a special committee composed of Charlesanna Fox and Mrs. Barbara E. Heafner, Co-Chairmen, and Olivia Burwell, Nancy Gray, Marianne Martin, Marjorie Beal, and Antoinette Earle.

Registration for the workshop reached a total of 98. Of this number 70 were librarians and trustees from North Carolina, 7 from South Carolina, 3 from Georgia, 2 from Alabama, 1 from Virginia and 15 students from the University of North Carolina Library School. There were present 13 Negro librarians and 2 Negro trustees.

Miss Lucile Nix, Library Consultant. In Charge of Rural Library Service, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia, was the visiting consultant for the entire workshop, and Dr. Paul Wager, Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina, was a special consultant for the first day.

Background information and data for the entire workshop was found in Libraries in North Carolina by Marjorie Beal, Libraries of the Southeast by L. R. Wilson and Marion Milczewski, and the published volumes of the Public Library Inquiry particularly The Library's Public by

Bernard Berelson and The Public Library in the Political Process by Oliver Garceau.

The librarians who reviewed the books and presented them for discussion were Miss Evelyn Parks, Mrs. Douglas Davis and Mrs. Dorothy B. Thomas. Many others served as group discussion leaders, and the entire workshop membership entered freely into the discussions throughout the three-day program.

At the close of the program a business session of the Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association was called to receive and take action on recommendations which had grown out of workshop discussions and group thinking.

Antoinette Earle, Chairman of the Public Libraries Section presided and Nancy Gray was secretary pro tempore, and the following committees were appointed to study further some of the problems considered by the workshop:

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