

U. N. C. SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina is celebrating its twentieth birthday. It has graduated 635 men and women into the profession of librarianship. Without pausing for a formal celebration the School is marking its twentieth anniversary with two innovations; one academic, the other physical.

For the first time courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Library Science are being offered this fall. Special courses for school librarians leading to the degree of Master of School Librarianship, begun in the summer of 1950, are also offered. There are ten students registered for work toward the M.S. in L.S. degree, nine of whom are taking prerequisite work; two are taking courses toward the M.S.L. degree; and twenty-three are enrolled in the B.S. in L.S. program.

The physical change is in the quarters of the School. The top floor of the new West Wing of the University Library has been assigned to the School of Library Science. Although the addition to the library is not complete, and the formal opening will not be held until February, the School has moved in and is enjoying the "newness" of the surroundings after a year in the "Old Filter Plant."

The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina was opened at the beginning of the academic year, 1931-1932, with a grant of \$100,000 from the Carnegie Corporation. It was provisionally accredited as a graduate library school by the Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association in the same year, after a visit of inspection by the Board. After a second visit in 1934 the School received accreditation as a Type II or Type III school.

Dr. Louis R. Wilson, dean of North Carolina librarians, was the first Director. He had taught, or directed the teaching of, Summer School courses for librarians at the University since 1904, and the establishment of a School of Library Science was largely the result of his vision and planning.

In 1932 Dr. Wilson resigned and Dr. Susan Grey Akers, Professor of Library Science became Acting Director, was appointed Director in 1934, and Dean in 1941. She was the first woman dean at the University of North Carolina. The School has been continuously under her direction except for the period from August, 1950, to April, 1951, when Miss Lucile Kelling, Professor of Library Science and Placement Officer, was Acting Dean.

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The North Carolina High School Library Association is holding its series of six district meetings during the Fall months. The North Central District meeting will be held in Durham on November 3. The Northwestern District meeting will be held at Curry School, Greensboro on November 10. Mrs. Ruth Tooze, book consultant for Book Fairs, Inc., Michigan City, Indiana, will be guest speaker at the Curry meeting.

Mr. Charles M. Adams, librarian of Woman's College, Greensboro, was a principal speaker of the Coker College Literary Festival held in Hartsville, S. C., on October 10 and 11. His subject was "The Heritage of the United States in Times of Crisis."

The Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina School of Library Science announced at its June meeting the establishment of the Susan Grey Akers Scholarship in Library Science. It is hoped that the Scholarship Fund will soon be large enough to yield an income sufficient to award a \$100 scholarship each year.