

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Folks:

There was no summer vacation for the North Carolina Library Association! Before June had well begun, the Association was being represented at a most pleasant and profitable Teacher-Training Conference which was held at Duke University as part of its Centennial celebration as a center for training educators. This Conference served as a dress rehearsal for ALA in New York where the representatives from North Carolina spent a great deal of time laying first plans for the next biennial conference of NCLA.

Miss Margaret H. Ligon, Librarian of the Pack Memorial Library, in Asheville, together with town officials and several agencies, extended a most handsome and courteous invitation to the Executive Board to hold the 1953 Conference in her city. The Board was happy to accept this invitation, and the date has been set for October 22, 23, and 24, 1953. This date was chosen in order to avoid conflict with NCEA which generally meets in the spring in Asheville and to put the Conference date back in its original setting on the off-year of SELA. The George Vanderbilt Hotel will serve as headquarters with the Battery Park acting as the associate center for activities.

By the end of July, the North Carolina English Teachers Association held its annual workshop in Chapel Hill, and the NCLA was pleased to assist in its planning and execution. The keen co-operation between this group and the NCLA has steadily grown since the beginning of work on the Handbook of North Carolina authors. Plans and projects for the coming year will include further study for the recording of the voices of North Carolina writers and the compilation of an annotated bibliography of North Carolinians.

Summer found the Public Libraries Section still hard at work—not resting on the laurels gained at the Trustees Conference—working out plans for legislation, better organization within their Section, and study of the many problems facing public libraries in this state.

The Constitution Committee has finished its work, and copies of the constitution will be mailed soon to the membership. A letter, asking for remarks and suggestions, will accompany the piece of art written by Chairman Alice L. Hicks and her excellent committee. The letter and its answers to the Committee are being offered as a means of eliminating too long a discussion at the time of its presentation to the membership in formal session in Asheville, in October, 1953.

August was busy with the Study Conference for *North Carolina Libraries* facing a great responsibility in the deciding of the future for that publication. Chairman Carleton P. West, Wake Forest, softened the confusion of 99 degree weather by presiding over a fabulous luncheon for a goodly representation of the rather large committee.

Planning for the Conference of School and Children's Librarians took a great deal of time and work, but with the great registration (and not all the conferees registered!) those who labored so faithfully and efficiently feel well repaid. In the midst of the whirl of this planning, Margaret Ligon, Chairman of the Committee of the Scholarship Fund, was approached by an exceptionally fine young potential librarian who wished to take advantage of our offer. This young man is already enrolled in the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina.

Our appreciation of the great service the Joseph Ruzicka Company is still rendering us in connection with our publication is keenly felt by that company, and they have shown their willingness to continue to assist us in our work.

May we again wish for each of you a pleasant fall season and let us hear from you.

Cordially,

JANE B. WILSON, *President*