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Your Association has at long last brushed aside the hand of procrastination and timidity. For a long time there has been talk at our meetings and in committee conferences of the need of an official publication of the Association. With this issue such a magazine starts life.

Anyone who has the temerity to add even one more to the mass of periodicals already ground out by the groaning presses of the country must feel some obligation to explain, albeit briefly, why he has coaxed and belabored another magazine into existence. I may make a brief Apologia, trite though it is, by saying that "there seems to be a real need for such a publication." Although the N. C. L. A. compares favorably with many library and other types of educational associations, it is not the driving force in the profession it might be. It has not the unity or the strength in membership to make it a dynamic power in education in the state. It can call on able leaders to head its committees but they do not have the active, wholehearted support of an enthusiastic membership and they lack the means to stimulate such interest. It should be the clearing house for the progressive ideas and plans of various members in the profession but it has no way to

encourage professional zeal or to put such ideas into effect. Hence the need for this new journal. Frankly, I want the members of our Association to get a full return on their membership dues and to see the professional zeal of a few expanded to include a wider audience. I want to see a unity in action which will enable us to put the full weight of the Association back of all worthy efforts regardless of which section or type of library service is directly affected. I want librarians to have a real opportunity to show whether they are more than mere technicians. I want to extend the knowledge of the accomplishments of various individual libraries to all. I want a catholic presentation of views not only from librarians but from trustees, friends of libraries, college professors, and school and college administrators. In more formal jargon, I believe it should be the function of this journal:

1. To serve as the official medium of communication between the Association and its membership.

2. To stimulate group solidarity among librarians as a means to developing the N. C. L. A. into a strong and mature professional organization. This journal must and shall be detached from any sectional interest.

3. To serve as a clearing house for library news of interest to college and university, school, and public librarians, library trustees, and members of the Citizens' Library Movement.

4. To provide a clearing house for vital and timely public relation suggestions which have been sent by librarians to the Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

5. To interpret data now being assembled annually by state library agencies and to make this data available to librarians and others interested in planning a program of library development. Articles based on these studies should be of special interest to college presidents, school superintendents, and library trustees interested in developing their libraries so that they may play a more effective part in the educational set-up.

6. To provide an outlet for the publication of significant articles dealing with professional problems.

To sum up, this is a magazine for live-minded professional librarians in the state. It is also a magazine for trustees and friends of libraries. I hope you will find it interesting and valuable and that it will challenge you to do your best work. And I hope also that you will find it indispensable.

G. R. L.

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

"A man's mind doesn't quit working simply because he is serving his country."—*Wm. T. Polk.*

The results of the Victory Book Campaign as reported by local directors are not nearly complete, although the partial returns from many counties exceed all expectations with indications that more books will follow speedily.

The American Library Association, the American Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations are sponsoring this nationwide drive for ten million books and, while no quota has been assigned to North Carolina, we need more books, hundreds and thousands of them; not the book lying on some forgotten shelf but the book you finished reading yesterday: new books, good books, which will hold the interest of the soldiers just as it held yours.

In each of North Carolina's hundred counties, local representatives of the three sponsoring organizations met and appointed a local director for the county campaign. An incomplete list of local directors follows:

Alamance, Miss Corinna Gant, May Memorial Library, Burlington; Alleghany, Rev. R. L. Berry, Sparta; Anson, Mr. R. E. Little, Wadesboro; Beaufort, Miss Elizabeth House, BHM Regional Library Association, Washington; Buncombe, Miss Jessie Huff, 152 Edwin Place, Asheville; Caldwell, Mrs. S. W. Snyder, Caldwell County Library, Lenoir; Caswell, Mrs. J. H. Gunn, Yanceyville; Cherokee, Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Nantahala Regional Library, Murphy; Chowan, Mrs. S. M. McMullan, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, Edenton; Clay, Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Nantahala Regional Library, Murphy.

Cumberland, Miss Margaret Johnston, Public Library, Fayetteville; Currituck, Mrs. Norman Ballance, Currituck; Durham, Miss Clara M. Crawford, Durham Public Library, Durham; Edgecombe, Mrs. E. C. Winslow, Edgecombe Public Library, Tarboro; Forsyth, Miss Janet C. Berkeley, Carnegie Public Library, Winston-Salem; Gaston, Mrs. Earl Groves, Gaston County Public Library, Inc., Gastonia; Graham, Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Nantahala Regional Library, Murphy; Granville, Miss Edith Fagan Cannady, Granville County Library, Oxford; Guilford, Mrs. Nellie Rowe Jones, Greensboro Public Library, Greensboro;

Halifax, Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Roanoke Rapids.

Harnett, Miss Wilma Morrow, Campbell College, Buie's Creek; Haywood, Mrs. F. E. Branson, Canton; Henderson, Mrs. Fred S. Justus, 1110 N. Main St., Hendersonville; Hyde, Miss Elizabeth House, BHM Regional Library Association, Washington; Iredell, Mrs. D. S. Conway, Statesville Public Library, Statesville; Lincoln, Mrs. L. B. Wetmore, Lincoln; Madison, Miss Gladys Johnson, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill; Martin, Mr. Ray Goodman, Williamston; Mecklenburg, Mr. Charles W. Tillett, Law Building, Charlotte; Nash, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Rocky Mount; New Hanover, Mrs. Harriss Newman, Forest Hill Dr., Wilmington.

Northampton, Mr. Eric Norfleet, Jackson; Onslow, Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, Jacksonville; Orange, Miss Ernestine Grafton, Hillsboro; Perquimans, Mrs. Trim White Wilson, Hertford; Person, Miss Ernestine Grafton, Hillsboro; Pitt, Miss Ruth D. Prichard, Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville; Polk, Miss Genevieve Washburn, Tryon; Richmond, Miss Eleanor Hammond, Hamlet Public Library, Hamlet; Robeson, Miss Mary McNeil, Lumberton; Rockingham, Miss Marianne R. Martin, Rockingham County Library, Leaksville; Rowan, Mrs. Claude Morris, Rowan Public Library, Salisbury.

Rutherford, Mrs. E. E. Barr, Rutherford County Library, Rutherfordton; Scotland, Miss Virginia Crumpler, Scotland County Public Library, Laurinburg; Stanly, Miss Bennie Wingat, Albemarle; Surry, Mrs. George W. Sparger, Jr., Mount Airy; Tyrrell, Miss Hortense Boomer, Columbia; Union, Mrs. J. H. Armbrust, 105 E. Windsor St., Monroe; Vance,

With the appearance of *North Carolina Libraries*, the *News Letter* formerly issued by the North Carolina Library Commission will be discontinued in favor of the new publication. Information and suggestions from the Commission will be published in the Association's bulletin. Librarians, trustees, and all friends of libraries throughout the state are urged to give this new organ their support.

—North Carolina Library Commission.

Mrs. Samuel Watkins, H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library, Henderson; Wake, Mr. William L. Wyatt, Jr., Raleigh; Warren, Miss Rozella Dameron, Warrenton; Watauga, Mrs. Emma H. Moore, A. S. T. C., Boone; Wayne, Miss Mary Faison DeVane, Goldsboro Public Library, Inc., Goldsboro.

In Chapel Hill, Miss Nellie Roberson, U. N. C.; in Greenville, Mrs. Mary S. Spearman.

CHAIRMAN CITIZENS' LIBRARY MOVEMENT MADE ASSOCIATE EDITOR GREENSBORO NEWS

At the beginning of the year, Mr. William T. Polk, scholar, lawyer, and prominent member of A. L. A. and N. C. L. A. committees, gave up his law practice in Warrenton to become associate editor of the *Greensboro Daily News*. For a number of years Mr. Polk has been a particularly active chairman of the Citizens' Library Movement of North Carolina. At the Greensboro meeting of the N. C. L. A. last fall he was elected a member of the Executive Committee. His most recent contribution to the world of letters has been his strong editorial support for the Victory Book Campaign.

INTRODUCING OUR COMMITTEES

*The Membership Committee leads off;
others will follow in future issues.*

The North Carolina Library Association needs to have every interested person as a member. In our unity lies our strength. Your membership in the Association will entitle you to receive this bulletin—the new mouthpiece of the Association—the directory of the North Carolina librarians and such other publications as the Association distributes. Your active membership in the Association shows your pride in libraries of North Carolina. Let's have every library worker, professional and non-professional, trustee, school principal and every other interested person as a member.

Do these three things:

Send your own membership.

Send the membership for your library.

Remind some non-member to join.

Personal N. C. L. A. memberships are \$1.00 a year.

Institutional dues are \$3.00 a year.

Send your membership fee to Miss Evelyn

Harrison, Treas. North Carolina Library Association, Woman's College of Duke University Library, Durham, N. C.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Evelyn Parks, Librarian Stanly County Public Library, Albemarle, Chairman.

Miss Pattie Bartee, Reference Librarian, Charlotte Public Library, Charlotte.

Mr. B. J. Caldwell, Chief Circulation Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Miss Evelyn Harrison, Treasurer, N. C. L. A., Woman's College Library of Duke University, Durham.

Miss Sidney Holmes, Administration Building, Greensboro Public Schools, Greensboro.

WAR "INFORMATION COLLECTION"

Library service to individuals and to libraries on all matters pertaining to the issues of war, civilian participation, conservation of resources, and post-war planning is now being made available on a statewide basis by the University of North Carolina Library. Books, pamphlets, and discussion packets may be obtained without charge (save postage both ways) on application to Mrs. Robert P. Weed, Supervisor, Information Center, University Library, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The University Library has published an interesting four-page leaflet describing this source. It is suggestive of what other libraries can do in their own communities.

Report to the editor any special services your library has organized to meet war needs and civilian defense.

THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF STATE AID

Six months of State Aid has reduced by half the number of people in the state who were without public library service a year ago. Today, almost 750,000 North Carolinians who had no library service in June, 1941, have access to books.

Books were, and are, the greatest need. Most of the State Aid money has been spent for books: books for young readers, from pre-school

children to those in their 'teens, books for men and women on every subject to broaden their knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of life.

Sixteen new bookmobiles and five remodeled school buses are carrying thousands of these new books on regularly scheduled routes through many regions where formerly books were very scarce and public library facilities entirely inadequate. The work is being directed by trained librarians who follow carefully organized plans based on a county or regional area.

As one means of insuring better library service to rural residents, the county was chosen as the unit on which plans for use of State Aid funds should be based. Each county library board that presents a satisfactory plan for county-wide application of State Aid receives \$900 from the state this first year. Many counties, as part of their plan, made their first public library appropriation; others increased appropriations of earlier years. Since July 1, 1941, increases in local and county library funds equal the \$100,000 appropriated by the state for 1941-42: State Aid for Public Libraries has already proven a stimulating fund.

This month, 58 counties were receiving State Aid: Alamance, Alexander, Ashe, Beaufort, Buncombe, Burke, Camden, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Swain, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilson.

In a number of other counties plans are nearing completion. Chief requirements for sharing in the fund are: 1) organization of county-wide distribution of books, including rural areas, 2) local support and interest as evidenced by appropriations, 3) some type of trained supervision. Details worked out with each county vary according to local differences and conditioning factors in various regions.

One of the most significant developments thus far has been the organization of two Regional Libraries in each of which three counties have unified library services under a

regional board and a regional librarian with a pooling of resources of material and personnel. In this economical plan, one bookmobile serves the region, each county in turn. Beaufort, Hyde, and Martin counties comprise the B-H-M Regional Library with Elizabeth House as librarian; Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties form the Nantahala Regional Library with Dora Ruth Parks as librarian.

Regional service is also planned for Pasquotank and Camden counties where a joint library board has organized and is buying a bookmobile and books. In Swain, Jackson, and Macon counties, one bookmobile has been purchased to serve each county six weeks at a time.

Chatham, Orange, and Person counties are sharing one trained librarian, Ernestine Grafton. Book collections and bookmobile service are maintained separately by each county. A similar arrangement is being worked out for Sampson, Duplin, and Onslow counties where Anne Lou Williams recently began her duties as tri-county librarian.

In a number of counties of 15,000 population or less, a special plan was devised for 1941-42 which allows these counties to use State Aid and local funds for the purchase of books.

Each month since July the number of counties receiving State Aid has grown. This steady increase should continue through March, the last month in which plans can be settled in order to secure the \$900 set aside for each county for 1941-42. In April, unallocated funds will be re-allocated to counties then participating. The North Carolina Library Commission Board is anxious to have every county share in the program. All who worked so long and faithfully for State Aid can now begin to see what it can mean; it is gratifying, if one looks back; it is challenging, if one looks ahead: we are still far from our goal here in North Carolina.

Dorcas Reid.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Executive Committee announces the appointment of two prominent trustees to offices in the Association: Mr. Robert H. Frazier, attorney and chairman of the Greensboro Public Library, as chairman and Mrs. George Penn Dillard, chairman of the Rockingham

County Board of Trustees, as secretary of the Trustees Section. Under the direction of these two experienced library trustees, we predict that the Trustees Section of the N. C. L. A. will assume a place of increasing importance in the library organization of this state. *North Carolina Libraries* can and should become a means of exchanging valuable ideas and experiences among trustees widely scattered throughout the state but with common interests and problems.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Since the Greensboro meeting of the North Carolina Library Association on October 2-4 the Executive Committee has had two meetings, the first immediately after the adjournment of the last general session and the second on January 4.

In addition to routine business the committee appointed Miss Edith Clark of the Rowan County Library a member of the Public Library Certification Board and Miss Dora Ruth Parks of the Nantahala Regional Library North Carolina's representative on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Library Association.

NORTH CAROLINIANS IN A. L. A. POSITIONS, 1942-42

A. L. A. Council members: Miss Marjorie Beal, North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh; Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh; Mr. Guy R. Lyle, Woman's College of U. N. C. Library, Greensboro.

Committee members: Dr. Susan G. Akers, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chairman of Sub-committee on Library Terminology of Editorial Board; Miss Marjorie H. Beal, State Library Commission, Raleigh, Federal Relations; Harvie Branscomb, Duke University, Durham, Library Administration; Olan V. Cook, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, Sub-committee for the South of Board on Resources of American Libraries; Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, Post Defense Planning and Sub-committee on the Fusion of

the School Library and Curriculum of Board on Library Service to Children and Young People; Miss Georgia H. Faison, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, Sub-committee on Library Terminology of Editorial Board; John J. Lund, Duke University Library, Durham, Chairman of Book Acquisitions, member of Out-of-Print Books and Sub-committee for the South of Board on Resources of American Libraries; J. Vernon Ruzicka, Greensboro, Library Binding Institute and A. L. A. (L. B. I. representative); Mrs. Louise Justice Sink, Davidson County Public Library, Lexington, Membership; Mortimer Taube, Duke University Library, Durham, Serials.

REMOVE THE "IF"!

Frankly, this is only a sample of what a news bulletin of the Association might be like. The officers of the Association and the editor wish it to be clearly understood that the purpose is merely to indicate the general plan of the proposed publication *if* it is possible to carry it out.

Because of the present state of the Association's funds, the removal of the *if* can only be accomplished by (1) outside sponsorship of the publication for at least one year, and (2) increase in membership at the end of the trial period which will enable us to pay for a regular bulletin, or else (3) willingness on your part at the end of a year, or two at the most, to be one of several hundred subscribers who will pay an additional membership fee to support the bulletin.

It will also be necessary for each one of you to see that lively, up-to-date, useful news of work done in your library reaches the editor. Assist him by preparing your material carefully. Publicity material should first clear through Miss Hallie Sykes, Harding High School, Charlotte, who will prepare it in final form for the bulletin.

If you like the basic idea of the journal and the proposals for carrying it out, the officers of the Association and the editor will be glad to hear from you.