

## STUDY COMMITTEE OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

A meeting of the Committee for the Study of *North Carolina Libraries* of the North Carolina Library Association was held in Wake Forest on Tuesday, July 29, 1952, at two o'clock. The following members were present: Mrs. Hallie Bacelli, Mrs. Harlan Brown, Miss Elizabeth House, Dr. Louis R. Wilson, Mr. O. V. Cook, Mr. Charles E. Rush, Mr. Thomas Simkins, Miss Marianna Long, and Miss Elaine von Oesen. As an *ex officio* member, Miss Jane Wilson, President of the North Carolina Library Association, also attended. Mr. Carlton P. West, the Chairman, presided.

After noting that the Joseph Ruzicka firm had underwritten the past four issues of *North Carolina Libraries*, the Chairman pointed out that it was the duty of the Committee to make recommendations to the North Carolina Library Association at its next meeting concerning plans for a future publication.

Several members of the Committee expressed the knowledge that the Ruzicka organization, despite reverses which may result from the loss of the state contracts, would be willing to continue to underwrite the publication of *North Carolina Libraries*. Assuming this generosity, it was *moved and seconded* that this Committee recommend that the Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association accept any offer of the Ruzicka firm to underwrite *North Carolina Libraries* for another year. The motion carried.

The possibility that the North Carolina Library Commission might extend its publishing activities was discussed at some length. By some members of the Committee it was felt that the Commission, more certainly than the Association, might be in position to secure funds for the employment of an editor and for the necessary printing. The Secretary and Director of the Commission, Miss Elizabeth House, offered to include in her budget requests the requisite items, should this be desired. As a result, the following *motion was made*, "The Committee for the study of *North Carolina Libraries* recommends (1) that the Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association express the feeling that library interests could be advanced by expanding the publications program of the North Carolina Library Commission and (2) that the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board urge that the North Carolina Library Commission request additional funds for this purpose in the budget for 1953-1955." The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a brief consideration of what a North Carolina Library Association publication should contain. Since no conclusions were reached, it was *moved* that the Chairman request each member of the Committee to state in writing his ideas about a suitable publication. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The following questionnaire was submitted to Committee Members. The Chairman of the Committee and the Committee would be interested in any suggestions or opinions from members of the North Carolina Library Association. Send your letter to Mr. Carlton West, Wake Forest College.

Do you think that the publication should be maintained primarily as:

- A medium for the presentation of the affairs of the Association?
- A general news letter of the activities of librarians in N. C.?
- A medium for publishing the results of scholarly studies and the description of techniques?

Do you favor the inclusion of all of the above features? If so, roughly, in what proportion?

Do you believe that as much advertising as possible should be included?

- Should advertising be confined to publishers and library supply firms?
- Should all kinds of general advertising be accepted or solicited?

What other comments or suggestions occur to you?

—CARLTON P. WEST, *Chairman*  
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