

**BIENNIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES**

BEATRICE HOLBROOK, *Recording Secretary*

**First General Session**

**Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel**

**November 21, 1957, 8:30-10:00 p.m.**

The thirty-second Conference of the North Carolina Library Association was called to order by the President, Olan V. Cook, Thursday evening, November 21, 1957, at 8:30 P. M., in the Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Mayor of Raleigh, Mr. W. G. Enloe, made an address of welcome, emphasizing the vital role of books and libraries in the future development and use of North Carolina's "secret weapon," the Research Triangle.

The President introduced the honorary members of the Association who were present: Dr. Susan G. Akers and Miss Georgia H. Faison. He recognized Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Extension Specialist, Library Services Branch, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C. He expressed appreciation to the Exhibitors and announced that the exhibit of the New Graphic Society was located in Room 631.

Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer, announcing the first National Library Week, pointed out the need for emphasizing reading in American life by citing statistics from a recent survey which revealed that half of the adults in this country live within a mile of a public library but that only one-fifth of them visit it. She stated that an ALA committee has been formed and in turn a committee in each state had been appointed to plan the observance. She introduced the Chairman of the North Carolina Library Week Committee, Mrs. Grace T. Rodenbough, the state legislator from Stokes County, who announced the date of the observance, March 16-22, 1958, and the plans for this first concentrated national effort, which is sponsored by the National Book Committee and the American Library Association to promote a wider and wiser use of books. She spoke of the library as "the collective brain of the whole human race and the vital heart of any free society." She named as members of her committee Governor Hodges, Honorary Chairman, and fourteen leading citizens from the business, civic, and professional fields.

Hoyt Galvin, Chairman of the newly created Committee on Cooperative Library Resources, reported on the achievements of that committee and moved that the North Carolina Library Association approve in principle the plans of the Cooperative Library Resources Committee, and that the Association endorse the actions of the Administrative Board of the University of North Carolina Library and the North Carolina State Library Board to activate plans for expanded union catalog services through a co-operative plan of the State Library and the University Library as outlined in the Report of the Cooperative Resources Committee. The motion, seconded by Charles Adams, was passed unanimously.

The President announced that the meeting of the School and Children's Section Committee scheduled for 10:00 A. M. had been canceled.

Harlan Brown made announcements about special buses which had been arranged for Friday and about parking restrictions on Fayetteville Street Saturday morning necessitated by preparations for the Christmas parade.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. James L. Godfrey, Dean of the Faculty, the University of North Carolina, was introduced by Mrs. Godfrey. Dr. Godfrey spoke on the subject "The Place of Books in the World of Today and Tomorrow," with emphasis on their role in providing sources of information for general education. The scarcity of teachers, he said, would necessitate a great deal less teaching and more learning, thus



"THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD" might be an appropriate caption for this picture. It is evidence of Photographer Samuel Boone's success in rounding up the old and the new officers of the North Carolina Library Association following one of the general sessions. *Front row:* Nell B. Wright, Beatrice Holbrook, Gladys Johnson, Mae Tucker, Myrl Ebert, Marjorie Hood, Harlan Brown; *back row:* Carlyle Frarey, O. V. Cook, Vernelle Palmer, Elizabeth Hughey, Elaine von Oesen, Marianna Long, Charlesanna Fox, Charles Adams.

shifting the burden upon the student and moving the library "into the forefront of the educational picture." In closing, he stated that he was concerned not so much about a more powerful America but a more perceptive America, not so much about a more forceful America but a more persuasive America, not so much about a more dynamic America but a more understanding America. He emphasized the importance of the cultivation of our "most valuable asset, the American Mind."

**Second General Session**  
**Student Union Building, North Carolina State College**  
**November 22, 1957, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Association dinner was held Friday evening, at 6:30, in the Student Union Building of North Carolina State College. Mr. Cook presided. Father Donald F. Scales, Assistant Librarian, Belmont-Abbey College, gave the invocation, and Chancellor Carey H. Bostian, North Carolina State College, extended a welcome. After the introduction

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of officers, two honorary members were introduced: Miss Marjorie Beal and Dr. Louis Round Wilson.

Dr. Jerrold Orne, Librarian of the University of North Carolina, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Emilie Jacobson, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Using as her subject "Laughter, Freedom's Secret Weapon," Mrs. Jacobson, delightfully entertained her audience with her dramatic presentation of typical jokes of various nationalities. She rated laughter as life's greatest ventilator, letting out the bad air of bigotry and intolerance and letting in the good air of good will and justice.

### Third General Session

Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel

November 23, 1957, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

The business of the Association was continued at the third General Session, on Saturday morning, November 23, at 9:00. Mr. Cook presided. He called attention to the error on the front of the printed program. Instead of "Twenty-Second Biennial Conference" it should have been "Thirty-Second Conference." Telegrams were read bearing greetings from the American Library Association and from the Tennessee Library Association.

Names of the new Executive Board members were announced.

The reports of the Committees were accepted as printed in *North Carolina Libraries*.

Thomas M. Simkins, Jr., called attention to facts concerning the recent banning of fifty-one magazines by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association. He pointed out that condemning by title rather than by issue will not stand if challenged by the courts. He cited the 1957 statute passed by the North Carolina Legislature, which declared that any question about salability may be challenged and decided in court, judged by certain criteria. Since the law is so difficult to interpret and to apply, he expressed the opinion that "the NCSA needs help from the NCLA." He emphasized the discrimination of banning the paper-back edition of Peyton Place. He made the following motion: (1) that the NCLA Committee on Intellectual Freedom be asked to examine carefully all available facts concerning the censorship or suppression of so-called "obscene" or "undesirable" publications by local authorities without court action; (2) that the NCLA Committee on Intellectual Freedom report their findings to the Executive Board; and (3) that, after full discussion of the whole question, the Executive Board recommend to the Association any course of action on the part of the Association that they may deem appropriate. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Constance Marteena, was passed.

Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli received the request for legislative action passed by the School and Children's Section in 1955 and again in 1957 concerning the allotment of librarians and other special teachers in public schools. She made a motion that the Association reaffirm its approval of the request for appropriations sufficient for one additional teacher for each twenty to be used as librarians, non-teaching principals, guidance counselors, teachers of art, music, physical education and for other special services as determined by the Administrative Unit. Mrs. J. Bruce Eagles seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Invitations for the 1959 Conference had been received, the President said, from the following cities: Goldsboro, Durham, Raleigh, Asheville, and High Point.

Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan, Chairman, Mrs. Alice L. Hicks, and Thomas M. Simkins, Jr., presented resolutions expressing the appreciation of the Association to those who contributed to the success of the Conference. The resolutions were adopted.

The gavel was presented to the new President, Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer. After her acceptance speech, Mrs. Palmer declared the thirty-second Conference of the North Carolina Library Association adjourned.

# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

HOWARD WHITE, *Chairman*

The minutes of the October, 1955, meeting held in High Point were read and approved.

A report from the Editorial Committee was given by Mrs. W. H. May, Jr. She reviewed news of the Trustee Section which had been published in the seven issues of *North Carolina Libraries*, with their participation and effort to stimulate interest and progress of libraries over the State, pointing out that all trustees had been contacted by letter, including new trustees from time to time of their appointment during the biennium, inviting and urging them to become members of the Trustee Section of the N. C. Library Association. The dues for membership being \$2.00 with .50c of this going to the Trustee Section. An all time high of 185 members are now enrolled with hopes of attaining an even higher enrollment within the next two years.

Mrs. May emphasized the purpose of Trustees: To study and publicize library programs, to strengthen State Trustee Library organizations and to encourage the development of Library Service in your community and state with enthusiasm and point out the ever changing library in its services and appeal, through books, films, and records available in local libraries. This is the text of thought from the issue of *North Carolina*

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*Libraries* editions with news of Trustees going out to members who receive these issues with their Trustee membership, along with news of other Library departments in the State.

The report from Mrs. R. M. Ray, Chairman of the Membership Committee, showed that membership was increased more in Group III consisting of Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties. Mrs. Clifford Peeler of Salisbury was membership chairman for this area.

Recognition and congratulations were given these Libraries for their support in membership of the Trustee Section from these areas.

Election of new officers:

Chairman: Mr. Tommie Gaylord, Swan Quarter, North Carolina.

Vice-Chairman: Miss Nena DeBerry, Lilesville, North Carolina.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. James E. Davenport, Mackeys, North Carolina.

Directors: Mrs. F. W. M. White, Halifax, and Mr. H. C. Bradshaw, Durham, North Carolina.

Being unable to attend the meeting, Mr. White read a letter from George Esser on the Manual for Trustees, saying it would be complete and finished in the near future, and that work was now being done to hasten the publication.

It was decided that recommendations for a delegate to the American Association of Library Trustees be made to Mr. Gaylord, the meeting to be held this summer in San Francisco.

A discussion on whether to continue the "Memo" to Trustees, showed much was thought of continuing these letters as a valuable aid, as a link between Trustees, communities, and Libraries, themselves.

Assigned to the Trustee Section from the North Carolina State Library: Miss Frances Gish, State Library, Raleigh, North Carolina.

A recommendation was made to have an award given to the outstanding Trustee of the year, by Mr. White for the effort and interest shown; as an expression of appreciation from the Trustee Section.

There were thirty-one trustees present.

ELIZABETH P. MAY,  
*Secretary*

### TRUSTEES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1957, 12:30 P.M.

*Presiding: A. HOWARD WHITE, Trustee Section*

The largest group ever to attend a joint Trustee and Public Library meeting enjoyed together a luncheon provided by members of the Hillyer Memorial Church. After the meal the chairman introduced Mrs. Grace Rodenbough, Chairman of the National Library Week Committee; Mrs. W. H. May, Jr., Secretary of the Trustees Section; Miss Evelyn Parks, Chairman of the Trustee Committee of the Public Library Section; Miss Marjorie Beal, former director of N. C. Library Commission; Mr. Neal Austin, Chairman of the Public Library Section; Mr. O. V. Cook, President of N.C.L.A.; and the speakers, Mr. John Harden, Chairman of the State Library Board, and Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, consultant with the government's office of education in its work with the Library Services Act.

Mr. Harden, speaking on library development in the state, pointed out that North Carolina's recent greatly accented interest in creativity had received impetus actually centered around the libraries of the state. With wit and humor he stressed the need for librarians and trustees who represent a cross-section of North Carolina heritage and story material, as well as its culture and intellect, to encourage the total participation



of North Carolinians in the use of their talents of expression. Mr. Harden believes that our main goal in library development should consist of encouragement of our citizens to expand their mental horizons through the use of libraries.

The second speaker, Miss Mullen, summarized the progress made in library development by various states due to the stimulus of the Library Services Act. Expansion of the services of State Libraries has been a very large accomplishment in many states. Other state plans include such projects as improvement of reference services, inservice training projects, scholarships, evaluation and improvement of book resources, central cataloging set-ups, and development of regional libraries.



NEW OFFICERS of North Carolina Library Association: Gladys Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary*; Vernell G. Palmer, *President*; Margaret E. Kalp, *Second Vice President*; Elizabeth H. Hughey, *First Vice President*; Myrl Ebert, *Recording Secretary*; and Marjorie Hood, *Treasurer*.

### NORTH CAROLINA FICTION: 1734-1957

The annotated bibliography of early and late fiction with a North Carolina setting is just off the press. It is the second major undertaking of the Joint Committee of the North Carolina Library Association and the North Carolina English Teachers Association, and coincidentally the second of the new series of *University of North Carolina Library Studies*. The editor of the bibliography is William S. Powell; the chairman of the Joint Committee is Richard Walser.

Like *North Carolina Authors*, the 189-page book is available in both cloth and paper binding. It may be ordered from the Bull's Head Bookshop, Chapel Hill. The price is \$3.00 (cloth); \$1.50 (paper).

## PRE-CONFERENCE FILM WORKSHOP

The Audio-Visual Committee of the Public Libraries Section presented a pre-conference Workshop on FILM SERVICE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES on November 21, 1957 prior to the North Carolina Library Association conference, devoting morning and afternoon sessions to introducing, analyzing and showing the varied resources and uses of films in a community through public library services.

A morning panel session on FILM RESOURCES AND SYSTEMS was introduced by Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey, State Librarian, in a brief summary of the five year history and progress of the Film Program in North Carolina. Moderator of the panel, Mrs. Lou Posey of Kinston Public, presented panel members who spoke on the various ways and means of gathering information necessary to set up a film service for effective use. Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, librarian of a tri-county unit (Avery, Mitchell and Yancey) in dealing with the needs of librarians to become familiar with sources of information such as the State Handbook, H. W. Wilson Education Guide, etc., observed that "The best source of film information in a community is a well-informed librarian." Mrs. Jeanne Scranton of the Public Library, Charlotte, followed up with emphasis on certain other film resources, and outlined a booking and circulation plan for film circulation. The section on film evaluation, conducted by Miss Charlesanna Fox of Randolph County Library, briefed listeners on principles and methods in critical analyses for films for purchase and use. Helpful outlines and bibliographies were distributed. An explanation of essential equipment and techniques in operating film projectors with precision and ease was given by Kenneth McIntyre, head of the University Audio-Visual Bureau, which was followed by a demonstration, shown by Mrs. Georgia Cox of the High Point Public Film department, whereby further facts about projectors and projection were demonstrated by the films themselves.

The morning session quickly outgrew the planned seating arrangement of a round table conference, and a theatre arrangement of seats for the comfort of the afternoon audience was introduced during luncheon intermission.

At 2:30 p.m. when the Workshop reconvened, the program on FILM USE took the form of "role playing" as the most effective means of presenting this part of the subject. Planned by Miss Gladys Johnson, General Services Librarian of the State Library, and Mrs. Dorothy Shue of the Cumberland County Library, Fayetteville, with Miss Johnson in the role of demonstration leader, this session featured a panel of librarians representing (1) the small library with no planned film service by Miss Mary Lee Crouse of Thomasville Public, (2) the medium sized library participating in the State film booking program by Miss Evelyn Bishop of Johnston County Library, and (3) the large city library with its own film collection represented by Miss Mae Tucker of Charlotte Public and Mrs. Jeanne Scranton. These librarians were asked questions by the audience playing roles of library patrons with varied problems such as arise in a community among people contacting the library for the use of a film. The situations rehearsed proved amusing as well as enlightening.

Attendance at this Workshop was estimated at 95 persons. Interest seemed to be high, and reports, which have since come in, indicate that the FILM WORKSHOP contributed its share to the success of NCLA 1957.

MRS. LOUELLA S. POSEY,  
*Panel Moderator*

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### Minutes of the Section Meetings

#### CATALOG SECTION

EDGAR LYNCH, *Chairman*

The Catalog Section has been interested in promoting regional processing centers. Edgar Lynch and Carlyle Frarey participated in the first state meeting on the Public Library Standards in February, 1957. This meeting pointed out the needs and also the desires of libraries for cooperation.

With this in mind, the officers of the Section saw a chance to point out the opportunities in cooperative processing at its biennial meeting on November 21, 1957. The Catalog Section met in the Ballroom of the Hotel Sir Walter with a capacity audience to hear first hand reports by cataloging specialists.

The chairman presided. Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist of the United States Office of Education presented the findings of the regional libraries in California and Missouri which have entered into cooperative cataloging projects. Miss Sara Jaffarain, Director of Libraries of the Greensboro City Schools presented information for school librarians who were interested in formulating plans for cooperative cataloging in their respective systems.

In their informal meeting there was audience participation. After adjournment Miss Mullen and Miss Jaffarain were "bombarded" by individuals for specific information.

New officers of the Catalog Section are: *Chairman*: Miss Vivian Moose, Woman's College Library of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; *Vice Chairman*: Miss Foy Lineberry, North Carolina State College Library, Raleigh; *Secretary and Treasurer*: Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; *Directors*: Carlyle Frarey, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, and Benjamin Smith, North Carolina College, Durham.



## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION

MRS. LILIAN BUCHANAN, *Chairman*

The College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association met in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, on Friday, November 22, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Lilian Buchanan, Librarian of Western Carolina College, and Chairman of the Section presided. An abbreviated report of the minutes of the last meeting, held in High Point in 1955, was made by the Secretary, Mrs. Spears Hicks.

Mrs. Buchanan presented Dr. Jerrold Orne, Librarian of the Louis R. Wilson Library of the University of North Carolina, who spoke on the North Carolina Union Catalog at the University of North Carolina. He asked Librarians to cooperate in making the Union Catalog an important bibliographic resource in the state, and requested them to send in author-title cards for significant books that should be included.

Mr. William S. Powell of the University of North Carolina Library, read a summary of "The North Carolina Survey" made by Dr. Andrew Horn, Librarian of the University of North Carolina. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Section in March, 1956, Mrs. Buchanan suggested that in view of the interest in the field of local history, the Committee explore the activities of the libraries of the state concerning the conservation and availability of historical source materials. Dr. Andrew Horn, Chairman of the Section, conducted the survey, sending letters and questionnaires throughout the state. A satisfactory response to the questionnaires indicated that a considerable amount of collecting, indexing, and preserving of North Caroliniana was being done. A report of the survey was read by Mr. Powell, who requested librarians to think of methods of making the information contained in the summary of practical value.

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Mrs. Buchanan announced a panel discussion on "The Conservation and Utilization of Historical Resources in North Carolina Libraries," and introduced each member of the panel.

Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the State Department of Archives and History, was the first speaker. He emphasized the value of preserving material of local interest, and suggested that libraries consider collecting history and biography in the local field, and advised the encouragement of the collection of primary sources, such as letters, diaries, printed speeches, and photographs. These local materials should be preserved, he stated, and the library is the logical agency to do it. Dr. Crittenden cautioned that in collecting and preserving material on North Carolina, it was not generally advisable for libraries to collect archives—official documents of state, county, or municipal agencies.

Professor Richard Walser of the Department of English, North Carolina State College, spoke on the usefulness of historical resources from the point of view of the author. He indicated the important service that library units could render by collecting books, news items, pamphlets, and other material about local personalities; and cited as examples the Thomas Wolfe collection in the Pack Memorial Library in Asheville, the O. Henry collection in the Greensboro Public Library, and the collection of material on Christian Reid in the Salisbury Public Library. In addition to collecting all available local historical and biographical material, Mr. Walser thought libraries should have representative collections of North Carolina fiction, history, literature, and art.

Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian of Duke University, and Chairman of the North Carolina Library Association Committee on the Conservation of Newspaper Resources, spoke in place of Dr. William Hamilton, who was on jury duty and unable to be present.

Dr. Powell stated that the Committee had formulated a three-phase program: 1. To make a list, with locations, of all newspapers published in North Carolina prior to 1820; 2. To compile a selective list of newspapers issued between 1820 and 1870; 3. To work toward the preservation of the more significant newspapers published since 1870. The Committee agreed that work on the third phase of the project was the first step.

Questionnaires and letters were sent to all parts of the State in an effort to locate newspapers which were not listed in any available bibliography. From the information received, the Committee compiled an 87-page list of newspapers in the collections of individuals, libraries, offices, etc. The next step, Dr. Powell stated, will be to analyze these returns to see which newspapers should be preserved on microfilm.

Dr. Powell requested librarians to assist in this project by finding out as much as possible about newspapers in their locality, especially those in small newspaper offices, or which have ceased publication.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Paul S. Ballance, Librarian of the Winston-Salem Public Library, who reported on the plan for reviving the North Carolina Index, beginning with the 1955-1957 period and working back to the already published 1946-1949 Index. He announced that the work was progressing satisfactorily and that funds had been secured for the publication of the North Carolina Index 1955-1957, about the middle of 1958.

Mrs. Leola M. Ross of Winston-Salem Teachers College, editor of the North Carolina Index, 1946-1949, which indexed about 16 periodicals, will edit the 1955-1957 Index, which will include about 30 publications.

Miss Elizabeth Walker, Assistant Librarian, East Carolina College, requested the cooperation of all librarians in National Library Week, to be held March 16-22, 1958, sponsored by the National Book Committee in cooperation with the American Library Association.

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Mrs. Buchanan called for the report of the Nominating Committee: Mr. Thomas M. Simkins, *Chairman*; Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, Miss Myrl Ebert, Dr. William R. Pullen, and Dr. Benjamin F. Smith. Mr. Simkins presented the following slate of officers for the Section: *Chairman*, Mrs. Lilian Buchanan; *Vice Chairman* and *Chairmen-elect*, Mr. J. P. Waggoner, Assistant Librarian, Duke University Library; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Mr. I. T. Littleton, Assistant to the Librarian, University of North Carolina Library; *Directors*, Miss Mary Lou Lucy, University of North Carolina Library, and Mrs. Constance H. Martena, Librarian, Bennett College. These officers were elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Buchanan expressed the appreciation of the College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association to all members and guests who had participated in the program and to the Committees which had served the Section in the biennium.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. SPEARS HICKS, *Secretary*

## JUNIOR COLLEGE COMMITTEE

MRS. HARLAN C. BROWN, *Chairman*

At the High Point North Carolina Library Association Conference in October, 1955, the Junior College Section voted to disband because the potential membership of this Section was so small. The group petitioned the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Library Association for re-admission to the College and University Section, with the request that a Junior College Committee should be formed, with Mrs. Harlan C. Brown appointed to act as chairman. This petition was granted. The group also voted to continue to meet informally at each biennial meeting of the Association.

During the Raleigh Conference, the new Junior College Committee met at a luncheon on Friday, November 22, 1957, at the North Carolina State College Union, with twelve people present. Following the luncheon a meeting was held in the State College Library.

At the request of Mrs. Lilian Buchanan, Chairman of the College and University Section, the group elected its chairman for the 1958-1959 biennium. Chosen was Mrs. Mildred S. Councill, Librarian of Mount Olive Junior College.

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Mildred S. Councill spoke on the "Problems in Organizing a New Junior College Library." There followed a discussion of questions sent in to the chairman previous to the meeting.

At the end of the session the group visited the libraries of Peace College and St. Mary's Junior College.

## JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

ELVIN STROWD, *Chairman*

The Junior Members Round Table of the North Carolina Library Association met in Raleigh November 23 during the biennial conference of N. C. L. A. Previous plans had called for a breakfast meeting to precede the business session, but conflicts arose and these plans were cancelled in favor of the business session.

New officers were elected for the next biennium as follows:

Chairman: Virginia Caudle

Vice Chairman: Virginia Harris

Secretary-Treasurer: Vera Melton

Director: Edmund Ramsaur

After the election of officers the members discussed the future role of J. M. R. T. in N. C. L. A.



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The concensus was that the Section should work toward the development of some worthwhile project. This was deemed necessary not only for the sake of making a contribution as a section but also to attract new members.

It was recognized that the Section has a peculiar problem in building up its membership, since membership is limited for J. M. R. T., and persons falling within the qualifications tend to leave the state (with distressing regularity), develop interest in other sections and committee work, or leave the profession entirely.

It is hoped that members of the Section will give full support to their new officers and that the membership will make concrete proposals in terms of J. M. R. T. projects.

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

NEAL AUSTIN, *Chairman*

Following a joint luncheon on November 22, 1957, with the Trustees Section the business meeting of the Public Libraries Section was opened by the chairman. After welcoming the group the chairman gave a brief report of the work of the committees. Copies of reports from three of the committees (Audio-Visual, Adult Services and Library Development) were given to all members present.

A resolution was read in which the Audio-Visual Committee recommended to the Executive Board that a seven-member Audio-Visual Committee be appointed by the Section Chairman to replace the present larger Committee. This resolution was passed by the group.

Miss Elaine von Oesen from the State Library reported on plans for National Library Week. She enthusiastically encouraged total participation with local citizen committees selected to work with the State National Library Week Committee.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected. The new officers are: *Chairman*, Miss Mae Tucker, Charlotte Public Library; *Vice-Chairman*, Evelyn Bishop, Johnston County Public Library; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Jane McDaniel; *Directors*, Miss Joyce Bruner, Caldwell County Library; and Miss Elizabeth Copeland, Shepherd Memorial Library, Greenville.

Mr. Austin then presented the new chairman who introduced her committee chairmen asking each of them for a statement of tentative plans for the new biennium. Miss Tucker expressed a desire to receive suggestions from the Section before the actual committee work was planned. After a period of buzz discussions of such suggestions, the meeting was adjourned.

## SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SECTION

LOTTIE HOOD, *Chairman*

The School and Children's Librarians Section of the North Carolina Library Association met on November 22, 1957, in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building at State College in Raleigh, North Carolina for a luncheon. Miss Lottie Hood, Chairman, welcomed the group and presented as special guests Mr. Jesse O. Sanderson, Superintendent of the Raleigh City Schools; Mr. Fred A. Smith, Superintendent of the Wake County Schools; Mrs. Carroll Hawkins, Greensboro Public Library; Mr. Harry M. Arndt, Superintendent of the Catawba County Schools; and Mr. Steve White, President of the North Carolina High School Library Association. After the luncheon, the group was requested to adjourn to the Theater of the Student Union Building for the program and the business session.

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When the group reassembled, Miss Hood presented Miss Cora Paul Bomar, State School Library Adviser, who acted as the moderator for a panel discussion with the theme "Looking Ahead". Miss Bomar presented the panel composed of: Miss Eunice Query, Library Science Department, ASTC, Boone, N. C.; Miss Mary Frances Kennon, Assistant State School Library Adviser, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Carroll Hawkins, Greensboro Public Library and Station WFMY-TV, Greensboro, N. C.; and Mrs. Mary P. Douglas, Library Supervisor of the Raleigh City Schools, Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Bomar opened the program with some general remarks on trends in library service for boys and girls and stressed the continuing importance of the printed word in our daily living and progress. Then each member of the panel contributed information on some phase of new trends in library service for children and young people.

Miss Kennon began the panel's participation with a discussion of the book reviewing project which has been sponsored by the School and Children's Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association, the School Librarians of the North Carolina Education Association, and the office of the State School Library Adviser. She reported that the state had been divided into seven regions with centers for book distribution. Approximately four hundred and eighty titles were reviewed last year and opinions of these titles were recorded on review slips sent out with the books from Miss Bomar's office. Other librarians were urged to join the project. To set up means of sharing this information an editorial committee and a ways and means committee have been appointed by the chairman of the project, Miss Lottie Hood. Miss Kennon mentioned the student library associations as good recruitment opportunities. In giving the history of the two organizations, she stated that the N. C. H.S.L.A. had reported more than 1,500 paid members. Included in the projects of the student organizations are the printed constitution; the publication of a handbook and a magazine; and the establishment of scholarship funds.

Mrs. Carroll Hawkins presented the use of TV as a story hour medium. This program is offered thirty minutes a week by WFMY-TV. She gave information concerning the sets which have been used on her program; the means of selecting children to appear on the program; the necessity of clearing stories with the copyright owners; and the types of stories included in her program—a picture story and a fairy tale. Mrs. Hawkins enthusiastically told of her own experiences in presenting the program. She summed up the results of the TV story hour as motivated interest in the library's story hour program; an increase in circulation; better adult understanding of the library services; and a more widespread audience for the story hour.

Miss Eunice Query told about the three year study of the school library begun by the Southern States Work Conference which held its annual meeting at Daytona Beach in June, 1957. The theme of the first year study was centered in two questions: "What is a good school library program?" and "What does it do for boys and girls?". Miss Query stressed the areas of investigation pursued by her group: 1. Preservice and inservice training for teachers, librarians, and administrators; 2. Identification of existing library situations with descriptions of materials and services of each; 3. Evidences of effectiveness of library service to boys and girls; and 4. The keeping of a log or diary for part of the time as a tangible evidence of the benefits of library service.

Mrs. Mary P. Douglas presented three new trends on a national level. The first trend dealt with the revision of standards for school libraries. She stressed the fact that the heart of any standards lies in the philosophy of library service and the establishment of a collection to meet pupil and curriculum needs. Next she presented the growing need for undergraduate training, with a major or a minor in Library Science, as a means of meeting the demand for assistant librarians or librarians for schools of a certain size. The last trend concerned the importance of library statistics showing the growth of

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libraries in number and volumes; the increase of trained librarians; and comparative data on expenditures for library services.

Miss Bomar summed up the panel discussion with remarks on the increase in the number of libraries in our own state and called our attention to National Library Week to be held this spring for the purpose of promoting books and reading on a national level.

Miss Lottie Hood, Chairman, opened the business meeting by requesting the reading of the minutes; they were read and approved.

Under the heading of old business, Mrs. Hallie Bacelli made a motion that we reaffirm our stand, taken at the last conference, on the bill to provide one extra teacher for each 20 teachers as a part of the proposed United Forces legislative program two years hence. The motion was carried.

Miss Gertrude Coward, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, gave the report on the revised bylaws. She requested that the first reading of the bylaws be omitted since they had been read and discussed and suggestions were made for corrections at the preceding conference. Permission was granted by vote of the members. Miss Coward then pointed out changes in the bylaws and proceeded to read the bylaws article by article for discussion and adoption. Articles I through X were presented in this way and the bylaws were adopted article by article. Mrs. Mary P. Douglas then moved that the bylaws be adopted as read; Miss Mildred Herring seconded the motion; and the members passed the motion. A copy of the bylaws as read has been appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Vernelle Palmer, *Chairman*, made the report of the nominating committee composed of Miss Annabel Thompson and Miss Annie Graham Caldwell. The following slate of officers was presented: Miss Elizabeth Williams, *Chairman*; Mrs. Vera Melton, *Chairman-elect* and *Vice Chairman*; Mrs. Jacksie Cumby, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Miss Eunice Query and Mrs. Sara Carr, *Directors* for two years; Mrs. Margaret Farley and Miss Margaret McIntyre, *Directors* for four years; and Miss Cora Paul Bomar and Miss Lottie Hood, *Ex-officio Members*. Mrs. Palmer moved that the slate of officers be elected to serve for the next two years; Miss Mildred Herring seconded the motion; the motion was carried.

Miss Lottie Hood presented the gavel to Miss Elizabeth Williams who adjourned the meeting.

CATHERINE WEIR, *Secretary*

### PROPOSED BYLAWS

#### OF THE SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

##### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

##### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be (a) to unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members interested in school and children's libraries; (b) to provide an opportunity for discussion of problems, ideas, and practices pertaining to the group; (c) to initiate and encourage studies, projects, and other activities relating to school and children's libraries; and (d) to cooperate with the North Carolina library Association in fulfilling its objectives.

##### ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Members of the North Carolina Library Association, who state a preference for this Section at the time of payment of Association dues, shall become members.



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### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers of this Section shall be a Chairman; a Chairman-Elect, who shall serve as Vice-Chairman; a Secretary-Treasurer; and four Directors.

The Chairman-Elect and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the regular biennial meetings and shall serve for a two-year term, or until their successors are elected and have assumed their duties. Two Directors shall be elected at each regular biennial meeting and shall serve for a four-year term.

### ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, the immediate past Chairman, the four Directors, and the State School Library Adviser as an ex-officio member. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section and shall have the power to act for the Section on administrative business of the Section in the intervals between biennial meetings. Such administrative business shall include only that business which necessarily must be dealt with prior to the regular biennial meeting.

2. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The regular meeting shall be held as a section meeting of the biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association.

2. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or upon written request, signed by 15 of the members and delivered to the President for action by the Executive Board of the Association.

3. A quorum for the transaction of the business of this section shall consist of 20 per cent of the membership of the Section.

### ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

1. The Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Nominations who will present the name of one candidate for each elective office, consent being secured from the nominees. No member of the Executive Board may serve on the Nominating Committee. Any member or members of the Section may present a candidate or candidates for the elective offices of this Section provided that they notify the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of such action, in writing. (1) that the notification be signed by ten members of this Section, (2) that the consent of the nominee or nominees has been secured and so indicated on the notification.

2. A majority vote of those attending a regular meeting shall constitute election.

### ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The Chairman shall, with the Executive Committee, appoint and define duties for committees as may be necessary to carry on the work of the School and Children's Libraries Section.

2. The Chairman of the School and Children's Libraries Section shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The Chairman shall also serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

3. New committees may be created and old committees discontinued by the Executive Committee provided that such action is not contrary to the wishes of the membership of this Section as expressed at the most recent meeting of the Section.

4. The Chairman-Elect shall be elected to office, and shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of absence, death, disability, or resignation of the Chairman. He shall serve as Chairman during the two years following his term as Chairman-Elect.

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5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duties normally accepted for such office.

6. In the event of absence, death, disability, or resignation of the Chairman and Chairman-Elect during the interval between the biennial meetings, the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy or vacancies by the appointment of a member or members of that committee. Such appointment or appointments shall remain in force until the next regular meeting of the Section.

### ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision, shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered by these bylaws.

2. Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina Library Association.

### ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

1. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of this Section; or by a mail ballot, provided that (a) the request for such action be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing and signed by 15 members of the Section, (b) the total number of returned ballots be not less than 25% of the membership of the Section (c) two-thirds of the mailed ballots returned shall be in the affirmative.

## **SPECIAL LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

ELIZABETH BERRY, *Chairman*

The Special Libraries Section voted at the 1955 meeting of the North Carolina Library Association to become a Committee.

At the Special Libraries Committee meeting at the North Carolina Library Association conference on November 22, Dr. Jerrold Orne spoke on the work of special libraries. His address, "Current Problems of the Special Libraries Association and Special Libraries," was heard by about 50 librarians. Miss Alice Lauback, Secretary of the Committee, presided at the meeting.

No officers were elected, as Committee officers are appointed by the Executive Board.

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### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP** **Report for the Biennium, 1955-1957**

During the 1955-57 biennium the Committee on Education for Librarianship met on three occasions, once in Chapel Hill and twice in Raleigh. Plans and activities for the biennium were discussed at these meetings and the work of the Committee was developed.

At the Committee's first meeting a discussion was held on some of the problems in libraries and in library schools regarding education for librarianship; and possible activities for the Committee were considered. The problem of getting teachers to use the libraries as a basic part of their instructional work was discussed and as a result of the Committee's second meeting in March 1957 a letter was sent to the Chairman of the School and Children's Section of the North Carolina Library Association suggesting the problem for consideration with the idea that they might like to make recommendations to the State Department of Public Instruction, and offering this Committee's cooperation.

At the second meeting of the Committee further activities were discussed and plans for the last meeting of the Committee to take place on November 21, 1957 in Raleigh were completed. An examination of the curricula in library science offered by the state supported colleges and the University was planned. Each member is to study these curricula in advance of the meeting in order that he might be familiar with them and have suggestions and questions ready. As the institutions under discussion have representatives on this Committee a worthwhile and accurate examination of the curricula will be possible. Recommendations will be made if anything is discovered in our study which will benefit education for librarianship in North Carolina.

It is recommended, as was done last biennium, that the Committee on Education for Librarianship of the North Carolina Library Association have one person from the previous committee retained so as to preserve the continuity of work; and that one member from each institution offering library science be appointed to the committee.

JEAN FREEMAN,  
*Chairman*