NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

Neal Austin, Chairman

The breakfast meeting of the Junior Members Round Table was held Saturday, October 22, 1955, at the Sheraton Hotel, High Point, North Carolina during the thirty-first conference of the North Carolina Library Association. Neal Austin, Chairman, presented Mr. Carlyle Fracoy, of the School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina, who chose as his topic “The Thread of the Loom.”* Librarians, he said, are not growing professionally because of professional apathy, preoccupation with their status, and a confusion of their objectives. His discussion of these ideas was of especial interest to the Junior Members.

Neal Austin noted that three Junior Members were serving on the Executive Board of the N.C.L.A. He further stated that this was the first time that such a three-fold position had been held by Junior Members.

I. T. Littleton then presented the slate of officers for the next biennium: Chairman, Elvin Strowd of the Duke University Library; Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect, Charles Laugher of East Carolina College Library; Georgia Cox of High Point Public Library; Director, Mary Lou Lucy of the University of North Carolina Library. The other director is to be appointed by the Executive Board, since Betty Will McReynolds had to withdraw her name because of an office in the Public Library Section.

Mr. Austin then turned the meeting over to the new chairman, Mr. Strowd. After a few remarks by Mr. Strowd, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Will McReynolds,
Secretary

*Text is published elsewhere in this issue.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

George Linder, Chairman

The business meeting of the Public Libraries Section was held in the High Point YMCA on Friday, October 21, 1955 with George Linder, Librarian of the Catawba County Library, presiding as Section Chairman. Secretary of the Section, Phyllis Snyder, Librarian of the Nantahala Regional Library, read the minutes of the 1953 meeting in Asheville which were accepted without correction and reported a balance of $37.00 in the treasury.

Brief summaries of the activities of Section committees were made by the following chairmen:

Paul Ballance reported that the Personnel Committee met twice, assisted in planning the Workshop in April and was responsible for the program at one of its sessions. He also gave the financial statement for the Workshop which started with a balance of $248.96 from the In-Service Training Sub-Committee, collected $262.00 registration fees, net Workshop expenses totaling $395.50, leaving a balance of $119.50.

Miss Elizabeth Plexico reported that the Audio-Visual Committee held six screening sessions to preview films and two planning meetings to plan block bookings in addition to arranging a program for the Workshop which included a demonstration of a film forum.

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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 Plessie, 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.