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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Folks:

Everywhere people are hearing that librarians are more and more being recognized as true servants of the people of our state, and if this is being heard, someone who has been benefitted and someone who has appreciated your service and your experience and your willingness to help, must be doing the talking. Such truth is not new to you, but with the problems each of us are having to face every day, perhaps you would like to be reminded of this fact.

Libraries are being built and dedicated; corner stones are being laid; budgets are being increased, and more and more discussion groups are being formed and sponsored: it is well. Librarians face responsibilities never so real before since our profession is being continually rediscovered.

With activity on every front the Association and your special representatives keep mails, wires, and paths in constant use. Great is our pride in Paul Ballance's beautiful new library in Winston-Salem; deep is our grief over the tragedy which followed so pleasant an occasion. High are our hopes for the new High Point Public Library whose corner stone was laid on April 27th.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Mary D. Grant and her Recruiting Committee upon the original and arresting folder that they are presenting to the Executive Board for approval; our appreciation to Miss Minnie Kallam and Dr. William Pullen for their joint efforts in setting up special forms and contracts for the exhibitors who will help make our October Conference a success.

Miss Esther Evans, Duke University Library, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term in the Secretaryship, and in her we have recruited an efficient and interested worker. Miss Gladys Johnson of the North Carolina Library Commission is leading possibly one of the most important discussion projects that has ever been staged in libraries in this state under the American Heritage program. Orchids to her! The Public Libraries Section under the chairmanship of Charlesanna Fox recently held its third Planning Council Workshop. Each of the public librarians who is working so diligently is to be commended.

Recent legislation has various implications for the Association and the Executive Board and the necessary action will be taken in due course. You will be glad to know that the North Carolina Library Commission Board has been increased and that the Association now has the privilege of appointing four of its members.

Have you made your reservation for the Conference in Asheville? Did you know that you will have an opportunity to see while you are there the famous film THE IMPRESSIONABLE YEARS? Had you heard that Miss Nora Beust of the Federal Security Agency will hold once more her free discussions of the best in literature for boys and girls? Anyone tell you that the Association sent books to the Ferrells School when they created a memorial library for some of their boys and girls who were killed in a school bus accident? Got your copy of THE HANDBOOK? Seen the compilation of articles and timely philosophy and theory written by librarians and book people? THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS? Say, read CHARLOTTE'S WEB? Attend the spring conference of the North Carolina High School Library Association held in Chapel Hill the end of March? Paid your dues? NCLA? SELA? ALA? Do you know that we all have an especial interest in Quincy Mumford who could be the next president of ALA? After Miss Ludington? Let's vote our convictions, but let's be able to vote!

When you receive your ballots for voting for the new officers for NCLA, please mark them and return them as soon as possible. When you receive your copy of the new proposed Constitution for NCLA, study it and remember that we want your help and suggestions before we go to Asheville. It would be like Christmas and presents if the Constitution could be passed without too much time being consumed. But there will be time enough for all to be heard.

The fall issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES will contain information about the Asheville Conference. And talking about NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, have you thanked the editorial board who has worked so long and tediously to show you a good periodical? Let the Editor and the Chairman of the Study Committee have your criticism and your suggestions.

May the summer bring you work and rest and enthusiasm for October 22, 23, and 24th. We'll be looking for YOU!

Cordially,
Jane B. Wilson, President