

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

The biennial luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Association of Library Trustees was held following a joint morning meeting with librarians in the Public Libraries Section of NCLA in Winston-Salem, November 5, 1965. The Chairman, James Davis Blount, Jr., of Rockingham, presiding, offered an invocation, and read a telegram of best wishes from Mrs. Dorothy D. Corrigan, president of the American Library Trustee Association. Minutes of the October 25, 1963, meeting were approved.

Mrs. Evans E. Bost of Newton, trustee of the Catawba County Library since helping to found it in 1935, was presented the Trustees Award. In presenting the award, Mrs. John S. May, chairman of the Citations and Awards Committee, cited Mrs. Bost's service to her library as volunteer bookkeeper without remuneration during the past fiscal year. Announcement of the appointment of Philip S. Ogilvie as new State Librarian, effective December 1, 1965, was made by Paul Ballance, member of the North Carolina State Library Board.

Officers for the 1965-1967 biennium were unanimously elected as follows, upon presentation of their names by Mr. Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson (by letter), Chairman of the Nominating Committee: Charles W. McCrary of Asheboro, Vice-Chairman and Chairman-elect; Mrs. W. H. Romm of Moyock, Secretary; and James H. Atkins of Gastonia and Mrs. Kemp Doughton of Sparta, Directors.

The chairman announced that the panel-workshop planned for the afternoon had been arranged in lieu of a Trustee Institute this biennium. He expressed appreciation to Acting State Librarian Miss Elaine von Oesen and library consultant Miss Frances Gish for their assistance during the two years of his chairmanship, and to the other retiring officers and directors of the Trustees' Association. He then symbolically transferred the gavel of office to the incoming chairman, George Stephens of Asheville, whom he lauded for his twenty years as a public library trustee, and urged that all trustees give him full support for the coming biennium.

Mr. Stephens commended Mr. Blount for his good example as chairman, and called trustees' attention to the cleverly worded bookmarks at their places, produced for the Asheville Library by an Asheville printing firm as a public service. He reminded trustees that printers "make their living because people can read," and suggested they are often glad to contribute similar small printed products for distribution to library patrons.

The keynote address delivered by the new chairman was entitled "What We Can Do About Learning: A Hard Look and a Challenge." Stressing libraries as the chief source for further learning by their own efforts for North Carolina's citizens after their formal education, he warned that today, "continuous learning may be the key to continuous earning," but that the state's libraries are ill-prepared to meet this demand, with "about one book per capita as a statewide average and about a dollar per capita spent annually." He mentioned regional library systems as one means of meeting the demand, as well as the trend toward cooperation of public libraries in trade areas.

Citing as "one hopeful trend" the recent growth of state and Federal aid, he declared, "Never in our history has there been such an opportunity to work with Federal and state aid to make our people more productive." He added that these two sources of aid are essential, because "local financing will never do the job, any more than it has been able to do for public schools."

On the subject of local tax support, he stated that only sixteen counties and eleven towns have carried library tax referendums. He urged statewide citizen action to push a constitutional amendment listing libraries as a "necessary expense," thus eliminating the requirement of the referendum to appropriate tax money for library services. He recommended organization of local Friends of the Library groups to prove to governmental units the strong interest of large numbers of citizens in better libraries, and to provide stronger budget support. "A governor who believes in local taxpayer effort," he suggested, "is the natural leader." He called for appointment of a State Library specialist on children's library service, as well as additional consultants for young adults and extension, and emphasized the necessity for higher salaries and scholarships to attract young people to the library profession.

Following the luncheon, a workshop-panel on the Governor's Commission on Library Resources was presented, with its chairman, John V. Hunter, III, of Raleigh presiding. Participating were Miss Jane B. Wilson, Director of Libraries, Durham City Schools; Miss Katherine E. Howell, Librarian, Wilmington Public Library; and Mrs. James W. Reid, Olivia Raney Public Library trustee, Raleigh.

Elizabeth D. Reid
Retiring Secretary

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION MINUTES

Chairman: Miss Jane Greene, Meredith College, Raleigh

Vice-Chairman: James G. Baker, Chemstrand Research Center, Durham

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Foy Lineberry, North Carolina State University, Raleigh

The Resources and Technical Services Section of the North Carolina Library Association met in the Ballroom of the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4, 1965, with Miss Jane Greene presiding.

Miss Greene welcomed members and guests and explained that the Public Libraries Section and the Resources and Technical Services Section were meeting jointly and for this reason the program would be given first, followed by a short business session at which time the Public Libraries Section and guests would be free to leave. She recognized Harlan C. Brown, associate director of D. H. Hill Library, N. C. State University at Raleigh, who introduced the speaker, C. D. Gull, Professor of Library Science, Indiana University.

Mr. Gull spoke on the topic "Recent Trends toward Automation in Library Technical Services." He described recent trends in automation by referring to a limited number of applications such as the Decatur, Illinois, Public Library, Florida Atlantic University Library, National Library of Medicine, Ontario New Universities Library Project, and the Harvard-Yale-Columbia Medical Libraries Project. Then he described present capabilities for automation and possible future applications, in contrast to several reasons adoption of automation appears to occur slowly. These reasons are: librarians themselves and their lack of scientific and technical training, the magnitude and difficulty of the task, the heavy investment in present methods, and the shortage of computer personnel. Mr. Gull closed by