

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS



Author Frances Gray Patton speaks to the Durham High School Library Club. Mrs. Patton is shown here, center, with Sally Gray, President of the Durham High School Library Club, left, and Miss Emily L. Loftin, Librarian, right.

The South Piedmont District of the NCHSLA held its annual meeting on October 26, at Boyden High School, Salisbury. June Dixon, President presided over the meeting. Dr. A. R. Keppel, President of Catawba College, guest speaker, talked on "Library Tools and Character." Miss Edith Clark, Librarian of Rowan County Public Library, spoke on "Why a Librarian?".

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The Fayetteville High School Library Club members are being trained as operators of the school Audio-Visual machines. East Mecklenburg Library Club assists in the Audio-Visual program by distributing equipment to the class-rooms. Greensboro High School Library Club members are Audio-Visual "specialists." Machines are scheduled, taken to the class-room, and operated by the Library Assistants.

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The Pleasant Garden High School Library Club is sponsoring the Elementary Library. More than 450 children were made happy when the Elementary Library was opened the middle of September. Pupils visit the Library twice a week on schedule and once a week for reference. The room has new blond tables and 35 chairs, a librarian's desk, a variety of old shelves, and 1500 books. Children from grades four through eight check out their own books; primary teachers select class-room collections for their pupils. Circulation for the first twelve days was 1346. An added attraction for the primary children is the "Story Hour" conducted by the High School Library Club members; and the bulletin boards supplied by the members attract all the pupils.

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Mecklenburg County Library Clubs are making plans for a county-wide organization, which will include the combined memberships of East, West, and North Mecklenburg Senior High Schools. The purpose is to stimulate interest in the club work and to provide some social activities and fellowship.

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