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Your executive committee held a called meeting at Louisville during the meeting of the Southeastern and a regular meeting at Durham on December 4. At these two meetings it was decided to hold the regular biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association in Durham on April 28 and 29, 1949. This was deemed desirable because of the plans of the American Library Association to hold its Southeastern regional meeting of 1949 during the latter part of October, just at the time the North Carolina Library Association normally would have held its biennial meeting. Headquarters for the meeting in April will be at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham. Mrs. Alice L. Hicks of the Woman’s College Library staff at Duke University will be chairman of the committee in charge of local arrangements. Miss Jane Wilson will be in charge of the Associational Dinner to be held on Friday evening as the highlight of the meeting. Dr. Akers will serve as chairman of the resolutions committee. Mr. Jack Dalton, Associate Librarian of the University of Virginia, has accepted an invitation to be special speaker and consultant at the convention. At one of the general meetings he will present “The Dalton Plan” for the reorganization of the Southeastern Library Association.

The management of the Washington-Duke Hotel has agreed to set aside from 125 to 150 rooms for special use of those attending the convention, and the Melbourne Hotel will reserve fifty rooms until April 15th. The Melbourne cannot hold rooms after April 15th without specific reserv-
ation, so if you plan to attend the meeting in Durham you should make your hotel reservation as early as possible. If the hotels are to be able to care for everyone it will be necessary to "double-up" whenever possible, and you should try to locate someone to share a room with you during the convention if you possibly can.

TARHEELIA AT SOUTHEASTERN
by Elizabeth S. Walker

If the carpets of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky were not smeared with tar between October 18 and 23, it was not for lack of Tar Heels. Of those registered at the 1948 conference of the Southeastern Library Association, over fifty were North Carolinians; on the basis of equal representation of each state the Old North State had its quota—one-ninth. Some arrived as early as thirty-six hours before the first scheduled meeting (among these were Majorie Beal, Mrs. Edith F. Cannady, and Sophronia Cooper) and stayed till the afternoon of October 23. Though their geographic representation may not have been from Murphy to Manteo, it was certainly from Waynesville to Greenville. They went by train, plane, and car. Mildred Her- ring fears that she was born twenty years too soon as her sufferings from airsickness were intense; but so were those of other dauntless souls. Travel by land also had its hazards. According to Elizabeth House "one group of eastern librarians went cod-fiddlin’ down si-godlin roads almost to their dismay when they struck a freshly tarred road bed. To the surprise of traffic jammed in both directions, these four foolish women, bent on reaching Louisville on time, took to the shoulder, by-passed startled travelers with gaping mouths, and were on their way." She added that further description of this incident can be furnished by Gladys Johnson. In spite of such mishaps most of the Tar Heels reached their destination without serious injury.

North Carolina was represented among the officers of the Association and its various sections by Eloise Camp, member of the Executive Board and Chairman of School and Children's Library Section; J. I. Cope-land, Chairman of Reference Librarians Section; B. E. Powell, Chairman of College and University Librarians Section, and Eunice Query, acting secretary of the Children and Young People's Division. Besides the various committees concerned with special arrangements for the convention, which were composed entirely of Louisville librarians, there were three other committees with nine members listed. Of those nine, four were from North Carolina: Eloise Camp and B. E. Powell on the Program Committee; C. R. Brockmann, Chairman of the Committee on Exhibits; and Majorie Beal, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Chairman Brockman again did an excellent job in his work with the exhibitors. Overlapping conventions had brought the difficulty of getting the Ford Dealers out in time to put the library exhibits up; but after the Fords were finally induced to roll on, the exhibits were attractively arranged. The door to the exhibit room was considered the official exit from the convention hall. Librarians as usual collected such loot as note-books, plastic book-jacket-covers, and nursery plaques. A typical scene was people looking for their names print-given by one of the binderies; they