

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS NOTES

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"Let's Visit School Libraries" is the title of the 25 minute color film that has been produced by the Department of Public Instruction. It presents a cross section of North Carolina school libraries — how they are planned, organized, and operated. All scenes are actual situations taken in nine school systems from the mountains to the sea. Several hundred people were in on the planning, filming, and editing of this documentary production. It was directed by Cora Paul Bomar and Celeste Johnston, school library advisers and by James M. Dunlap, former adviser in Resource-Use Education. Mrs. Mary P. Douglas served as library consultant. The premier showing of this film was held at Mars Hill early in August during the statewide superintendents' conference. Miss Bomar and Miss Johnston are planning regional in-service study meetings at which librarians and supervisors will have an opportunity to see the film and assist in working out a study guide. This is a teaching film designed to be used by both lay and professional groups.

A four-way switch is in the making in North Carolina. It began when a leave was granted Margaret E. Kalp, Associate Professor in the School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, for the spring term of 1956 in order that she might continue work at the Graduate Library School in Chicago for the PhD degree. Cora Paul Bomar, State School Library Adviser for North Carolina, was invited to replace Miss Kalp for the spring term. This in turn meant a temporary replacement for Miss Bomar's position in the Department of Public Instruction. Present plans are for Eunice Query of the Library Science Department at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., to be Acting State School Library Adviser while Mrs. Eloise Camp Melton (former State School Library Adviser now living at Boone) teaches Miss Query's courses at Appalachian State Teachers College. Perhaps after June 1 a report will be in order to tell about the benefits of this exchange program within a state.

School library supervision on the local level is increasing in North Carolina. 26 of the 174 school administrative units now have this service. Mt. Airy City, Salisbury City, Asheville City and Forsyth County added school library supervisors this year.

Charlotte City School libraries are well staffed this year. The school library supervisor has under her supervision 43 full-time certified school librarians. This is an average of one full-time librarian for every 20-25 classroom teachers.

Mrs. Vernelle Palmer, Library Consultant for the Salisbury Schools and Librarian of Boyden High School, has an article, "Termpaper Teamwork," in the October 15 issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL. This is an interesting description of cooperative planning of teachers and librarians in helping students develop good research habits.

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