

Report from the President

The August meeting of the Executive Board was held in Greensboro in the Board Room of the Administrative Building of the City Schools. We had a good attendance with all section chairmen present. Although they are not voting members yet, they have made many contributions in discussions and expressions of opinion.

Herb Poole and Arial Stephens gave reports on the status of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES. We are gratified that it is off the ground and moving and we are optimistic about the future.

Neal Austin presented guidelines for a North Carolina Program for Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry. Patterned after the ALA Committee report it outlined a structure for procedure. After much discussion we decided the members should study the document further and discuss it with other association members before taking final action. We agreed to give six months thought to it and conclude our deliberations at our 1973 Spring Workshop.

At the request of the Resources Committee we considered the Tentative Inter-library Loan Code for North Carolina Libraries prepared by a special task force in 1971. We accepted the report and went on record as favoring its adoption. We appreciate the work of the committee and believe they have written an acceptable code for all libraries. However, the agreement is voluntary and not to be forced on anyone. A copy appears elsewhere in this journal.

We had a very pleasant duty in discussing a new scholarship which has been provided for us. An anonymous donor has presented the Association with sufficient money to offer a yearly scholarship of \$500 to a student attending library school.

This will be in addition to our NCLA \$1000 scholarship. To be known as the Query-Long Scholarship, it honors the families of the parents of Eunice Query, our immediate past-president. Her contributions to library education and library service are vast and I am sure the scholarship will be meaningful to all who receive it. It is a wonderful thing for people to show faith in libraries and librarianship in this manner.

You will be hearing about the Southeastern States Cooperative Library Survey sponsored by the Southeastern Library Association. It is supported by state library agencies, state library associations, the Tennessee Valley Authority and other agencies. Under the direction of Dr. Mary Edna Anders it will collect, analyze and interpret data which will describe and provide measures of library resources and services in our region. At the request of the President of SELA, the State Librarian and I appointed the North Carolina Advisory Committee whose members will work with Miss Anders.

Those who have agreed to serve are:

- Miss Jane Wilson
(representing Mr. Ogilvie)
- Mr. James W. Carruth,
Dept. of Public Instruction
- Dr. Annette L. Phinazee,
Library Educator
- Miss Helen Hagan,
University Librarian
- Mrs. Mona W. Ray, School Librarian
- Mrs. Darlene L. Ball,
Special Librarian
- Mr. George Linder, Public Librarian
- Miss Jean S. McDuffie,
Junior College Librarian
- Miss Elizabeth Copeland, NCLA



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Our NCLA is a member of the State Council for Social Legislation which is the only organization with a lobbyist for social issues at the State Legislature. Mrs. Marion Johnson, our representative, sent us a list of the programs in which they are interested. They include: abortion laws, drug abuse, consumer protection, the mentally ill and the death penalty. You will be hearing more about these as we get nearer to the convening of the General Assembly.

In June, I visited the Executive Board of the Special Libraries Association. This was a very pleasant meeting as we discussed ways and means for our associations to cooperate in improving services for all the libraries of the state.

Gary Barefoot represented our association at the ceremony designating the North Carolina Supreme Court Library as the first of its kind to be a depository for U. S. Government Publications. The occasion took place in the court room of the Supreme Court in Raleigh on the afternoon of August 30th. Participating in the ceremony were the Honorable William H. Bobbitt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the Honorable B. Everett Jordan, Robert E. Kling, Jr. from the office of the Superintendent of Documents and

Raymond A. Taylor, Marshal of the Supreme Court.

I was back at Guilford College on September 6th for a meeting of the planning committee for the College and University Section tutorial to be held in October. This type of conference is unique and exciting. So far as I know only one other has been held in the country.

From there I went to Davidson where I was overwhelmed with V.I.P. treatment. It was a rare treat for me to be accommodated in the small but elegant college guest house and to share with Leland Park a very lovely buffet dinner in the Vice-President's home. Dr. Chalmers Davidson gave me a personally conducted tour of those magnificently restored ante-bellum buildings and I saw Davidson College for the first time.

The next day I attended a meeting of the *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* editorial board. I am impressed and deeply appreciative of the sincere concern and dedication shown by this group. Already our journal shows the results of their efforts and it will get better with each issue.

September 13 and 14 found me in Lumberton attending the first of four public library workshops on communications. More than 100 staff members were there and all of us were stimulated by a well-organized and fast-moving program moderated by an extraordinary librarian, Dorothy Ware of Charlotte. We were honored by having as our speakers Mrs. Margaret Harper and Mr. Sam Ragan. During the month of September three additional workshops will be held in various sections of the state for public library staff members.

The first of November will see many of our members heading for New Orleans and the joint meeting of the Southeastern Library Association and the Southwestern Association. This should prove to be an interesting experience in a fascinating old city. We hope our state will be well represented. Never let it be said that we stayed away from a good meeting with an abundance of local color. I shall be looking for you — on Bourbon Street!