

## TRUSTEE-PUBLIC LIBRARIAN INSTITUTE

At the request of the Trustees Section and of the Public Relations Committee of the Public Library Section of the NCLA, the Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina sponsored a Trustee-Librarian Institute for persons directly responsible for the administration of the public libraries of the state. The 97 persons who attended were divided as follows: 47 trustees and 44 librarians. Six visitors were included in the group.

The program was introduced by Mr. Albert Coates, Director of the Institute of Government. Mr. Clary Holt, Chairman of the Trustees Section presided. The opening address, "North Carolina Public Libraries Today and Tomorrow," was prepared by Miss Elaine von Oesen, Assistant Professor of the School of Library Science at Chapel Hill. Because of Miss von Oesen's illness, her excellent paper was read by Miss Jane Wilson, President of the North Carolina Library Association.

The morning talks were devoted to trustee responsibilities and matters of concern to trustees and librarians in the administration of libraries.

Mr. George Esser, Jr., Assistant Director of the Institute of Government summarized the relationship of the local government and the public library according to the present library laws of this state, and Mr. Alex McMahon, Assistant Director of the Institute of Government, spoke on public library finance.

Mr. Clary Holt, who is a trustee of the May Memorial Library in Burlington, outlined trustee responsibilities and added comments from his personal experiences as a trustee.

After lunch the talks pointed to the subject of public relations with the theme: "Putting the Library Before the Public." Mr. Don L. Pierce, Program Director of radio station WRRF in Washington, N. C., gave suggestions for the public library's use of radio, and Mr. Howard White, Editor of the *Burlington Daily Times-News*, expressed an editor's viewpoint of valuable public library news and listed do's and don'ts for agencies contributing news items to papers.

Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Field Librarian of the North Carolina Library Commission, closed the program with a talk on "Community Groups and the Library" in which she outlined policies as well as examples of library cooperation with community groups.

The meeting was closed with a short question and answer period.

The proceedings of the Institute will be published in the near future. Trustees and public librarians who could not attend the meeting will be able to get copies of the proceedings from the North Carolina Library Commission in Raleigh. Those who registered at the Institute will receive copies as soon as they are available.

So much enthusiasm was shown by all who took part in the Institute that interest was expressed in having a similar Institute made an annual event of each spring for some years to come.

The Institute will have other far-reaching results in that several items discussed during the day will be given further study in the near future.

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Chairman, Public Libraries Section.