

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

By HALLIE S. BACELLI, *Recording Secretary*

First General Session, October 20, 1955, 8:30 - 10:00 P.M.

The thirty-first Conference of the North Carolina Library Association was called to order by the President, Charlesanna Fox. The invocation was given by Miss Antoinette Earle. The Mayor of High Point, Mr. George A. Covington, made an address of welcome and presented the President with the "Key to the City."

The President introduced members of the High Point City Council, the City Manager, the editor of the local newspaper, and the members of the High Point Public Library Board. The exhibitors were noted for their contributions to the conference "decoration." Honorary members of the Association also were present and were introduced, Miss Marjorie Beal and Mr. Joseph Ruzicka. The announcement was made that the Executive Board would honor the three honorary members, whose deaths occurred during 1955, by a gift to the Scholarship Loan Fund.

The members of the 1953-55 Executive Board; the members of the 1955-57 Executive Board, and the Section Chairmen for 1953-1955 were introduced.

Miss Marjorie Hood, Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from Miss Annie Petty in appreciation of the gift of the book, *The French Broad*. The Recording Secretary was requested to hold up the volumes of records of the Association bound as a part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Association. It was announced that these volumes would be on display at the Joseph Ruzicka Exhibit during the conference.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Dr. Roy B. McKnight, Chairman of the State Library Board, requesting that the Association transfer to the new board the same loyalty as given the North Carolina Library Commission. Mention was made that the new board would be meeting in High Point on Saturday, and that he would be glad to meet with any member for suggestions and advice on the new organization of the State Library and the appointment of the State Librarian.

Telegrams were received from the President of A.L.A. sending greetings from the office and staff of A.L.A. Miss Julia Bennett, Mr. Mumford and Mrs. Orcena Mahoney were introduced as representing A.L.A. headquarters. Miss Nora Beust from the U. S. Office of Education was introduced.

Dr. Ben E. Powell introduced the speaker, Dr. L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress. Dr. Mumford spoke on the functions of the Library of Congress.

After the program, a short business meeting was called in order to make constitutional amendments prior to the meetings of the Section of the Association. [*Changes in the Constitution have been omitted from the minutes. The complete Constitution and By-Laws as amended are printed elsewhere in this issue. Ed.*]

As a result of an adopted constitutional amendment the nominating committee was requested to present a ballot for the election of the A.L.A. Council Member at the Saturday morning meeting.

The City of High Point entertained at a reception following the first general meeting.



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

At a dinner meetings, preceding the Conference, Association and Section officers and committee chairmen made final plans. Shown above are (*seated*) Mrs. Marion M. Johnson, Mae Tucker, Katharine McDiarmid, Marianna Long, Mrs. Hallie Bacelli, Charlesanna Fox, Myrl Ebert, Marjorie Hood, Jane B. Wilson; (*standing*) Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, Elizabeth Williams, Margaret McIntyre, Mildred Mullis, Celeste Johnston, Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer, Neal Austin, George Linder, William R. Pullen, O. V. Cook, Elaine von Oesen, Sophronia Cooper, Robert E. Thomason, Charles M. Adams, Benjamin E. Powell.

Second General Session, October 21, 1955, 8:30 - 10:00 P.M.

The President, Miss Charlesanna Fox, opened the second session of the thirty-first Conference of the North Carolina Library Association, and welcomed guests and members. Miss Jane Wilson introduced the speaker, Miss Virginia Kirkus. Miss Kirkus used as her subject "Emphasis on Books." She reviewed many of the current best sellers for adults.

Following the meeting, the Association entertained at a reception in the Sheraton Room, adjoining the Ball Room.

Third General Session, October 22, 1955, 9:45 - 11:45 A.M.

The third general session was called to order by the President. Telegrams of greetings from the Florida State Library Association and from Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Alabama State Public Library Division, were acknowledged. Miss Nancy Jane Day extended greetings from the Southeastern Library Association and invited the members to attend the Biennial Conference in Roanoke, Virginia, October 11-13, 1956. She stated that SELA had 996 members at present. Dr. Roy B. McKnight, Chairman of the State Library Board, and Mr. Paul Ballance and Dr. Andrew Horn, members of the Board, were introduced.

Miss Julia Bennett, Chairman of the Washington Office of A.L.A., talked briefly on the services of the Washington office, and the need for letters to representatives concerning the Library Services Bill and Postal Classification Bill. She praised Rep. Graham Barden for his assistance in the legislative program for libraries.

Mr. Fielding Fry, representing the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, was recognized, and presented the President with an autographed copy of the book by Mrs. Ethel Stephens Arnett, *Greensboro, North Carolina, the County Seat of Guilford*. (UNC Press, 1955). The President accepted the book in the name of the Association.

Miss Olivia Burwell was recognized to introduce the speaker for the session. Dr. Susan G. Akers talked on "A Glimpse of Library Conditions in Iran in 1954-55."

The following business was transacted:

1. The nominating committee, Hoyt Galvin, Chairman, reported on the election for A.L.A. Council Member for 1955-1959. The votes were as follows: Harland Brown, 63 votes; Mildred Herring, 43 votes; no write in ballots. Mr. Brown was declared elected as Council Member and as a new member of the NCLA Executive Board.

2. The minutes of the 1953 Biennial Conference were approved as printed in *North Carolina Libraries*. The Treasurer's report was approved as printed. The Committee reports were received as reports. All except one committee requested that the committee be continued. The Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Committee has been incorporated within the Scholarship Loan Committee. All projects of committees have been completed during the biennium with the exception of those of the Publications, Archives, and Conservation of Newspaper Resources Committees. Mr. Harlan Brown displayed the bound volumes of records of the Association 1904-1935, and told of the purchase of two metal filing cabinets for storage of records, and of plans for restoring the scrapbook materials.

3. The President reported that the Catalog, College and University, Junior Members, and Public Libraries Sections had accepted the By-Laws proposed by the Executive Board.[†] The Junior College Section and the Special Libraries Section had requested

*Text appears elsewhere in this issue.

†A copy of the Section By-Laws is printed in this issue.

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permission to dissolve the sections and become committees. No action on the By-Laws was taken by the School and Children's Library Section or the Trustee's Section.

4. The President reported on the work of the Executive Board since the printed report in the October 1955 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. She reported that no honorary members would be elected during this Conference because of a constitutional provision that such election be conducted by a mail vote.

5. Miss Antoinette Earle reported on the work of the Study Committee of the North Carolina Legislative Council. She presented the request for legislative action passed unanimously by the School and Children's Library Section concerning the allotment of librarians and other special teachers in public schools. The Association voted unanimously to continue the request for this legislation.*

6. Miss Elaine von Oesen, Chairman, Dr. Andrew Horn replacing Mrs. Dorothy Shue, and Miss Lottie Hood presented resolutions expressing the appreciation of the Association to those who contributed to the success of the Conference, a resolution endorsing the Postal Classification Bill (H.R. 5139), and the following special resolution:

WHEREAS, Three Honorary Members of the North Carolina Library Association have died within the past year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillian B. Griggs, who died on April 11, 1955, served two terms as President of the North Carolina Library Association, as librarian of the Durham Public Library, as Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, and as librarian of the Woman's College of Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph P. Breedlove, who died on May 24, 1955, was one of the founders of the North Carolina Library Association, served as its President from 1911 to 1913, was librarian of Trinity College and Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William T. Polk, who died on October 16, 1955, was for many years Chairman of the Citizens' Library Movement in North Carolina, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greensboro Public Library, and seized every opportunity to encourage the support of libraries through his talent in writing and speaking; and

WHEREAS, Each of these people has contributed to the progress of library service and the library profession in North Carolina; therefore

Resolved, That the North Carolina Library Association, in conference assembled on October 22, 1955, in the city of High Point, North Carolina, acknowledge its gratitude for the life and contributions of Mrs. Griggs, Dr. Breedlove, and Mr. Polk by standing for a minute of respectful silence.

Resolved, that these resolutions be included in the official minutes of the Association, and copies be sent to the families of these Honorary members and given to the press.

*Editors Note: After the Conference it was learned that the NCEA would not support this legislation in the 1957 General Assembly because it considered other legislation more imperative. For this reason the NCLA representatives to the Legislative Council requested that this measure be postponed for support in a later legislature.

All of the resolutions were adopted and a period of silence was observed in tribute to the former honorary members.

7. The President extended invitations to the Association from the cities of Raleigh, Charlotte and High Point for the 1957 Conference.

The gavel was presented to the new President, Mr. Olan V. Cook, who accepted it with the following statement:



Members of the N.C.L.A. Of the making of books, there is still no end in sight. Of the construction of library buildings, there has been a great period of expansion within the last few years. In forming collections of books, in the homes, in the schools, in public libraries, and in the libraries of colleges and universities, there has been unparalleled activity in the last two decades. In the training for librarianship, rapid strides have been taken. For more than half a century, the North Carolina Library Association has worked faithfully to make these things, the dreams of our

founding fathers, come true. If the Association is to establish a set of objectives for the 1955-57 biennium, perhaps, they could be drawn from the foregoing statements, namely; (1) more and better books, encouraging authorship and the finer qualities of printing and book making; (2) more adequate library buildings and more bookmobiles; (3) a more intensified program of recruiting and training personnel in library service; and (4) a further enlightened and expanded service to readers in all areas of the State through a unified Association. To these ends and in deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, I pledge my full support and call upon you for cooperation and help. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the Section Meetings

CATALOG SECTION

SOPHRONIA COOPER, Chairman

The Catalog Section met in the Sheraton Room at 9:30 o'clock, October 21, 1955.

Because of limited time the minutes of the 1953 Biennial Conference were omitted. The treasurer reported the amount of money turned over to her, \$37.98. From this amount she had written one check for \$5.00 for ALA Section Dues, leaving on hand \$32.98.

The new business took care of changing Article 5 of the original plan of organization of the section which calls for the election of two officers to be amended to read as Article IV and V of the Proposed By-laws for Sections of NCLA which calls for the election of five officers. Mr. Carlyle J. Frarey made the motion that the change be accepted. There was an immediate second and no discussion. With a show of hands the motion was carried and the amendment was announced as made.

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The members of the Nominating Committee were introduced: Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, Chairman, Salem College Library, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Crawford, Charlotte Public Library, Miss Elizabeth M. England, N. C. Library Commission. Mrs. Anna J. Cooper made the report for the committee and moved that the the following officers be elected to serve for the 1955-1957 Biennium: Mr. Edward Lynch, May Memorial Library, Burlington, Chairman; Miss Vivian Moose, Woman's College Library, Greensboro, Vice-Chairman; Miss Louise Bethea, Wake Forest Library, Wake Forest, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Elizabeth S. Walker, East Carolina College Library, Director; Mr. Carlyle J. Frarey, School of Library Science, UNC, Director. There was a second to the motion and with the show of hands the above named officers for the 1955-1957 Biennium were elected.

The contents of a letter from Miss Mary Darrah Herrick, Chairman, Committee on Award of the Margaret Mann Citation was given. Miss Herrick is asking for suggested names of persons to be recommended for the Margaret Mann Citation.

A second announcement was from Miss Margaret V. Ayrault, Vice-President, ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification. Miss Ayrault is calling for names of possible appointees.

The program Chairman, Mr. Carlyle J. Frarey, Associate Professor, School of Library Science, UNC, was presented. Mr. Frarey introduced the program with a report dealing with the many changes and developments of the last ten years in cataloging theory, practices, and operations. Miss Elizabeth Walker, Assistant Librarian, East Carolina College, discussed the Decimal Classifications. Mrs. Orcena Mahoney, Executive Secretary, Division of Cataloging and Classification, was introduced as the first full-time Executive Secretary resident at ALA Headquarters. Mrs. Mahoney discussed Administration, Operations, and National Activities and Interests. At the conclusion of the reports, Mr. Frarey called for participation from the audience with questions.

Miss Cooper presented the new section chairman, Mr. Edward Lynch. Responding to his recognition, Mr. Lynch made a few remarks pertinent to beginning his period of office.

SOPHRONIA COOPER,
Chairman