N. C. L. A. NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES

The 27th Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association will be held in Greensboro, April 26-28, 1951, with headquarters at O. Henry Hotel.

The Executive Board of NCLA has authorized the President and Secretary to extend an invitation to North Carolina High School Library Association to meet with NCLA at the 1951 conference.

Mr. Spencer Murphy, well known newspaper editor of Salisbury, has been named as one of the two members of North Carolina Library Commission to be appointed by NCLA.

Dr. Ben Powell, with Charles Brockmann as alternate, has been named by the Executive Committee of NCLA to serve on the Nominating Committee, Southeastern Library Association 1951-1952.

Upon request of the North Carolina English Teachers Association the NCLA will co-operate in compiling a reading list of North Caroliniana for use in high schools of the state. The President of NCLA has been authorized to appoint a committee of librarians for this purpose.

Miss Antoinette Earle, Librarian, Davidson County Library, Lexington, N. C., was elected one of the two members from North Carolina to serve on American Library Association Council, at a meeting of NCLA Executive Committee on October 28. Miss Earle succeeds Dr. Benjamin Powell, Librarian of Duke University, who is now a member-at-large of ALA Council. By reason of his position as President of NCLA Harlan Brown, Librarian, State College, is automatically the second North Carolina member of ALA Council.

Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, formerly of Divinity School Library of Duke University is now President of Brevard College, Brevard, N. C.

Miss Jessica Vann Graham, has succeeded Miss Julia Bennett as Head of Extension Department, Charlotte Public Library. Miss Bennett resigned to accompany her parents to Washington, D. C., and for the time being, will not be professionally engaged.

Mrs. Mary Drue Kline, formerly Elementary School Librarian at Charlotte, is now extension Librarian, Alpherson Library, Orlando, Florida.

The North Carolina Negro Library Association held its annual conference at the Booker T. Washington High School, Rocky Mount, N. C., November 3rd and 4th. Approximately 200 librarians were in attendance.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University, delivered the keynote address, "Libraries in a Democratic Society." Mrs. Evelyne Thomas, Director of Dramatics at Shaw University, served as main speaker at the conference dinner. Her subject was "A Sane Reading Diet for Living." The various sectional meetings proved interesting and informative.

Mrs. Eloise Camp Melton, President NCLA 1946-47, concludes the October-November School Library Letter of North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, as follows: "As your State School Li-
brary Adviser for the past three years, I want to say au revoir. These have been the grandest three years of my life, and I shall miss all of the happy contacts I have made as well as the privilege of pursuing the greatest profession there is. And while I have joined the ranks of the homemaker and am enjoying every minute of it, I promise you that at heart I will always be a school librarian and hope that you will remember me as such. My successor has not yet been named, so during the interim I will be delighted to give you whatever assistance I can through correspondence. My address is Mrs. J. R. Melton, Faculty Apts. 32, Boone, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

ELOISE CAMP MELTON,
Former State School Library Adviser.

In the above-mentioned letter Mrs. Melton makes a recommendation in which we heartily concur, as follows: "I cannot do justice in trying to describe to you the 'Literary Map of North Carolina' if you have not already seen it. I sincerely hope you will find $1.50 for this purpose. We are grateful to Dr. Lodwick Hartley and Richard Walker of the English Department of North Carolina State College, and to Dr. Hugh Holman, Specialist in Southern Literature, University of North Carolina, for serving as advisers to the North Carolina English Teachers Association for this project. Enclose $1.50 and order from North Carolina Education Association, Box 1050, Chapel Hill, N. C."

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS COMMITTEE

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee of the NCLA met in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 25, to discuss ways and means of state-wide film service through public libraries. Mr. Hoyt Galvin, Director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, was host to the group. Meeting with the committee as special advisors were Mrs. Patricia Blair, ALA Film Advisor, and Mr. Kenneth McIntyre, Chief of Communications Center, University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Blair explained briefly the four types of plans now used to provide film services through public libraries: 1. local libraries and a state agency (Missouri); 2. local units with contract plan with a very large library (Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati); 3. local units alone, planning joint buying and film interloans (Tennessee); 4. local units and a University Film Library (University of Washington).

Mr. McIntyre explained the organization and services offered by the Communications Center, University of North Carolina. After a discussion of these resources and a survey of those which might be available from other film collections within the state, the committee decided that North Carolina public library film needs could best be met through a cooperative plan closely allied with the State Library Commission. What the North Carolina county libraries might do in close cooperation with the Library Commission was considered, and a number of recommendations as to specific needs and interests were form-