SURVEY OF CATALOGING IN SMALL LIBRARIES OF THE SOUTHEAST

The Committee on Cataloging and Classification of the Southeastern Library Association is undertaking a survey of the cataloging procedures in the public and school libraries of the nine Southeastern states. Miss Marianna Long, Law Librarian, Duke University, Durham, is a member of the Committee.

The purpose of the survey is to find out what cataloging is done in the small libraries and to determine whether or not too much of the librarians' time is being given to the preparation of books at the expense of work with readers. It may be that printed cards or other forms of centralized cataloging could be used more extensively. A questionnaire will be the means of securing information from the libraries. In March the questionnaire was sent to all public libraries with book collections of 5,000 to 30,000 volumes. It is expected that it will go to the school libraries during the month of April. North Carolina librarians are urged to cooperate with the Committee in making the survey a success.

—Marianna Long, Librarian,
Law Library, Duke University, Durham.

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PEN NOTES: REVIEW

Piedmont Partisan

(Davidson, Chalmers Gaston—Piedmont Partisan; the life and times of Brigadier-General William Lee Davidson; Davidson College 1951; 190p. $3.00.)

Piedmont Partisan, the biography of William Lee Davidson, is more than a biography—it is the history of the Piedmont section of North Carolina during and prior to the period of the Revolutionary War.

General Davidson, by his ability, courage and determination to organize and maintain forces for the army, made a place for himself and western North Carolina in the annals of history. He "comes alive" in the pages of Piedmont Partisan. The people who find North Carolina history readable for enjoyment will be pleased with the action and drama found in the life of General Davidson. These facts and many more are touched on in many histories of North Carolina. However, too few books have been written about the individuals who made North Carolina history.

Dr. Davidson has enhanced the value of his book by including detailed notes, a critical bibliography and an index. These are all valuable aids to a student of North Carolina history. Such a limited amount of material is available for use in the course in North Carolina history taught in the eighth grade in North Carolina public schools that this book will be welcomed by pupils and teachers. Piedmont Partisan also will be a valuable source of information for college students.

—Jane Howell, Librarian,
Lindley Junior High School,
Greensboro.

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North Carolina Poetry

In school and public libraries from Murphy to Manteo, the red brown volume of Richard Walser's North Carolina Poetry has been familiar and quite indispensable, since it first appeared some eleven years ago. Students and teachers, after dinner speakers and