

TAR HEEL LIBRARY NOTES

Mr. Guy R. Lyle, formerly Librarian, the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, is now Director of Libraries at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. To him goes much of the credit for getting this bulletin started and he has continued to make contributions to its pages.

Miss Rachel Lane is librarian of the new Textile Library at North Carolina State College.

Miss Adelaide L. Fries received the Mayflower Cup for her *The Road to Salem*. The award is made annually to the author of the best book by a resident North Carolinian published during the year.

The President of the Association attended the Council Meeting of the A.L.A. in Chicago as a representative of the Association and of the Division of Cataloging and Classification. She also attended a meeting of the Tennes-

see Valley Library Council in Gatlinburg, Tenn., called in October to discuss problems of moment to libraries in this region.

The State Legislative Council met in Raleigh on November 10th to decide on the items to be sponsored before the 1945 General Assembly. The President of the Association, Co-Chairmen of the Legislative Committee, and two members of the Association are members of this Council.

The President of the Association was invited to attend the State-wide Conference on Post-War Problems and Education in Raleigh on November 28th.

Every librarian hates censorship. His decision to add a book or periodical to the collection is not arbitrary but is based on the conviction that the book is of value and interest to his patrons. Once he has made his decision in accordance with that policy, he should not be overruled by persons who want to prevent others from reading what they themselves disapprove of. This type of interference in library operation is frequently accompanied by threats so serious as to force the librarian to accede to it.

The A.L.A.'s Committee on Intellectual Freedom has been empowered by the Executive Board and Council to compile a record of attempts, successful or not, to interfere with the library's provision of any book or periodical. To do this it must have the help of the libraries. We therefore ask that you report to us any incident in your community where someone or some group or organization attempted to interfere with the provision of a book or magazine. We'd like to know: Book or periodical affected; person or organization interfering; action taken or threatened by interfering group; action taken or contemplated by the library.

We shall not make this information public without your permission.

Please send all information to Leon Carnovsky, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois, the chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom.