SELA

Conference

There were about 80 Tar Heels among the approximately 1,000 librarians from nine southeastern states for the three-day meeting of the Southeastern Library Association in Atlanta, Georgia, October 30-November 1. The usual section meetings were held at which time interested and pertinent topics were discussed. The principal speakers for the first general session were Dr. Robert B. Downs, President of the American Library Association, who spoke on “Popular Misconceptions About Libraries,” and Dr. Clarence Decker, Assistant Director for the Far East, Mutual Security Agency and President of the University of Kansas City, used as his topic “Passport to Asia.” A panel discussion on “Audio-Visual Ways and Means” and a forum on “Staff Participation in Administration” composed the major part of the other two general sessions. Proceedings will be published in the next issue of the SELA Bulletin.

New Officers

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. Henley Crosland, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; Vice-President, Nancy J. Day, Department of Education, Columbia, South Carolina; Treasurer, Miss Roy Land, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.


PUBLIC LIBRARY IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

The last of a series of three In-Service Training Workshops sponsored by the Public Library Section, NCLA, and the North Carolina Library Commission was held in October. Sections of Part III were well attended in Waynesville, Greensboro, and Fayetteville. The topic discussed in classes conducted by Mrs. Allen Surratt of Rockwell was “Public Relations and the Library in the Community.” A “problem census” was taken and the problems discussed by a panel and the members of the classes. Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Field Librarian, North Carolina Library Commission was director for the entire series. A full report is being compiled and will be ready in the spring.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

The Statistics of North Carolina libraries for 1951–52 published by the North Carolina Library Commission has recently been issued. The section on public library statistics has a new format which seems to be a great improvement. Counties are listed in one alphabet instead of in separate divisions according to population. All public libraries in a county are listed under that county regardless of affiliation with, or independence of, the county library, and it is now possible to ascertain statistics for various units of county libraries.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

ATTENTION SCHOOL LIBRARIANS. School librarians who would like summer employment in public libraries in North Carolina are asked to file their names, dates available, preferences as to special types of work and geographical areas with Miss Elizabeth House, Secretary and Director, North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh.

ATTENTION COLLEGE LIBRARIANS. As an aid to recruiting librarians would you post on bulletin boards, insert in college newspaper, or in any other way publicize the fact that the North Carolina Library Commission will help to place college students for summer work in public libraries. It will enable the students to earn summer salaries and at the same time let them try out a field in which there are many vacancies.