Miss Evelyn Bishop reported that the Adult Education Committee was responsible for the selection of Mrs. Florence Craig, Adult Education Director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library, as a Workshop consultant. She stated that interest in this field is mushrooming so rapidly that it was difficult to decide on a single project but suggested for the new committee that most frequent requests for assistance came from smaller libraries which wanted to know how to start a program.

Miss Elizabeth Copeland reported that the Development Committee continued during the past biennium to work with the Legislature for increased State funds and prepared informative bookmarks to publicize facts and needs. She recommended the continuation of the committee.

Miss Antoinette Earle, Chairman of the Workshop Committee, reported that all comments indicated that it was a success and she expressed appreciation for the cooperative effort which made this possible.

Miss Jeanette Trotter reported for the Constitution Committee by reading the draft, PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. After some discussion, Paul Ballance made a motion, seconded by Hoyt Galvin, that the Section adopt the new constitution and the group voted its unanimous approval.

The slate of officers for the next biennium was then presented by the Nominating Committee and accepted on the motion of Paul Ballance, seconded by Hoyt Galvin. The new Section officers are:

Chairman—Neal Austin, Librarian, High Point Public Library.

Chairman-Elect—Mae Tucker, Reference Dept., Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Secretary-Treasurer—Betty McReynolds, Greensboro Public Library.

Directors—Elizabeth Plexico, Librarian, Concord Public Library; Charlesanna Fox, Librarian, Randolph County Library.

Miss Mae Tucker as representative of the Sub-Committee on Recruiting made an appeal for volunteers for a speakers’ list which is being compiled to assist on high school Career Days.

The installation of new officers was followed by a motion for adjournment.

Phyllis M. Snyder
Secretary

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN’S SECTION

Mildred Mullis, Chairman

The School and Children’s Section of the North Carolina Library Association met on October 21, 1955, in the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, High Point, N. C. Miss Mildred Mullis, Librarian, Morganton City Schools, presided. She welcomed the two groups in attendance, the school and children’s librarians.

Miss Cora Paul Bomar, State School Library Adviser, introduced Miss Nora Beust, School Library Specialist, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., who spoke on her experiences in Korea as an Educational Consultant. Miss Beust stated that it took some time to take in the situation of a war torn country.
After meeting with the Minister of Education, she cleared the way for an exhibit of American and Korean books. She showed posters made by the Koreans for the affair and termed the exhibit a success, since about 10,000 people attended. Miss Beust showed some Korean books to our groups and emphasized the fact that Koreans were proud of their heritage.

Miss Mildred Herring, Librarian of Senior High School, Greensboro, N. C., then introduced Miss Nancy Jane Day, President of Southeastern Library Association and State School Library Adviser in South Carolina, who spoke on professional organizations in the Southeast and in the nation. Miss Day stated that our national organization could tackle big jobs, such as doing research on library standards with an appropriation of $60,000 requested to carry on this study. She urged us to feel a responsibility toward our professional organizations from which we would gain much in the furtherance of our library services.

While in Thailand as a Fulbright Lecturer, Miss Day had many interesting library experiences. She found that people of that country believed in ownership of materials and not use of them; and that getting them to apply what they had learned was quite a problem.

Special guests recognized were: Miss Sallie Marks, Miss Celeste Johnston, Assistant State School Library Adviser in North Carolina, Miss Sarah Jaffarian, National Membership Chairman of the American Association of School Librarians, and Mrs. Mary P. Douglas, formerly State School Library Adviser in North Carolina.

Membership Committee: Miss Elizabeth Williams, Chairman, reported that she had mailed 300 invitations and had sent out 100 invitations to the NCLA meeting urging the recipients to join our organization.

Projects Committee: Miss Mildred Herring, Chairman, moved that the School and Children's Section of the NCLA endorse Part 1, item 3, of the NCEA Legislative Program which was included in the 1953-54 program. Miss Herring moved further, that Miss Antoinette Earle, the representative from the NCLA to the N. C. Legislative Council, be requested to present the same item for endorsement by the entire membership at the general meeting of NCLA on Saturday, October 22, 1955. This motion was carried.

By-Laws Committee: Miss Lottie Hood, Chairman, conducted a panel discussion on by-laws. Mrs. Hallie Bacelli gave background of this section of NCLA. Miss Lottie Hood read the proposed By-Laws for Sections of NCLA. Mrs. Vernelle Palmer discussed the importance of a set of governing rules for an organization. Mrs. Mary P. Douglas gave the pros and cons of a constitution and by-laws and pointed out the weaknesses in the proposed by-laws. Miss Cora Paul Bomar spoke on how school librarians work in other states and told of a questionnaire sent out to determine this. The findings of this questionnaire were turned over to the chairman of this section.

The motion that the report of the By-Laws Committee be studied until the next biennial meeting was passed by the group.

The nominating committee consisting of Jane Howell, Chairman, Emma Riddick Parker, Margaret Boyd, Margaret Dupuy, and Louise Reid presented the following slate of officers:

Lottie Hood, Chairman
Elizabeth Williams, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman Elect
Catherine Weir, Secretary and Treasurer
Cora Paul Bomar, Director
Eunice Query, Director

This slate was elected by the group to serve for the next two years.

Miss Lottie Hood accepted the office of Chairman and appointed the following committee to study the by-laws: Miss Gertrude Coward, Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Smith Brown and Mrs. Margaret Ertel.

Miss Hood then declared the meeting adjourned.

MILDRED S. COUNCILL,
Secretary

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

MYRL EBERT, Chairman

The Special Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association held its biennial meeting in the Blue Room at the Sheraton Hotel, in High Point, North Carolina, Friday, October 21, 1955. There were thirty three members and visitors present.

Miss Myrl Ebert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at two-forty-five. The minutes of the last meeting held October 22, 1953, at Montreat, N. C. were read but not approved.

The program was a panel discussion on special libraries with Mrs. Helen Monahan, Librarian of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society Library, acting as moderator. Other panelists were: Miss Alice F. Lauback, librarian of American Enka Corporation Library, who talked on the business and technical library—what it was and what it does; Miss May Davis Hill, librarian of the future North Carolina State Art Library, who described the plans of this dream library, which is to be set up as a service agency for museums but use is expected from the public; Miss Dorothy Long, reference librarian of the Division of Health Affairs, who related with facility the services and uses of the medical library including all health sciences; Miss Katherine McDiarmid, librarian of the Technical Library at State College, who gave an account of the work connected with specialized reference in textiles; Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, Chief Librarian of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury, who spoke about the varied and interesting service rendered to veterans in mental hospitals.9

Following the program, a business session was held. Mr. Littleton made an announcement in regard to recruiting librarians and left blanks to be filled out.

The Chairman discussed the future status of the Special Section as an organ of the NCLA—committee versus section. The consensus of opinion was that with only eleven or twelve members designated as specialized librarians that the section would convert to a committee and go along as it has with the exception of a Spring workshop to be held in alternate years to discuss problems—if any. A motion to that effect by Mrs. Helen Monahan and seconded by Miss Laubach that the Special Library Section be dissolved and converted to a committee of the NCLA—depending on the approval of the Executive Board. This was passed with no dissension.

Mrs. Monahan, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of names to be elected for the next biennium; Miss Elizabeth Berry as Chairman and Miss Laubach as Secretary. These nominees were unanimously elected.

LOUISE M. FARR,
Secretary

9Talks of panel members will be published in a later issue.

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