"RECRUITING BEGINS WITH YOU"

The above title is a steal from an A. L. A. brochure concerning library recruiting but it was on the lips of the Recruiting Committee members so often on November 15, 1952 when assembled in Greensboro to formulate some plans for action, that you might say it became the theme song. The Committee is investigating the possibilities of:

1. printing and distributing a leaflet on Librarianship as a Career
2. organizing a Speakers Bureau to provide speakers for schools, colleges, and organizations throughout the state for "Careers Day" programs, assemblies, guidance counselors meetings, etc.
3. asking some one in each of the six districts to serve as Co-Ordinator to bring the program closer home
4. having a College Library Assistants Association to function in the same manner as the North Carolina High School Library Assistants organization. (We feel that this is one of our best methods of recruiting.)
5. distributing a striking Announcement of the Scholarship Loan Fund to be pasted on college bulletin boards

When it comes right down to it, young people are influenced, either consciously or unconsciously, to choose, or not choose, librarianship as their career by their personal contacts with librarians. A vibrant, enthusiastic, happy librarian is the best advertisement our profession can have. Avail yourself of the opportunity to speak to promising young persons, letting them know of the joys of librarianship. Our ranks need bolstering! Perhaps you have felt that it was not necessary for you to be concerned with the problem of recruiting, but the A. L. A. Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career has said that it should be the responsibility of each librarian to get at least one person to go into library work each year. I have secured mine for this year—have you?

—MARY D. GRANT, Chairman
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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR AN UNCROWDED FIELD

Today there are many more openings than there are qualified librarians. Librarians' salaries have come a long way since 1933, the average salary for graduates from North Carolina in June, 1952, was $3,440.76.

The University of North Carolina's School of Library Science will, as usual, offer courses in library science in its 1953 Summer Session. The first term will be from June 11 through July 17 and the second term from July 20 through August 22. Visiting instructors will include Miss Azile Wofford and Mr. J. N. Whitten of the University of Kentucky's Department of Library Science and Mrs. Louise Moore Plybon, Elementary School Librarian, Charlotte, N. C., formerly Head of the Department of Library Science, Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, N. C. Miss Lucile Kelling will serve as Acting-Dean and will teach the courses in reference and book selection, the first term; Miss Susan Grey Akers, Dean, will administer the School the second term.

The chief requirement for admission to work towards a degree in Library science is a bachelor's degree based on a good general education in an approved college or university. Persons with majors in fields as different as chemistry and English history are needed to prepare for work in different types of libraries. A reading knowledge of at least one modern foreign language is an asset, when not a requirement.

Courses will be offered for the one year B.S. in Library Science program; the M.S. in Library Science program; the Master of School Librarianship program; and for teachers or others interested in taking courses in library science that they may qualify for certification as librarians in the smaller elementary or secondary schools.

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—SUSAN G. AKERS, Dean
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