Proximity Junior High School Library, Greensboro. View of the materials corner of the library, showing the use of recordings, filmstrips, vertical file materials, magazine index, and the card catalog in studying the making of subject bibliographies.

STATE LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 280 rewriting Article 8, Chapter 160, of the General Statutes passed the 1953 General Assembly. Generally the new law is more clearly written than the old form, and should result in easier interpretation. Changes as written in the bill or amended by the House include the following:

1. Under the old law a library tax vote could be called only upon a petition of fifteen per cent of the registered voters. The new law allows County Commissioners to call for a vote without a petition.

2. The old law set a minimum of three cents tax and a maximum of ten cents tax on the $100 valuation for libraries. The House amended the act to take out the three cents minimum.

Senate Bill 281 increased the membership of the North Carolina Library Commission from five to eight members. The governor is to appoint two members; he formerly appointed one. And the North Carolina Library Association is to appoint four members; it formerly appointed two.

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P. L. FINANCE AND BUDGETING INSTITUTES

Four institutes on Public Library Finance and Budgeting were held at Williamston, Clinton, Asheville and Salisbury in March. They were planned by committees of the Trustees Section and the Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association and conducted by the Library Commission and the Institute of Government. A total of 154 trustees and librarians representing 57 counties in North Carolina and visitors from Tennessee and South Carolina attended the institute.