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With this biennial session already six months overdue because of war restriction on conventions, anticipation, eagerness and extraordinary zest conditioned North Carolina librarians for a good meeting even before their arrival in Raleigh.

After registration at the Hotel Sir Walter Thursday afternoon, a delightful tea was given at the Executive Mansion, where over two hundred librarians, trustees and friends were welcomed by Governor and Mrs. Gregg Cherry and Raleigh librarians. Dr. Susan Grey Akers, president, other Association officers, Marie D. Loizeaux, Claire Leighton, Charlotte Hilton Green, Jonathan Daniels and the honorable Josephus Daniels formed the receiving line. The gracious hospitality and informal charm of the occasion provided guests with the long coveted opportunity for renewing old friendships and meeting new members.

The Virginia Dare Ball Room was the scene of the first general session. Mayor Graham H. Andrews welcomed the group. Miss Marjorie Beal, director of the North Carolina Library Commission, gave the first address, her subject being "Public Library Development in North Carolina." Following Miss Beal's talk, Miss Harriet Elliott, Dean of Women, The Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, spoke on "The London Educational Conference."

Highlights of the second general session Friday morning were the election of new officers and Miss Loizeaux's speech. Nominated and elected for office for the coming biennium were: president, Eloise Camp, librarian, J. W. Cannon High School, Kannapolis; first vice-president, Harlan C. Brown, librarian, D. H. Hill Library, State College, Raleigh; secretary, Eunice Query, librarian, Caldwell County Library, Lenoir; treasurer, Marianna Long, assistant librarian, Law Library, Duke University, Durham. Members at

large were William T. Polk, associate editor, *Greensboro Daily News*, and G. F. Shepherd, Jr. head, Circulation and Documents, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Editor of the *Wilson Library Bulletin*, Marie D. Loizeaux, gave helpful suggestions to all librarians in her address, "Public Relations Is Up To You." Reading minutes of the 1943 meeting, adoption of an amendment to the By-Laws and to the Constitution, the treasurer's report and a report of the Legislative Committee were necessary items of business on the Friday morning agenda.

Following this general session, the trustees and bookmobile librarians each had a luncheon meeting. At the former, the chairman, Mrs. G. P. Dillard of Leaksville, presided and Mr. Andrew Lemke, assistant to the president of the American Library Association, spoke on "Books, Ideas and Library Service for Our Times." The chairman, Miss Margaret Allman, was in charge of the bookmobile luncheon. She gave returns from the questionnaire sent out before the meeting and stimulated good discussion of state bookmobile problems. Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk spoke briefly of her bookmobile experiences in Washington State, California and other states.

Section meetings occupied Friday afternoon. Nannie Crowder presided over the Catalogers' Section; Nancy Gray spoke on "Cataloging Experiences." Irene Hester presided at the Public Librarian's Section and Paul Howard discussed the subject, "Libraries on the March." At the College and University Librarian's Section, the chairman, G. F. Shepherd, Jr. officiated. Miss Blanche McCrum, librarian Wellesley College, gave a most inspiring address to this group. Her paper, "The Idols of Librarianship," has been printed by the *Wilson Bulletin* in the September, 1946 issue for the benefit of those who did not have the privilege of hearing her. Mary McNeely was in charge of the School and Children's Librarians' Section; the speaker, Miss Loizeaux, used as her topic, "Backstage With the Wilson Bulletin."

The Association dinner Friday evening was a gala occasion, well attended and exceedingly enjoyed by all. Students from St. Mary's and Meredith furnished music. Dr. Akers recognized ex-Governor and Mrs. J. M. Broughton, Mrs. Emerson Greenaway, Miss McCrumb, Mr. Howard and Mr. Lemke. Emerson Greenaway, former student of the University of North Carolina Library School and librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, gave the

address of the evening, "Post-War Standards for Public Libraries—a Dream or a Possibility?"

The Saturday morning session was called to order at nine-thirty by Dr. Akers. The following committee reports were given: Education for Librarianship by Mildred Herring, Federal Relations by Miss Beal, Membership by Janie Allsbrook, Resolutions by C. M. Adams, Nominating Committee for Representative on A. L. A. Council by Hazel Baity. Dr. Lula Reed made a report on Co-operative Book Buying.

Miss Julius Amis, State Chairman of the American Library Association Library Development Fund made an appeal for the Association to make up the deficit in meeting the state quota. Members heartily responded to Miss Amis' suggestion that the hat be passed. The remaining amount was raised quickly and the secretary was instructed to wire A. L. A. that North Carolina was over the top. Miss McCrumb's generosity in suggesting that her expense account be turned into this fund was greatly appreciated.

The Association voted to invite student assistants in high school libraries to the next biennial meeting and to provide a special program for them. Such a plan came as the result of interest on the part of the student assistants themselves and as a part in the recruiting program. Mrs. Hallie Sykes Bacelli presented this recommendation from the School and Children's Librarians' Section.

An announcement from Mrs. Harriet Pressley that the radio station, WPTF, in Raleigh, would be glad to give bookmobile schedules or to make other announcements of benefit to the North Carolina Library Association brought hearty applause. Miss Beal expressed pleasure that the Association had met in Raleigh. Following reports and announcements, Mr. Hoyt Galvin introduced Paul Howard, Director, who discussed the A. L. A. National Relations Office in Washington, D. C. Mr. Howard explained his eight-point program and the educational nature of his work since establishment of the office in October, 1945.

When the president declared the twenty-fourth meeting of the North Carolina Library Association adjourned, some 300 North Carolina librarians and trustees departed with a feeling of satisfaction, inspiration and urgency for new accomplishments.

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DUKE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN RETIRES

In September 1946, Mr. Joseph Penn Breedlove retired from service as acting Librarian of the Duke University Library. He has been administrator of the Library of Trinity College and Duke University covering a span of more than fifty years, and has directed its growth from a single room with visible stacks and a staff of one member to the present departmentalized organization equipped to serve the needs of students from the undergraduate field through the advanced study of scholars in the various branches of science or the liberal arts. During these years, the multitudinous problems of a growing organization came daily to Mr. Breedlove's desk, and were met with never failing skill and tenacity of purpose. His work was always performed with integrity and distinction.

Born in Granville County in 1874, Mr. Breedlove is descended from a long line of colonial and revolutionary ancestors, including among others John Penn, one of the three North

Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was educated at Horner's Military School, Oxford, N. C., one of the outstanding preparatory schools of its day; he attended the University of North Carolina during his freshman year, 1894-95, transferring to Trinity College the following year and graduating from Trinity in 1898. At Trinity College, also, he took his degree of Master of Arts in 1902.

Upon completion of his college work, he became Librarian of Trinity College. At this time the Library consisted of the combined collections of the Hesperian and Columbian Literary societies, the Theological society and some miscellaneous reference books purchased by the College. The Library occupied one room of the old Washington Duke building and was used for shelving the collection as well as for a reading room.

In the summer of 1900, Mr. Breedlove studied library economy at Amherst College with William I. Fletcher, a pioneer in the library profession and one of the early advocates of formal library training. Under Dr. Fletcher, Mr. Breedlove was indoctrinated into the Dewey decimal system of classification and this he brought back to Durham with him for use in the Trinity College Library. In the summer of 1902 he did further work at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

Mr. Breedlove served not only as Librarian, but also as Cataloger and head of Circulation Desk until 1914, when Miss Eva Malone arrived to take charge of cataloging. The Library entered upon a period of extensive expansion in 1925, following the establishment of Duke University. The original library building was razed, and for a few years the present Woman's College Library housed the entire university collection. In 1930 the present general library building on

the West Campus was completed, and the Library has been expanded and divided until at present it consists of the University Library, the Libraries of the Schools of Law and Medicine, the Divinity School and the Woman's College, together with departmental Libraries for the Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics.

Mr. Breedlove continued in his administrative duties until 1939 when he was named Librarian Emeritus. He is the first person at Duke University to be so honored and is one of the few with that rank in the nation. During the war emergency, he was pressed into service as acting Librarian.

He has long been active in national and state library circles. He was one of the Founders of the North Carolina Library Association in 1904; served as treasurer of that organization in 1910-11, and as its president from 1911-13. He was elected to membership in the North Carolina Library Commission in 1921 and served for two years. He is an active contributor to many library and literary journals.

His large circle of admirers wish for Mr. Breedlove many years of continued activity and success.

Mr. Benjamin E. Powell has been appointed Duke Librarian to succeed Mr. Joseph P. Breedlove. He is a graduate of Duke University, being a member of the class of 1926. Following his graduation, he was a teacher and director of athletics at Bethel High School, N. C. In 1927 he returned to the Duke Library where he took a position in the Circulation Department. In 1929 he studied at the School of Library Science of Columbia University, where he received his B. S. degree in Library Science. He then returned to Duke as Chief of the Circulation and Reference Departments, and remained in that position until 1937. Mr. Powell was appointed Librarian of the Uni-

versity of Missouri in that year, a position he held until he came to Duke University as Librarian. Mr. Powell has completed his residence requirements in the Chicago Graduate Library School for his Ph. D degree and has submitted his thesis to the Chicago School faculty.

He was active in the Missouri Library Association, of which he was President in 1938-39; the Association of College and Reference Libraries, of which he was Secretary from 1941-44, and in the American Library Association.

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The officers of the various sections of the North Carolina Library Association are as follows:

College and University Section—Virginia Trumper, WCUNC, chairman; Wendell Smiley, ECTC, secretary.

Junior Members Round Table—Dorothy Cole, librarian, Library No. 1, Overseas Replacement Depot, Greensboro, chairman; Tera Bailey, Reference Librarian, Charlotte Public Library, vice-chairman; Nancy Burge, Librarian, Needham Broughton High School, secretary; Louise Rowe, Wilson County Library, Hallie Sykes Bacelli, Executive Board.

Catalogers' Section—Elizabeth S. Walker, ECTC, chairman; Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, St Mary's, secretary-treasurer.

Children and Young People's Division—Jane Hinson, Charlotte Technical High School, chairman; Merna J. Cox, Durham Public Library, secretary.

Public Librarians Section—Margaret Johnson, Haywood County Library, chairman; Edith Clark, Rowan County Library, secretary.

Trustees Section—

N. C. L. A. COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met in Greensboro, May 25th, at which time the following committee members were appointed by the president with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee:

Federal Relations Committee, the purpose of which is to cooperate with other agencies toward securing federal aid for libraries. Mr. Hoyt Galvin, Director of Public Libraries, Charlotte, and who is also Coordinator of the A. L. A. National Relations Program for North Carolina, was appointed chairman. Other members of the committee are: Miss Eloise Camp, president of the Association; Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director, North Carolina Library Commission; Mrs. Ford S. Worthy, librarian of the B. H. M. Regional Library, Washington.

Public Library Certification. Miss Camp, as president of the Association; Miss Beal, as director of the Commission; and Mr. Charles E. Rush, as librarian of the University of North Carolina Library automatically serve as members of this committee. Mrs. Elmina Surratt of Albemarle was also appointed to serve.

Membership Committee, the purpose of which is to promote membership in the North Carolina Library Association and to communicate with prospective members. Mrs. Mary Duncan Ring, Librarian, Mecklenburg County Schools, chairman. Other members: Miss Marianna Long, Duke University; Miss Janie Allsbrook, Tarboro; Miss Edith Clark, Salisbury; Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

Education for Librarianship, the purpose of which is to analyze need for training and to promote plans.

Miss Mildred Herring, librarian Senior High School, Greensboro, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Walker, East Carolina Teachers College, Miss Lucile Kelling, University of North Carolina; Miss Louise Moore, Appalachian State Teachers College; and Miss Dorothy Evans, Lexington.

Publicity Committee, the purpose of which is to interpret library service and to publicize the biennial meeting of the Association. Mr. William T. Polk, Greensboro Daily News, chairman; Mr. Charles Brockman, assistant director, Charlotte Public Library; Miss Nancy Gray, Wilson County Library; Miss Annie Graham Caldwell, Winston-Salem schools; Mrs. N. B. Adams, University of North Carolina.

Recruiting for Librarianship, the purpose of which is to promote an interest in librarianship as a career and encourage more students to enter the field. Mr. Charles B. Adams was named chairman with Miss Vivian Moose, Boyden High, Salisbury, and Mrs. Mary C. Hopkins, Burlington, assisting him.

Legislative Committee, the purpose of which is to stimulate and promote state aid during legislative years. Mrs. Louise J. Hawkins, chairman, will be assisted in the work of the committee by Mrs. C. C. Buchanan and Mrs. Ford S. Worthy.

AMENDMENT TO N. C. L. A. CONSTITUTION

At the second general session of the North Carolina Library Association's twenty-fourth meeting the following amendment to the By-Laws and to the Constitution was adopted; Article I of the By-Laws, Election of Officers, changed from its present reading:

The President shall appoint a Committee on Nominations who will present the name of one candidate for each elective office, con-

sent being secured from the nominees, for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two members of the Executive Committee. An opportunity for nominations from the floor shall be given. A majority vote shall constitute election.

to read:

The President, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Committee on Nominations who shall nominate candidates for the offices of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, for two members of the Executive Committee and the allotted number of representatives to the A. L. A. Council. Consent of these nominees shall be obtained. A ballot, containing spaces for further nominations, shall be prepared and mailed to members of the Association two months prior to the biennial meeting. Ballots shall be marked and returned to the *Committee on Nominations* within one month after they have been mailed out. Candidates receiving the majority of votes shall be declared elected and shall take office at the close of the meeting. In case of a tie vote the successful candidate shall be determined by lot. If the regular meeting is cancelled, elections shall be conducted within the two months prior to the normal time for such meeting and the successful candidate shall be announced in the following issue of the Association's official publication.

SUPPLEMENT TO DIRECTORY OF N. C. LIBRARIANS

- *Roberts, Margaret, Public Library, Charlotte.
- *Stiff, Elizabeth, Public Library, Kinston.
- *Thigpen, Mrs. J. F., Trustee, Williamston.
- *Williams, Gladys Louise, Biltmore College, Asheville.
- *Worthy, Mrs. Ford S., B. H. M. Regional Library, Washington.

Library Resources of The University of North Carolina; A Summary of Facilities for Study and Research. Edited with Foreword by Charles E. Rush, Director of Libraries. (Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina Press, 1945; x, 264 pp.; \$3.50.)

This compilation will be of interest to students of American library history, as well as to scholars in other fields who desire to acquaint themselves with the resources of one of the South's finest libraries. The Library of the University of North Carolina has been 150 years in the making and has thus been subjected, as this volume reveals, to all the major influences which have moulded American library economy. The results of these many years of growth are here ably described, subject by subject, by various officials of the university; the unnecessary repetition of certain statements and the citation of somewhat obvious titles is excusable in view of the organization and the aim of the work. The content of several chapters recommends them to particular consideration: Professor J. G. de Rouhac Hamilton's account of the Southern Historical Collection, a splendid and extensive body of manuscript materials, and Miss Mary L. Thornton's impressive survey of the Collection of North Caroliniana are of outstanding value. Students of Old French literature, of the history of printing, and of folklore, will do well to inspect the sections dealing with those subjects. It is regrettable that the names of two of the most prominent collectors of Southern material in this area—Dr. J. G. de Rouhac Hamilton of the University of North Carolina (p. 33) and Dr. William Kenneth Boyd of Duke University (p. 148)—were listed inaccurately.

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Libraries perform a public service in surveying and publishing accounts of their resources. It is to be hoped that this handsome volume will be followed by others from the Library

of the University of North Carolina, among them a supplement to the 1940 *Guide to the Manuscripts in the Southern Historical Collection*.