

STATE AID FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Early in October 1944, the Budget Commission held a hearing on State Appropriations. The Commission is composed of the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Finance Committees and two members appointed by the Governor.

Senate: Mr. H. P. Taylor, Anson; Mr. Thomas O'Berry, Wayne.

House of Representatives: Mr. F. E. Wallace, Lenoir; Mr. T. Clarence Stone, Rockingham.

Appointed by the Governor: Mr. J. H. Clark, Bladen; Mr. Thomas J. Pearsall, Nash.

The request for State Aid for Public Libraries was based on the need for more books and for the extension of library service. The amount requested was \$225,000 for each year of the biennium 1945-47.

The Budget Commission after careful consideration recommends expenditures to the General Assembly. The joint appropriations committees study, discuss and hold hearings with heads of state institutions and departments. After strenuous sessions the appropriations committees present their findings for general vote.

Between now and the day of the final vote in the House and Senate, the Legislators must be aware of the library needs in their own communities and the scarcity of books to supply the readers.

Trustees, friends of libraries, and librarians are responsible for the knowledge and the action of their representatives. Will you write to yours?