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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

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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 McCrum, 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.