

creased appropriation for State Aid for Public Libraries was presented. Miss Williamson, the secretary, who is Librarian of the Johnston County Public Library told of the benefits of state aid from the point of view of the local library. This request for an increased appropriation has been favorably received by committees.

Miss Akers, President of the Association, Mrs. Hawkins, Co-chairman of the Legislative Committee, Miss Beal of the Library Commission, and Miss Clyde Smith, Librarian of the Olivia Raney Library, Raleigh, represented the Association at the February meeting of the State Legislative Council.

The Summer Session of the School of Library Science of The University at Chapel Hill will present a modified program for 1945. The University's change from the quarter to the semester system, with the Summer Semester beginning July 2 and running through October, and certain other factors made changes necessary. The School will offer full courses in Young People's Book Selection and Children's Book Selection during the first term, July 2 through August 29. Miss Emily B. Meigs of the regular faculty will give both courses. They are open to students interested in the library science degree and also to those who desire work towards the Teacher-Librarian certificate.

Mr. Hoyt R. Galvin, Director of the Charlotte Public Library, has been appointed State Director for the nationwide campaign in behalf of the Library Development Fund scheduled for April 1945. He was sent by the Association to the meeting called by the A.L.A. in Chicago during January.

A number of valuable books are being added to the Warrenton Public Library in memory of soldiers from the community who have lost their lives in the World War. The books are in-

TAR HEEL LIBRARY NOTES

In January Ernestine Grafton, editor-in-chief of volume three of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, became head of the Extension Division of the State Library in Richmond, Va. Her successor in the position of tri-county librarian of Person-Orange-Caswell is Mrs. Ethel Walker Whetstone.

In January the President and the Secretary of the Association attended the public hearing of the Joint Committee on Appropriations of the General Assembly when the need for an in-

scribed on the fly leaf with a dedication to the soldier and the name of the donor. This custom of books as memorials, inaugurated over twenty years ago, has been productive of many additions to the Warrenton Library. The Memorial Collection now numbers over a thousand volumes, carefully selected for their permanent value. The plan is publicized in the library's weekly column in a local newspaper. Recently the idea has been adopted in other neighboring towns in the Granville County Library at Oxford, the Granville Colored Library, and the Edgecombe Public Library at Tarboro. The Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library at Rocky Mount has over 3,000 memorial volumes.

Fire destroyed the Caldwell County Library at Lenoir on December 18th and badly damaged the interior of the County Agricultural Building in which it was housed.

The family of Evelyn Boyd, assistant in the Charlotte Public Library, 1932-39, and acting director of Schools Service Department of Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1939-40, is establishing the Evelyn Boyd Memorial Library in the Christian Church of Winterville, the home of her brother, R. E. Boyd. Winterville has a small branch library from Greenville. The memorial library will consist mainly of children's books, the classics, church books and other serious reading for adults. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boyd have had school library experience; they will be in charge of the collection and circulate books on Sunday mornings.

The Middle Button, character of Katherine Worth's book by that name and beloved by teen-age girls, died on December 5, 1944, at the age of 86.

Maggie MacBryde Walthal, the real Middle Button, lived near Fayetteville in an old home which burned recently.

She did not attend medical school nor become a physician but was head of the music department at Agnes Scott College for a time and, after her marriage, went as a missionary to China where she worked for twenty years.

Katherine Worth, born in Wilmington, is claimed as a North Carolina author although as Mrs. Walter Clyde Curry she now lives in Tennessee.