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"MEET ME IN THE LOBBY"

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Twenty-Eighth Biennial Conference

OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 1953

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and the
Battery Park Hotel

Asheville, North Carolina

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MRS. MABEL WOLFE WHEATON RECEIVES LIBRARIANS AT THE
THOMAS WOLFE HOUSE

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following reports of the Twenty-eighth Biennial Conference in Asheville have been adapted from minutes of the Association and Section secretaries. They are not official.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

The twenty-eighth biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association was held in Asheville, at the George Vanderbilt Hotel and the Battery Park Hotel, October 22, 23, and 24, 1953. It was, in a sense, a semicentennial celebration, as the Association was founded in 1904 and the next meeting will not be held until 1955.

Registration began at 9:30 Thursday morning, October 22. During the conference a total of 345 were registered. At 10:30 the exhibits were formally opened by Miss Margaret Ligon, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, who cut the ribbon barring the door to the East Ballroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel where the exhibitors had arranged many helpful displays.

During the early afternoon many Association members went on several tours arranged by the Conference planners. The tours included trips to Biltmore House, the Thomas Wolfe Home (where Mrs. Mabel Wolfe Wheaton received the visitors), and the Asheville libraries. The Pack Memorial Library had a new Annex to display, and an attractive new branch, the Haywood Road Branch, in West Asheville.

From four to six o'clock the librarians of Asheville and the Vanderbilt Hotel were hosts at a reception in the West Ballroom of the Vanderbilt. The reception was well attended and set the friendly, informal atmosphere maintained throughout the conference.

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MISS BEUST RECOMMENDS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TO EARLY RISERS

On Friday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Pack Memorial Library's Exhibition Room, Paul Ballance showed slides and talked about the new building of the Public Library of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. At the same time other librarians attended a reception and tour of the Veterans Hospital Library at Oteen where Miss Della Shapleigh and Miss Nita Gahagan welcomed hospital and medical librarians and others interested in this type of library service.

The Association dinner, held Friday evening at 6:30 in the West Ballroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel was conceded to be the "high spot" of an altogether memorable conference. Miss Wilson presided; Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr., gave the invocation; and Mr. J. Wilson Weir, the city manager of Asheville, extended a welcome. After the introduction of officers and special guests, Miss Margaret Ligon presented the speaker, Carl Sandburg, poet, biographer, guitarist and ballad singer. Mr. Sandburg's subject was "Poetry, Biography, and Contemplation—Why Not?" He delighted his listeners by his astute comments on contemporary communication, particularly television. An appreciative audience gave undivided attention to his reading of some of his unpublished poems and to his singing of ballads. The poet maintained that he is a North Carolinian by adoption and proved his assertion to everyone's satisfaction by his rendition of "The Old North State." Gifts of the products of North Carolina, donated by producers, were distributed in a drawing conducted by Elaine von Oesen. The gifts included fruit and vegetables, clothing, pottery, flower bulbs, and furniture.

BREAKFAST WITH MISS BEUST

At a breakfast assembly on Friday morning, October 23, Miss Nora E. Beust, Specialist for School and Children's Libraries, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, spoke to a capacity audience of one hundred and twenty-five librarians. Her topic was "Children's Books, 1953." Miss Beust reviewed a collection of outstanding picture books of the year and commented upon the exceptional quantity of good picture books published in 1953. She also reviewed selected informational books of principal interest to children up to twelve years of age.

On Saturday morning, October 24, Miss Beust spoke again to a capacity audience introducing stories for children of eight to twelve years of age, and teen-age stories. She emphasized the obligation of librarians to help our young people develop standards of book selection pointing out that, unless we do so, we are merely, "spoon-feeding" them. Miss Beust also stressed the desirability of book discussions by groups of young people and their families.

—CELESTE JOHNSTON AND
MARY FRANCES KENNON

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The first General Session was called to order by Miss Jane B. Wilson, President, Thursday night in the West Ballroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel. Dr. Asa J. Ferry, of Asheville, gave the invocation and the Honorable Earl W. Eller, Mayor of Asheville, welcomed the delegates. The First Vice-President, Miss Mildred Herring, read a letter from Dr. Louis R. Wilson, one of the organizers of the Association, who commented that this year the North Carolina Library Association is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. It was founded November 11, 1904. Other letters and telegrams read by Miss Herring included invitations from Winston-Salem for the next biennial conference.



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DAVID C. MEARNS

The speaker of the evening was Mr. David Chambers Mearns, Assistant Librarian of the Library of Congress. Mr. Mearns' paper was entitled "In the Presence of the Schollars," a phrase quoted from the contract of a nineteenth century North Carolina school teacher. The speaker challenged his hearers to reacquaint themselves with the books with which they work, and to "become again a part of the noble company of the lettered." Frequent laughter and thunderous applause attested to the success of the speaker.

Miss Wilson introduced the exhibitors and thanked them for the important contribution they were making to the conference. Mrs. Marcia Carroll of the Macmillan Company responded. The officers and the officers-elect of the Association and the special guests of the Conference were also introduced. The program was concluded with the showing of the film, *THE IMPRESSIONABLE YEARS*.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION*

The second General Session convened Friday morning at 9:30 in the Ballroom of the Battery Park Hotel. Miss Wilson, the president, presided and presented a panel to speak about "Libraries Here and There." Robert B. Downs talked about librarianship in the United States stressing the importance of a high level of professional library training. Mrs. Alice L. Hicks reminisced delightfully about her visit to the (British) Library Association conference in Edinburgh in 1952. Louis S. Shores told some of his experiences with English librarians and libraries and compared the British method of examination of candidates by the Library Association with the American Library Association's accredita-



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THE PRESIDENT WELCOMES GUESTS AT THE BANQUET

tion of Library Schools which grant degrees. Jack Dalton spoke on German libraries and explained the rigid educational standards necessary for university librarians in that country. Mrs. Frances Neal Cheney talked about her experiences in the training of Japanese librarians.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSIONS

After the program at the second General Session, Friday morning, October 23, the president asked Mr. Harlan Brown to present the names of persons recommended for honorary membership. The following were recommended and unanimously accepted: the Honorable Graham Barden, of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, special representative of the United Nations; William R. Polk, Associate Editor of the Greensboro Daily News; and Joseph Ruzicka, founder of the Joseph Ruzicka Company.

Mr. C. Merle Bachtell, chairman of the Memorial Fund Committee, reported that the BENTLEY-CHRIST-RUZICKA MEMORIAL FUND totalled \$870.00 to date. Outstanding contributions include \$127.00 from the Greensboro Library Club and \$500.00 from Mrs. Marie Gross Ruzicka. Mr. Carlton P. West conducted a brief memorial service for the late Miss Annie Graham Moore, George Bentley, Robert W. Christ, and J. Vernon Ruzicka.

The business of the Association was continued at the fourth General Session, on Saturday morning, October 24. Miss Wilson presided and Charles E. Rush acted as parliamentarian.

Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan, chairman of the newly created Committee on Intellectual Freedom, made a brief speech stressing the fact that not only intellectual but any other freedom might be attacked at any time. She stated that the members of the committee want the members of the Association to feel free to request any investigation that it considers necessary or to give the committee any information which is considered relevant. She said that the committee is trying to guard against becoming so zealous that it might overstep the line and attack the very thing that it is trying to defend.

**For the business conducted at this session, see Minutes of the Business Sessions,*



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SANDBURG SINGS

The report of the Committee for the Study of *North Carolina Libraries* was given by the chairman, Carlton P. West. The committee made the following recommendations: (1) that the Association continue to publish *North Carolina Libraries*; (2) that the publication continue in a format similar to its present format; (3) that advertising be solicited and accepted; (4) that the content be determined by the Editorial Board of the journal; and (5) that the Editorial Board of *North Carolina Libraries*, in conjunction with the North Carolina Library Commission, determine a policy of exchange of publications with state library associations and library agencies of other states.

A motion to accept the report was made and carried.

The president announced that the Joseph Ruzicka Company had offered to underwrite *North Carolina Libraries* for as long as the Association wished it to do so.

Miss Antoinette Earle, chairman of the Merger Committee, reported on the results of the balloting in April, 1952, on the question of a proposed merger of the North Carolina Library Association and the North Carolina Negro Library Association. The report stated that 465 ballots were mailed and 157 were not returned. Of the 308 ballots returned, 120 were in favor of the merger, 184 were opposed to it, and 4 were unmarked. All ballots are in the Association files and may be examined by any member.

The president presented the applications of three Negro librarians for membership in the North Carolina Library Association. The motion was made, seconded and carried that the question be tabled until after the discussion of the proposed new constitution which included a section on membership.

A questionnaire on a proposed new section of the Association, for college library assistants, was passed over to the incoming president and executive board for appropriate action.

The president's report, a condensation of the minutes of the previous conference, and all other reports (which had been given to the registrants in mimeographed form)* were accepted unanimously by the Association.

Speaking for Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, Mr. Harlan C. Brown gave a report which dealt with the status of the Library Services

*See *Outline of Reports*, page 36



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NEW OFFICERS OF NCLA

The new officers and directors of NCLA are: (left to right) Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli, secretary; Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, director; Mrs. Marion M. Johnson, first vice-president; Miss Marianna Long, treasurer; Miss Katharine McDiarmid, director; Miss Charlessanna Fox, president; and Miss Elizabeth Williams, second vice-president.

Bill and with the newly created Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. The Commission is to study all Federal programs involving grants-in-aid, and it is unlikely that further progress on the Library Services Bill will be made until the Commission has reported. Senator Clyde R. Hoey is a member of the Commission; and the chairman stated that the implications of the bill for North Carolina should be kept before the Senator.

Mrs. Alice L. Hicks, chairman of the Constitution Committee presented a proposed constitution which had been approved by the Executive Board. The constitution was read item by item, discussed and voted upon. The most discussed parts were: in the Constitution, Article III; and in the By-laws, Article II, paragraph 2; and Article III, paragraphs 10 and 11. (A copy of the adopted constitution is printed beginning on page 40 of this issue.) A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Constitution as revised and voted upon item by item by the membership be adopted.

The tabled question of the application of three Negro librarians for membership was reopened. A motion was made and seconded that in view of the policies of the North Carolina Library Association and of the North Carolina Negro Library Association that the applicants be notified of the policies, traditions, and procedures under which the North Carolina Library Association operates. A standing vote carried the motion.

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Another motion was then made, under Article III, section 11 of the newly-passed By-laws, that the members of the Association be polled by mail ballot on the question of admitting Negro librarians to membership. This motion received a second and was carried by a standing vote.

The new officers* were installed, and the meeting was adjourned.

—from the Minutes of the Secretary,
ESTHER EVANS

OUTLINE OF REPORTS

Each registrant at the Conference was given a sheaf of mimeographed reports. Some of these were given orally during the Conference and are mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Other reports included are briefly outlined below.

The President's Report summarized the activities and decisions of the Executive Board during the biennium; and noted workshops, institutes, and publications sponsored by the Association and various sections thereof.

The Treasurer's Report included the following information:

Balance, July 1, 1951	\$420.71
Receipts to September 30, 1953	2,947.20
Total	\$3,367.91
Total Disbursements to September 30, 1953	1,847.52
Balance	\$1,520.39
Investments	2,646.45
Total Resources, September 30, 1953	\$4,166.84

The Nominating Committee reported that 465 ballots were mailed to the members and 274 were returned on time. The names of the officers and directors elected are printed on the inside back cover of this issue.

The Scholarship-Loan Committee reported that two loans have been made from the fund, one of which has been repaid. It was regretted that both people who used the fund were employed outside of North Carolina. The fund now totals \$871.44.

The Recruitment Committee reported that the committee has been working on the plan outlined in the March, 1953, issue of *North Carolina Libraries* (Vol XI, p.51), and that the \$250 voted by the Executive Board was being used to implement the plan.

The Legislative Committee reported that it had worked with the State Legislative Council of which NCLA is a member; that it participated in the State Aid to Public Libraries request to the 1953 General Assembly; and that the chairman of the Committee met with the chairman of the School and Children's Librarians Section to discuss legislation of interest to that section.

SECTION MEETINGS

Catalog Section

Thursday, October 22, 2:30 p.m., Roof Lounge, Battery Park Hotel.

Presiding: Mrs. Mary Duncan Ring, Chairman.

After a coffee hour the meeting was called to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was heard. Mrs. Ring then introduced Robert Bingham Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Library and Library School, who spoke on "Trends in Cataloging and Classification." He discussed

*Officers and Committees are listed inside the back cover.

the increasing number of non-book materials which are now included in library resources and stated a need for a manual of cataloging material in each new form. Subject cataloging was selected by the speaker as the weakest link in the effort to make library material useful, and the variety of subject heading list was cited as a barrier to effective use. Mr. Downs stated that no system of cataloging and classification is perfect, and all are costly. The cost of the card catalog, he continued, causes one to look into the catalog in book form. Printed bibliographies and the microfilm now actually serve as a supplement to the card catalog.

At the conclusion of the talk Miss Frances Yocum presented the report of the Nominating Committee which was accepted. Miss Sophronia Cooper of the Granville County Library was elected Chairman; and Miss Mary Huff of the Appalachian State Teachers College was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

—SOPHRONIA COOPER, *Secretary*

College and Universities Section

Friday, October 23, 2:30 p.m., Vanderbilt Room, Vanderbilt Hotel.

Presiding: William L. Eury, Chairman.

After the reading and approval of the minutes the Glee Club of Appalachian State Teachers College sang five numbers under the direction of Hoyt Safrut.

The speaker was Dr. William FitzGerald, Director of the George Peabody Library School, whose topic was "Book Burning, Censorship or Selection." Dr. FitzGerald discussed certain authors whose books have fared ill at the hands of censors and pressure groups over the years. Emphasizing the fact that censorship and book burning have never been known to destroy the ideas in a book, or even all of the copies of the book, the speaker suggested that librarians take a calm view of the current situation, avoiding emotional hysteria.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Charles M. Adams, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, for Chairman; and Miss Virginia Barnes, Greensboro College, for Secretary. The slate was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Benjamin Powell made a brief statement about A.C.R.L. urging all A.L.A. members to join the section and asking for suggestions as to ways in which the A.C.R.L. might better serve its membership.

—FLORENCE BLAKELEY, *Secretary*

Junior College Librarians Section

Thursday, October 22, 2:30 p.m., Tropical Room, Vanderbilt Hotel.

Presiding: Miss Alice Welch Jones, Chairman.

A group of Junior College librarians gathered to discuss the question of forming a new section of the Association. A petition to the Executive Board asking for section status was written at this session. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, St. Mary's School and Junior College, Chairman; Miss Daisy L. Anderson, Mars Hill College, Secretary.

—MRS. HARLAN C. BROWN, *Official Hostess*

Junior Members Roundtable

Saturday, October 24, 8:00 a.m., Vanderbilt Room, Vanderbilt Hotel.

Presiding: Miss Florence Blakeley, Chairman.

Following breakfast and around the table introductions, the chairman introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. Hallie Sykes Bacelli, Director of School Libraries in Guilford County, who spoke on "The Purpose and Organization of Junior Members." Mrs. Bacelli reviewed delightfully the history of Junior Members of the American Library Association, the Southeastern Library Association, and the North Carolina Library Association, concluding with the observation that the social aspects of the JMRT make it worth while, regardless of its other accomplishments.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Neal Austin, High Point Public Library, for chairman; Dr. William R. Pullen, University of North Carolina Library, for vice-chairman; and Miss Betty McReynolds, Concord Public Library, for secretary-treasurer. These officers were elected unanimously. After a brief account of the affairs of the Roundtable during the past biennium by the chairman the meeting was turned over to Neal Austin, incoming chairman.

Mr. Austin introduced Mrs. Mary D. Grant, chairman of the Association Recruiting Committee, who outlined her committee's plan for a statewide recruitment campaign. After some discussion a motion was made and accepted to adopt as a project for the biennium the operation of a speakers' bureau in connection with the statewide plan. The executive committee was instructed to investigate other possible projects and to explore the possibility of an off-year meeting of juniors.

—FLORENCE BLAKELEY, Chairman

Public Libraries, Bookmobile, and Trustees Sections Luncheon

Friday, October 23, 12:30 p.m., Rhododendron Room, Battery Park Hotel.
Presiding: Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Chairman, Bookmobile Section.

Adult Education was the theme of the program after luncheon had been enjoyed by the members of the three sections. The room had been beautifully decorated by trustees of the Pack Memorial Library. Officers of the sections, Miss Marjorie Beal, Miss Annie Westall, Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, Miss Elizabeth House and the speaker, Dr. Nicholas P. Mitchell, were seated at the Speakers Table and were introduced by the presiding officer. One hundred and forty-six persons attended the luncheon.

Dr. Mitchell's address was entitled: *Adult Education: What Are The Opportunities?* He first pointed out the place of librarians in the field of Adult Education and then challenged the group as librarians and citizens to meet the opportunities, especially in the Southeast, with courage and vision, and with the skill which comes from knowledge of the field. He stated that the purpose of "Adult Education" is to help man rise above those limitations which the humdrum activities of a prosaic existence place upon him. Librarians as Adult Educators should realize the wealth of materials they may offer individuals for their growth politically, socially, economically and spiritually. With wit, enthusiasm and forcefulness Dr. Mitchell emphasized the role of adults in the development of a better world and appealed to librarians to recognize the importance of their work with adult groups.

—CHARLESANNA FOX

Public Libraries Section

Friday, October 23, 2:30 p.m., Rhododendron Room, Battery Park Hotel.
Presiding: Miss Charlesanna Fox, Chairman.

Following a joint luncheon with the Trustees Section the business meeting of the Public Libraries Section was opened by the Chairman. The minutes of the 1951 meeting were read by Gladys Johnson, Acting Secretary, and were approved.

Mrs. Dorothy B. Thomas, Chairman of the Bookmobile Section reported that the poll of public librarians in July 1953 showed a three to one preference for disbanding the Bookmobile Section because of the duplication in membership with the Public Libraries Section. As a result of this vote the Bookmobile Section was disbanded and a report to the Executive Board of the Association was authorized.

Summaries of ten committee reports were given by chairmen of the committees and copies of these reports were presented to each member at the meeting. The recommendations of the committees were approved.

The Chairman gave a brief report of the three (Section) Executive Board meetings held during the biennium. She pointed out the need for a brief constitution and by-laws for the Section. With the Vice-Chairman, Alice Bryan, in the chair, the Section voted to approve the appointment of a Constitution Committee. A free will collection was taken to help defray the expenses of the Section for the Conference and activities during the past biennium.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected. The new officers are: Chairman, George Linder, Catawba County Library, Newton; Vice-Chairman, Jeannette Trotter, Public Library of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County; Secretary, Phyllis Snyder, Nantahala Regional Library, Murphy.

After a brief skit had been presented, the new officers were installed and the meeting was adjourned.

GLADYS JOHNSON, Acting Secretary

School and Children's Libraries Section

Friday, October 23, 2:00 p.m., Ballroom, Battery Park Hotel.

Presiding: Miss Margaret McIntyre, Chairman.

The Chairman recognized the two groups in attendance: the school and the children's librarians; after which Miss Mildred Herring, hostess, introduced special guests and those attending the section for the first time.

Miss Cora Paul Bomar introduced the speaker, Mrs. Rachel De Angelo, Executive Secretary, American Association of School Librarians, who spoke on "Visibility Unlimited." Showing that just as poor visibility in the air may result in physical losses and injuries, lack of vision in a library may cause wasted time, broken spirits, and frustrated lives, Mrs. De Angelo challenged librarians to visualize their role as follows: first, themselves as guides and counselors of individual boys and girls; second, their purpose in promoting not just good reading but reading good for something in the lives of readers; third, the groups with which they work and to take these groups into the planning of activities and exhibits; fourth, the numerous ways in which to work; and last, the unlimited possibilities of achievement. In concluding, Mrs. De Angelo explained the purpose and the organization of the American Association of School Librarians.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes the members discussed at some length the problems connected with a proposed affiliation of the North Carolina High School Library Association with the North Carolina Library Association. Action was deferred until after the spring (1954) meeting of the high school group.

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate which was elected: Miss Mildred Mullis, Morganton City Schools, Chairman; and Mrs. Mildred S. Councill, Eastover School, Charlotte, Secretary. After an acceptance speech by the new Chairman, the meeting was adjourned.

—BEATRICE HOLBROOK, Secretary

Special Libraries Section

Thursday, October 22, 12:30 p.m., Assembly Inn, Montreat, N. C.

Presiding: Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr., Chairman.

Thirty-one members and visitors were luncheon guests of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. Following the meal the meeting was called to order by the chairman and the minutes of the 1951 meeting read and approved.

Miss Myrl Ebert, Chief Librarian, Division of Health Affairs, University of North Carolina was elected Chairman; and Mrs. Louise M. Farr, Librarian, Buncombe County Medical Library, Asheville, was elected Secretary for the next two years.

The group visited the present quarters of the Historical Foundation in the Assembly Inn and the new building erected for the use of the Foundation on Assembly Drive.

—THOMAS H. SPENCE, JR., Chairman

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Trustees Section

Friday, October 23, 2:30 p.m., Roof Lounge, Battery Park Hotel.

Presiding: W. Clary Holt, Chairman.

After a joint luncheon with the Public Libraries Section the Trustees held a business meeting, the first closed meeting of Trustees. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the coming biennium:

For Chairman—Mr. William Medford of Waynesville.

For Secretary—Mrs. Henry C. Bourne of Tarboro.

These officers were elected by unanimous vote.

The retiring chairman made a brief report on the activities of the Trustees Section during the term of his office. This included the preparation of a Manual for Trustees containing a summary of laws pertaining to libraries, and material relating to the operation and functioning of libraries from the Trustee's viewpoint. It was suggested that certain statements regarding the political relationship of the library to its county or municipality be clarified, and that promotional material which would be helpful in conducting successful tax elections be included. The chairman stated that his Manual Committee would welcome all suggestions and asked that comments be forwarded to (the editor) George Esser, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill. Methods of financing the publication of the Manual were then discussed.

—ANTHONY LORD, Acting Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the North Carolina Library Association

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be called the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

Its object shall be to promote libraries and library service in North Carolina.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

1. Membership in the North Carolina Library Association shall be divided into three classes: individual membership, institutional membership and honorary membership.

2. *Individual.* Any person interested in library advancement may become a member, with a right to vote, upon payment of the annual dues of the Association, and upon meeting the requirements for membership as stated in the By-Laws.

3. *Institutional.* Any institution may become an institutional member upon payment of the annual dues of the Association and upon meeting the requirements for membership as stated in the By-Laws.

An institutional member shall be entitled to send one delegate to the meetings of the Association with full powers of membership.

4. *Honorary.* On nomination of the Executive Board, persons who have rendered important service to the library interests of the State, but who are not at the time actively engaged in library work in the State, may be elected honorary members by a majority vote of a mailed ballot.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President; a first Vice-President, who shall be the President-Elect; a second Vice-President; a Recording Secretary; a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

2. They are to be elected by ballot, to serve for two years.

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ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. *Personnel.* The officers of the Association, the past President, two Directors elected by the Association at large, and the representatives of the Association to the A.L.A. Council shall constitute an Executive Board.
2. They shall serve until their successors take office.
3. The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Executive Board.
4. *Powers and Duties.* The Executive Board shall have power
 - a. to consider and mature plans for the general work of the Association,
 - b. to appoint in case of a vacancy in any office, a member from the Association to fill the unexpired term, until the next regular election,
 - c. to transact the business of the Association within the limits of a budget system.
5. Business of the Association may also be transacted by the Executive Board through correspondence, provided that the proposed action be submitted in writing by the President to the members of the Executive Board, and that it be approved by a quorum of the Board.
6. The Executive Board shall act for the Association in intervals between meetings; make arrangements for the biennial meeting; and authorize the organization of Sections or Round Tables by specialized interests within the Library Association.
7. The Executive Board shall direct and provide for the publications of the Association and may have power to contract for such publications as may seem desirable for furthering the interests of the Association.
8. *Quorum.* Five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
9. *Appointment of North Carolina Library Commission members.* The Executive Board shall appoint members of the North Carolina Library Commission in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina.
10. *Representatives to the North Carolina Library Certification Board.* The Executive Board shall appoint a librarian to serve, with the President of the Association, as a member of the North Carolina Library Certification Board in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

1. The Executive Board shall approve all encumbrances (any claims on property) and expenditures of Association funds, but may delegate to the President authority to approve encumbrances or expenditures.
2. The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the Association, and it shall have power in the interval between the meetings of the Association to act on all matters on which five of the nine members reach agreement.
3. The finances of the Association shall be handled under a budget system.
4. Funds shall be available to the President or his representative toward attending library meetings to represent the Association. These funds must be included in the budget and approved by the Executive Board.
5. No officer, committee or member of the Association shall receive any funds or incur any expense for the Association not provided for in the Constitution, unless authorized in writing by the President; nor shall the Treasurer make any payment except for expenditures so authorized.

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATIONS

1. The North Carolina Library Association shall be a contributing member of the American Library Association.
2. The North Carolina Library Association shall hold chapter membership in the American Library Association, and shall elect Councilors for representation on the A.L.A. Council.

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3. The North Carolina Library Association shall be a contributing member of the Southeastern Library Association.

ARTICLE VIII. SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLES

1. Sections and Round Tables of the Association may be organized upon application to and approval of the Executive Board.

2. Each Section and Round Table shall represent a field of activity in general distinct from that of other sections.

3. The officers of the Sections and Round Tables shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be elected by the membership of the Section or Round Table, and who shall be responsible for the program meetings of the Section or Round Table.

4. Other officers may be added at the discretion of the Section or Round Table.

5. The President of the Association may appoint a Chairman and a Secretary if the Section or Round Table fails to elect officers.

6. With the permission of the Executive Board, Sections and Round Tables may charge fees or dues for their purposes.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

1. There shall be a biennial meeting of the Association at such place and time as shall have been decided upon by the Executive Board.

2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President; by a quorum of the Executive Board; or on request of 50 members of the Association.

3. At least 30 days notice shall be given for special meetings, and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

4. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held upon the call of the President, or at the request of a quorum of the members of the Executive Board.

5. There shall be a minimum of four meetings of the Executive Board during the biennium.

6. *Quorum.* Fifty voting members, representing at least five institutions shall constitute a quorum of the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be voted on only when a quorum of the Association is present, and shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present.

2. Notice of the proposed changes in the Constitution shall be mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on the proposed changes.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. ELECTIONS

1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a Committee on Nominations, which shall include representatives of the various types of libraries in the North Carolina Library Association, in so far as is practical.

2. The first Vice-President shall be the President-Elect.

3. *Officers.* The Committee on Nominations shall present the names of two candidates for each of the following offices: First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and for two Directors at large.

4. *A.L.A. Council Members.* The first Council member to the A.L.A. shall be the President of the N.C.L.A. who shall serve as representative to the A.L.A. Council for his term of office.

If additional Council members are allowed, the Committee on Nominations shall present the names of two candidates for each additional position on the A.L.A. Council.

5. Consent of the nominees shall be obtained.

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6. A ballot containing spaces for further nominations shall be prepared and mailed to voting members of the Association two months prior to the biennial meeting.

7. Ballots shall be marked and returned to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations within one month after they have been mailed out.

8. Candidates receiving the majority of votes shall be declared elected and shall take office at the close of the biennial meeting.

9. In case of a tie vote the successful candidate shall be determined by lot.

10. 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 candidates shall be announced in the following issue of the Association's official publication.

ARTICLE II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The duties of all officers shall be such as usually devolve upon them in similar organizations.

2. The term of office of all officers shall commence at the adjournment of the biennial meeting following their election, or if the biennial meeting can not be held, upon their election.

3. The President shall, with the advice of the Executive Board, appoint such committees as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Association and define their duties. Committees may be discontinued when conditions require such action.

4. The President is *ex-officio* a member of all committees except the Committee on Nominations.

5. The President shall serve as a member of the North Carolina Certification Board as provided by law.

6. The President shall serve as a Council member of the American Library Association for his term of office.

7. The Secretary shall prepare a report of the biennial meeting or any special meetings of the Association; he shall send one copy to the *Library Journal*, one copy to the *American Library Association Bulletin*, and one copy to the President, who will keep it on file.

8. As soon as the ballots shall have been counted, and the representatives to the American Library Association Council have been established, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the American Library Association who these representatives will be, together with their terms of office.

9. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

10. The officers of the Association shall deposit in the North Carolina Library Commission offices all correspondence, records, and archives not needed for current use.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. *Dues.* Dues of individual members shall be \$2.00 a year.

2. Dues of institutional members shall be \$3.00 a year.

3. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

4. The fiscal year and the membership year shall be the calendar year.

5. Delinquent members shall be notified of their delinquency.

6. Members in arrears for more than one year shall be dropped from the membership roll.

7. There shall be a registration fee for each person attending biennial meetings. This fee shall be established by the Executive Board.

8. Students of Library Science attending the biennial meeting shall pay a registration fee of fifty cents each.

9. New memberships paid during the last quarter of the fiscal year shall be credited to the following year.

10. *Publications.* Members of the North Carolina Library Association shall receive the official periodical publication of the Association or any other publications that may be so designated.

11. No changes in the policies or traditions regarding individual or institutional membership shall be made without approval of the membership by a mail vote. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to make any such change.

The Executive Board or the membership at any duly constituted meeting may initiate such procedure.

ARTICLE IV. SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLES

1. Sections and Round Tables must secure the approval of the Executive Board before making any declaration of policy which involves the Association as a whole; before soliciting or receiving funds; or before incurring any expense on behalf of the Association.

2. The Secretaries of the Sections and Round Tables shall file with the Recording Secretary of the North Carolina Library Association their important papers and reports.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be voted on only when a quorum is present and shall receive a majority vote of the members present.

2. Notices of the proposed change in the By-Laws shall be mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on the proposed change.

ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts' Rules of Order, latest revision, shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

BEST TAR HEEL JUVENILE

Peanut (Oxford) by Ruth and Latrobe Carroll of Asheville has been declared the first winner of the new AAUW cup for juvenile literature by North Carolinians. The announcement was made at the annual festivities of the State Literary and Historical Association meeting in Raleigh last December. Chosen from a list of nineteen entries, *Peanut* had already been widely praised by reviewers.

The *New Yorker* commented: "Perhaps there never could be a puppy small enough to sleep in a teapot, but this fetching account, with its winning drawings, of the tiny Peanut and his pranks with his boy master will make him very real to five to eight year olds. His jealousy of a Great Dane introduced into the household sends him traipsing off with a mouse family into some thrilling experiences."

The AAUW regulations state that the author (or authors, in this case) must have lived in North Carolina three years prior to the beginning of the competition. The book need not concern North Carolina.

Ruth and Latrobe Carroll moved from New York to Asheville in 1950. Their books are thorough collaborations, though writing is Mr. Carroll's background and art Mrs. Carroll's. By the time the two complete a book, however, neither is sure just who has done what.

Librarians will be interested in the other eighteen entries by Tar Heels in the juvenile contest. A second book by the Carrolls was *Salt and Pepper* (Oxford). *Yaller-Eye* (Viking) by Thelma Harrington Bell of Sapphire, illustrated by her husband Corydon Bell, is about a three-legged cat in the North Carolina mountains. Bertha B. Moore of Bostic wrote *The Triplets Take Over* (Eerdmans) and, under the pseudonym of Brenda Cannon, five books of the Jolly J's series (Moody).

Two sports stories for high school boys are *Phantom of the Foul Lines* and *Second-Season Jinx* (both Lippincott) by Burgess Leonard of High Point. *For Girls Only* and *For Boys Only* (Tupper & Love) are frank health discussions by Dr. Frank Howard Richardson of Black Mountain. *A House for Leander* (Cokesbury) is a boy-and-dog story by Rebecca K. Sprinkle of Durham.

Glen Rounds of Pinebluff entered *Whitey and the Blizzard* and *Whitey and the Rustlers* (both Holiday), two Western yarns. Manly Wade Wellman of Chapel Hill continued his well-loved books with *The Haunts of Drowning Creek*, *Wild Dogs of Drowning Creek*, and *The Last Mammoth* (all Holiday).

Other awards announced on the same day as the AAUW were the Mayflower Cup for non-fiction to LeGette Blythe of Huntersville and Dr. Mary T. Martin Sloop of Crossnore for *Miracle in the Hills* (McGraw-Hill), the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for fiction to Frances Gray Patton of Durham for *The Finer Things of Life* (Dodd, Mead) and to Inglis Fletcher of Edenton for the seven novels of the Carolina Series, and the Roanoke-Chowan Cup for poetry to Frank Borden Hanes of Winston-Salem for *Abel Anders* (Farrar, Straus & Young).

—RICHARD WALSER

ANNOTATED LIST OF NORTH CAROLINA BOOKS PROPOSED

The Joint Committee on North Carolina Literature and Bibliography of the North Carolina English Teachers Association and the NCLA is considering proposals for an annotated bibliography of North Carolina books. The original suggestion was of a list which would be suitable for school reading, with entries arranged for easy selection of material of any interest or grade level through high school.

The list must be selective rather than comprehensive and several questions concerning the desirable scope have been raised. The Joint Committee is seeking the opinions of readers of *North Carolina Libraries* about some of these: (1) Should the list be limited to school reading materials, or is there need for such an annotated bibliography in the public libraries, or in the college and university libraries? (2) Should the list include all the works of North Carolina authors whether or not these deal with North Carolina, or should it be limited to those writings of North Carolinians about the state, or which have a North Carolina setting? (3) Should books about North Carolina by non-Tarheel authors be included? (4) What ought to be the criteria for selection in terms of availability (in print or out-of-print), date of publication, literary quality, etc?

Please send your comments and suggestions to Mr. Richard Walser, Department of English, North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

BOOK REVIEWS

SOUTHERN ACCENT: From Uncle Remus to Oak Ridge. By William T. Polk. New York: William Morrow and Company. 264 pp. \$4.00.

Here, between one set of covers we have what amounts to two books about three periods in the history of the South. From beginning to end William T. Polk, of the *Greensboro Daily News*, gives us a close-up look at ourselves as we were, as we are, and as we are likely to become. It's a study of the Old South and the New South.

Although not so marked, it is plain to detect two books in one. Of the Old South Mr. Polk writes with authority and feeling. His picture of life in Warrenton, North Carolina—thinly disguised in the book as "Hastings"—points out features of community life and personal relations of the old days which have gone forever (some regrettably, some fortunately), some which are still with us, and some which are going. Through this medium the author tells his reader something of the origin and development of many characteristics which are today considered typically Southern. He explains why we are "different" and at the same time dispells many false notions about the people in the South.

It is this part of *Southern Accent* with which Mr. Polk seems most at home. His brief essays, many altogether too brief, are gems of prose. He shows a sensitiveness to the Southern scene which is rarely found these days, and his understanding of the Southern temperament should go far towards dispelling many false notions about what makes us like we are.

The second portion of the book gives us a look at the New South and the South of tomorrow. The author's style and approach, while understandably so, are entirely different. He writes less from observation and personal knowledge and relies instead on studies made by others. By succinctly presenting the findings and conclusions of such men as Howard W. Odum, Gerald W. Johnson, Rupert B. Vance, summarizing the work of Charles B. Aycock, Clarence Poe, Edward K. Graham, Sr., and quoting from them and others, Mr. Polk makes us understand what the South is thinking and what it is becoming. His grasp and understanding of the many problems enable him to put together the two and two of many authorities and come up with interesting answers.

As Southern leaders once set the pace in the political life of the nation, so they might again. By sending our best men to Washington instead of our worst or at best our mediocre ones as we frequently have in the past, the United States would profit from wise and loyal leadership. The South's habit of sending poor specimens to Washington would appear to Mr. Polk to be leaving us and going instead to the Midwest.

He has a lot to say about industrialization and the changing attitude of management towards labor and of the people in general towards factory workers. The survival and even cultivation of ideals and ideas which have long been a part of the Southern culture, we are told, must be encouraged. On the other hand there are ideas and suspicions which must be eradicated from the Southern mind. Ideally the proper balance must be worked out and Mr. Polk tells us what he thinks should be involved in reaching that balance and what to do about it.

Finally, we are told, "our civilization appears to have only three courses open to it: destruction, world domination, or world peace." The last is the best but most difficult. "The American Founding Fathers," Mr. Polk reminds us, "solved a basically similar problem when they drafted the Constitution of the United States . . . The South . . . might well direct its political genius, as it did in the days of Madison, to the creation of peace by law among sovereign states."

Southern Accent is, above all else, readable. Its common sense approach to the question of what makes the South what it is, is appealing. If only the right people in the right places can discover this book many of the misconceptions concerning the South which have plagued the country for a great many years should be cleared away.

It is a minor point, but slightly annoying that Mr. Polk should have written Johnathan Daniels for Jonathan and persistently referred to James Spencer Bassett instead of John Spencer Bassett. And too often, it seems, North Carolina was cited as typical of the whole South.

—WILLIAM S. POWELL

SELECTED PAPERS OF CORNELIA PHILLIPS SPENCER. Edited with an introduction by Louis R. Wilson. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. 753 pp. \$7.50.

Most of the papers in the large volume described above were published in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, many of them in Mrs. Spencer's "Young Lady's Column." Others include letters to the editors and editorials in the *Raleigh Sentinel*, the *Weekly Ledger* and personal letters of the "Woman who rang the bell."

The editor has gathered the *Selected Papers* under nine major topics, some with subdivisions. The sorting was a prodigious task for Mrs. Spencer frequently writes of several topics in a single piece. Each reader will doubtless find some selections under a different heading than he would have chosen, but after finishing the volume he will agree with this reviewer that the editor has done a difficult task well. A general Introduction places the writings in their period and explains the method of presentation and typographical arrangement, and each part is prefaced with a summary of Mrs. Spencer's position on that topic. A full index enables the seeker to find additional passages on the subjects she discusses.

The first group, "Manners and Customs" portrays the lively interest in nature, charity, marriage and short trips as commented upon by a gentlewoman in the destitute post Civil War days. Under the topic, "North Carolina Attitudes and Backgrounds" Mrs. Spencer airs her views on the limitations of rights of the freedmen, her determination to "forgive" the Yankees, and above all her pleas to the women of her state to stir the men out of their "tain't no use" attitude. On "Social Questions and Institutions" Mrs. Spencer is a conservative who endeavors to be fair to other points of view. She recommends that women teach in the common schools, follow literary pursuits and even practice medicine in time, but she frowns upon women political aspirants, preachers, and judges. The Oxford Orphanage, the Insane Asylum promoted by Dorothea Dix at Raleigh, and a proposed old ladies' home all receive her able support in print.

"Education," the topic of the fourth section of the book, receives a great amount of attention from the Chapel Hillian. The writer urges her young Presbyterian women readers to obtain the best education possible even if they plan to marry citing examples of the many young widows who are left with children. She proposes a state University for women by the Centennial of the men's University in 1895. Although the reopening of the University (the last topic in the collection) is the subject of Mrs. Spencer's best known crusade, she feels that the establishment of common schools is more important. She urges high standards and better training for teachers and the organization of a teachers association with a journal in which to exchange ideas.

The papers on "Self-Culture and Personal Conduct" contain advice to her "girls" to visit the poor and sick and be generally useful, rather than to ornament the parlor waiting for "Mr. Goggle-Eyes." She states that "the influence a young woman exerts is strongest where it is passive," and that the wise woman knows "when to submit and when to resist."

"Books, Reading and Libraries" are important to Mrs. Spencer. Novel reading is considered least important and can be "managed" usually "at one sitting." "Good books," however are "not to be read straight through." She strongly recommends the organization of circulating libraries in every town, saying "We are all too poor to build up private libraries now." The organization of the "Pioneer Library" in Lenoir in 1875 is saluted as a good example of progress.

In the section titled "Woods, Flowers and Streams" Mrs. Spencer's writing is most poetic; and in "Religion and Related Subjects" most didactic. However, her love of nature and her strong Presbyterian principles are found all the way through the book.

The final part of the book contains writings about the University, and is probably the most highly "selective" part of the compilation. In Mrs. Spencer's letters and editorials is found the minutia of the story of the end of the Swain regime, the Pool "fraud," and the Battle renaissance. Her two series, "Old Times in Chapel Hill," and "Pen and Ink Sketches," reserved for future publication, will fill in the spaces. Much of this part of Mrs. Spencer's story is told in the biographies by Hope Chamberlain and Phillips Russell.

By Mrs. Spencer's own criteria this collection of her writings is a "good book." She recommends dipping here and there in the writings of a single person saying, "You are conscious . . . of being in the same company all the time—the subject of discussion may be changed, but the style of conversation is the same." And it would be impossible for any reviewer of this book to be guilty of "extracting the pith and marrow" of this book by quoting a "half dozen taking passages." There is more, much more. The general reader will find this a good volume in which to dip; and the social historian will find useful source material in this collection of the writings of an educated North Carolina lady during the dark days of Reconstruction.

—ELAINE VON OESSEN

75th ANNIVERSARY

The Pack Memorial Library in Asheville celebrated its 75th anniversary on January 25, 1954. A reading club organized and incorporated the Asheville Library Club in 1879 and opened a subscription library. In 1911 the name was changed to the George Willis Pack Memorial Library Association in honor of the donor of the present building. Late in 1918 the Association voted to give the library to the city and on January 2, 1919 the Pack Memorial Library was opened as a free public library. On July 29, 1940, the first of three bookmobiles given to the library by R. Lee Ellis of the Asheville Coca-Cola Bottling Company, was accepted by the library. The Haywood Road Branch, in West Asheville, was opened in May, 1953. Progress and growth have marked the development of library service in Asheville and Buncombe County and *North Carolina Libraries* salutes the Pack Memorial Library on its 75th Anniversary.

The Intellectual Freedom issue of the *ALA Bulletin* (November, 1953) is must reading for every librarian, trustee and faculty member. If you need extra copies, they are 25 cents each. American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Libraries needing copies of Lyman C. Draper's "*Kings Mountain and Its Heroes*" (Cincinnati, Thompson, 1881) will be glad to know that Mrs. Monte Wales of Gastonia has signed a contract with the Continental Book Company of Columbus, Georgia, to reprint this history. The price will be \$10.30.

The Corriher-Linn-Black Library at Catawba College held an informal opening on November 17, 1953. An article about this library with pictures and floor plans is planned for the next issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEES' AWARDS

Two outstanding public library trustees will be cited by the ALA at the Minneapolis convention, June 20-26, 1954. Nominations for the 1954 Award should be mailed not later than March 15, 1954, to the Jury on Citation of Trustees, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois. Candidates are limited to trustees in service during at least part of the year preceding the ALA convention. Large and small libraries receive equal consideration; the jury is interested in the state and national as well as local library activities of the candidates.

ALA GRANTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Five librarians have been selected among the recipients of Study Awards granted by the Fund for Adult Education, an independent agency of the Ford Foundation. Of the five, two are North Carolinians. Miss Margaret Johnston, Librarian, Haywood County Library, Waynesville; and Mrs. Nell Wright, Librarian, Horton Branch, Public Library of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, have received funds which will enable them to take leaves of absence to study methods of adult education in public libraries.

Other grants to libraries to enable them to expand their programs of Adult Education include one North Carolina library. The library of North Carolina College in Durham has been awarded \$5,000 to help finance a group study series for Negro adults to acquaint them with the economic development of the South, to better understand the Negro in America, and to identify the role of the Negro as a Southern worker.

DUTTON-MACRAE AWARDS

The ALA has announced that librarians working with children and young people in either public libraries or in schools are eligible to apply for the E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award for Advanced Study in the Field of Library Work with Children and Young People.

An annual award of \$1,000 was established in July, 1952, by the E. P. Dutton Company as part of its centennial celebration. Honoring two former presidents of the company, the award is made and administered by the American Library Association.

Proposals submitted must indicate clear possibilities of contributing to library service to children and young people as well as to the professional growth of the recipient. Applications for the 1954-55 award must be in by March 15. Presentation of the award will be made at the ALA Annual Conference in Minneapolis in June. For further details and application blanks write Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Chairman, E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award Committee, New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York 18.

ALA PRE-CONFERENCE LIBRARY BUILDINGS INSTITUTE

A Pre-Conference Library Buildings Institute will be held in St. Paul on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, 1954 preceding the ALA Annual Conference in Minneapolis.

The first day of the Institute will be devoted to the problems of all types of library buildings beginning with the early programming aspects of building planning through preliminary planning and working drawings. On the second day of the Institute, the group will be divided into three special Institutes where the problems of public, college and school library buildings will receive consideration.

The Pre-Conference Institute is being jointly sponsored by the ALA Buildings Committee and the several Buildings Committees of ALA Divisions. The Institute will be held in the down-town area of St. Paul. A formal announcement will be made regarding the Institute following the meeting of the ALA Buildings Committee in Chicago at Midwinter. Registration and program information will be released at that time.

—HOYT R. GALVIN, Chairman
ALA Buildings Committee

TAR HEEL LIBRARIANS

Charles M. ADAMS, Chairman of ACRL Buildings Committee presided at the third ACRL Building Plans Institute held at Memorial Library, Madison, Wisconsin, as a pre-conference to the ALA mid-winter meeting.

Miss Elizabeth A. BERRY has been appointed chief librarian at the new Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury. We welcome Miss Berry to North Carolina.

Miss Marjorie HOOD, head of the Circulation Department represented the Woman's College Library at the Second Conference on the State of the University held in Chapel Hill, February 18 and 19.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jerome HOLDER, after a leave for study toward a master's degree in Library Science at the University of North Carolina, has returned to the staff of Woman's College Library as Circulation Assistant in charge of service to students on the second floor including general reading, reserves and audio-visual services.

Miles HORTON, UNC 1953, is a junior library assistant working in the Circulation and Reference Departments of Woman's College Library.

Miss Elizabeth HOUSE, Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, was married to Miles HUGHEY on October 31, 1953, in Raleigh.

LIBRARIANS' RETIREMENT

The Mason Bill (HR 5180) introduced in the 83rd Congress and under consideration by the House Ways and Means Committee will affect many North Carolina Librarians. This bill seeks to equalize tax treatment for retired people by providing that \$125 a month of retirement income shall be non-taxable. This \$1500 exemption is in addition to the personal exemption received by all individuals, employed or retired. At present only railroad retirement, social security, and veterans benefits are tax exempt. The Mason bill will include retirement income from all sources: municipal, state, and federal government and private annuities or other pension plans. The A.L.A. Board on Personnel Administration; and the A.L.A. Council have both endorsed the Mason Bill. But it will need the support of individual librarians writing to their congressmen to secure passage of the bill. There are no North Carolina congressmen on the House Ways and Means Committee which has first consideration of the bill. But now is the time to write your representative in Congress and let him know that you are anxious that the bill be passed. Librarians who are now, or ever expect to be, retired will benefit by the passage of HR 5180. Write today!

MEMOS FROM MEMBERS

What do you want *North Carolina Libraries* to publish? What would you like omitted? Do you have a problem that you would like to discuss with other members of NCLA? The Editors want to make space available to the membership to express opinions, ask questions, fuss or praise. This space is henceforth yours, use it. Address letters to the Editor, Box 2388, Raleigh.

—THE EDITORS

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Executive Board. Your Executive Board met November 14 in Greensboro to start the wheels going 'round for the new biennium. The first business of this eight-hour session was a study of the new Constitution for responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board.

March 20. It was decided that the Executive Board would invite the Section Officers and the N. C. L. A. Committee members to a meeting in Greensboro for a similar study of the new Constitution and its determination of Committee and Section duties, responsibilities and activities. In addition to a group meeting, there will be time also for committee meetings during the day. We believe this meeting will be of great benefit in our Association's work for the biennium.

Fiftieth Anniversary. Fifty years ago, in 1904, a group of librarians organized this Association. The Executive Board is marking the year in as many ways as seem appropriate and possible. Already plans are being made to bind the past records of the Association and for a special issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES.

The first meeting of the Association was held in the library of the State Normal and Industrial College (now Woman's College) in Greensboro on May 14, 1904. About thirty librarians and others interested in library matters were present. The officers elected were: President—Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Charlotte; Vice Presidents—Dr. Charles Duncan McIver, Greensboro, and Mr. J. A. Bivens, Charlotte; Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Louis R. Wilson, Librarian, State University, Chapel Hill; Executive Committee—Mrs. Ross, Miss Annie Petty, Greensboro; Mr. Breedlove, Durham, and Mr. R. D. Douglas, Greensboro. The first Conference was held in Charlotte in November of the same year.

Committees. Most of the committees have been organized and are listed in this issue. Others will be completed and announced in the next issue.

Dues for 1954-1955. In January the Treasurer, Marianna Long, sent out notices concerning dues for two years of this biennium. The "year" of the Association is the calendar year, so dues are now due for all who did not renew their memberships at the Asheville Conference.

A directory of members will be issued this spring. Be sure that your name and correct address are in the Treasurer's file in plenty of time to be included.

Budget. The Executive Board adopted a tentative budget for the biennium of \$1,700.00, to be revised when more complete records are available.

North Carolina Libraries. The Executive Board accepted the Ruzicka Company's offer to publish the magazine for the biennium. The Association is thereby spared the problems connected with financing and printing our official publication and is grateful to the Ruzicka Company for this valuable assistance.

Library Dedications. O. V. Cook represented the Association at the dedication of the new libraries at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, November 19-21.

Post-Conference Activities. Jane Wilson and Esther Evans have had the task of completing the business connected with the Asheville Conference and it has been no easy matter. Members of the Association have expressed their appreciation of the excellent Conference planned by Jane and the 1951-1953 Executive Board in cooperation with Margaret Ligon and the librarians of Asheville. Perhaps our gratitude for a well-planned Conference will help compensate for the tremendous amount of work which was required to see it through.

Goals for the Biennium. The Executive Board is thinking through the things we would like to see accomplished during the next two years. Do you have any suggestions for us before our March 20 meeting?

With my personal greetings to each one of you—

CHARLESANNA FOX

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS:

- President:* Miss Charlesanna Fox, Librarian, Randolph County Library, Asheboro.
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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

- A.L.A. Council:* The President; Alternate: Charles M. Adams, Librarian, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.
N. C. Legislative Council: The President; Miss Antoinette Earle, Lexington; Miss Evelyn Mullen, Raleigh; Miss Jane Hinson, Charlotte.
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Public Library Certification Board: The President; Mrs. Elmina Hearne Surratt, Rockwell.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

- Education for Librarianship:* Miss Ila Mae Taylor, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, Chairman; Miss Kathleen Fletcher, High Point; Mr. Carlyle Frarey, Durham; Miss Sarah Reed, Chapel Hill.
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