

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Planning Meeting. Sixty-eight Executive Board and Committee members and Section Officers attended the meeting in Greensboro on March 19 which was called to make plans for the Association activities for the rest of this biennium.

At the morning meeting of the entire group the President announced that the ballot for a vote on the redesignation of the North Carolina and Southeastern Library Associations as chapters of ALA would be mailed on March 26 to all ALA members in North Carolina. The votes by NCLA and SELA members have already been taken and were affirmative. If the vote by ALA members is affirmative, the applications will be forwarded to ALA and the Council will take action on them at the ALA Conference in Philadelphia in July.

She reported that the bill on the proposed merger of the State Library and the North Carolina Library Commission, HB188, had passed the House of Representatives and had been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

It was announced that biennial reports will be included in the October 1 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. Letters with information about the 1955 Conference will be mailed to the membership in September and more information will be published in *North Carolina Libraries*.

The Treasurer reported that \$2282.44 is now available in the Scholarship Loan Fund, of which \$1403.00 is the Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Fund.

Some of the tentative plans for the 1955 Conference were discussed: the schedule of Section and Association meetings, responsibilities of Section officers, committee duties, etc. Section meetings are being planned for Friday, October 21, and Virginia Kirkus has accepted our invitation to speak at the General Session in the evening. Section officers and committees will develop the plans during the next few months and the final plans will be announced in September.

Committees and Section Officers met in the afternoon in separate meetings. At the general meeting later in the afternoon reports were made by these groups:

1. *Archives.* Work is progressing on the records of the Association and preparation of the materials for binding.

2. *Conservation of Newspaper Resources.* The committee plans a) to make an exhaustive list of newspapers published in North Carolina prior to 1820 and micro-film those available if possible; b) to make a selective list of newspapers from 1820-1870; c) to study and preserve selected newspapers from 1870-date. The committee requested members to send them any information they might have on newspaper lists or files that would help in this work.

3. *Constitution and Codes.* The committee has worked out a code for all committees and presented it to the Executive Board for approval.

4. *Education for Librarianship.* A one-day Conference will be held in Chapel Hill April 30. All who are interested in discussing Education for Librarianship in North Carolina were invited to attend.

5. *Federal Relations.* The committee has been active in keeping in touch with people in the state who are interested in the passage of the Library Services Bill, and in supplying members with information about the legislation.

6. *Intellectual Freedom.* The committee studied the "Freedom Agenda" program of the League of Women Voters and decided to cooperate with the League in the program.

7. *Publications.* This new committee held its first meeting and discussed organization, duties and responsibilities.

8. *Recruiting.* The chairman requested funds for mailing out additional copies of the new recruiting folder; reported that the Speakers' Bureau is now in operation; requested librarians to volunteer services to the Speakers' Bureau for talks within their districts; requested time at the Conference for a member of the Committee to appear at the Section meeting; reported on plans to publish bookmarks on recruiting for multiple distribution.

9. *Scholarship Loan Fund.* Mary Ellen Hobson has replaced Thomas Simkins as chairman of the committee. The committee plans to send notices and application blanks to libraries, schools and colleges and to publicize the offerings of the Fund.

10. *State Legislative Council.* Bills have been introduced in the General Assembly which cover the items on the Council program. Council members attended a worthwhile institute in Raleigh, February 7-8, at which the Governor, the Assistant Budget Director, the Secretary of State and a representative of the Attorney General's Office spoke. Progress is being made on the legislation and it is hoped that some of the bills will be enacted into law.

11. *North Carolina Libraries—Editorial Board.* Because of the increased membership this year the March 1955 issue is o.p. The editor will appreciate receiving copies for the file which members do not wish to keep.

12. *Junior Members Round Table.* Junior Members held a one-day Conference in Chapel Hill February 19 and issues a quarterly newsletter to its members. They are assisting with the Recruiting Speakers' Bureau and with the Joint Committee on North Carolina Bibliography's project.

13. *Public Libraries Section.* A workshop for certified librarians and trustees will be held in Winston-Salem on April 27-29. The officers are working on By-laws for presentation to the Section members in October.

14. *School and Children's Librarians Section.* The Section is organizing, writing by-laws and appointing committees, and making plans for the 1955 Conference.

All of the committees and sections were represented at the meeting except the Trustees Section. Mr. Medford was unable to attend because of duties with the General Assembly and Mrs. Bourne has had to resign as Secretary of the Section.

The Executive Board met immediately following the afternoon group meeting. The Board conferred with the Public Libraries Section and the School and Children's Librarians Section officers concerning their by-laws, and approved the Recruiting Committee's request for funds.

The Board decided that unless the vote on the ALA Chapter application is negative the membership will not be notified of the results of the vote until the next mailing is prepared. The President expects to attend the ALA Conference in July and will report on the Council meetings afterwards.

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