

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Folks:

Since the Greensboro meeting in April, the Executive Committee of your Association has been hard at work carrying out your wishes.

The Constitution Committee is beginning to rewrite the Constitution; the Committee set up to appraise your official publication has been appointed and is collecting materials for research; the Southeastern Library Association has been notified of our ratification of its Constitution—we took time to welcome its new head, Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian of Duke University.

Representatives from your Association to important associated Boards and Committees in other organizations are busy making history in your name. Preparation for the merger ballot is underway. You had an official representative at the 75th Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association; you sent greetings to Philadelphia on the occasion of the festivities of October 4th.

Mrs. Averitt, Miss Burwell, Mr. Christ, Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Cooke presented the Association with a "mid-biennial" banquet celebrating National Library Day in this State. Our Governor was one of twelve in the United States who took time to wish the librarians of this country congratulations and appropriate appreciation.

Then the bread came back cake! Mr. Vernon Ruzicka, always a kind friend to the N.C.L.A., graciously offered to give most generous support to NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES—you can see the result of his encouragement, his co-operation, and his material assistance.

The Executive Committee is also encouraged by your willingness to accept the responsibilities relative to the work of the current biennium. We are pleased with your reaction and action concerning the Public Library Service Bills; with your workshops for public librarians; with your constant pioneering for better public school libraries that is bearing much fruit; with your building program to house the priceless collections of the State's colleges and universities.

Your Association will continue to support and to encourage you. We accept your challenge! Take courage for the hard but satisfying year's work ahead, and God bless you.

Cordially yours,
JANE B. WILSON, *President*.