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Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association

[Photograph: Eight members of the NCLA Executive Board seated around a long conference table covered with papers and books, in the Textiles Library at North Carolina State College in Raleigh. Board members are, left to right: Katharine McDiarmid, director; Elizabeth Williams, second vice-president; Hallie S. Bacelli, recording secretary; Benjamin E. Powell, director; Marianna Long, treasurer; Marjorie Hood, corresponding secretary; Marion M. Johnson, first vice-president; and Charlesanna Fox, president. Jane B. Wilson, past-president, is also a member of the Board. Photo by Sam Boone.]

North Carolina Libraries salutes the Executive Board of NCLA whose members have met frequently without fanfare to carry on the business of the Association and plan for the Biennial Conference in High Point, October 20–22, 1955. The above picture was taken at a

board meeting on June 18, 1955, in the Textiles Library at North Carolina State College in Raleigh. Board members are (left to right) Katharine McDiarmid, director; Elizabeth Williams, second vice-president; Hallie S. Bacelli, recording secretary; Benjamin E. Powell, director; Marianna Long, treasurer; Marjorie Hood, corresponding secretary; Marion M. Johnson, first vice-president; and Charlesanna Fox, president. Jane B. Wilson, past-president, is also a member of the Board.

You are invited to attend the BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of the NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Sheraton Hotel High Point, North Carolina October 20–22, 1955

Conference Schedule of Meetings

Thursday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Registration Open

10:00 a.m. Exhibits Open

4:00 p.m. Exhibits Tours, Tea

6:00 p.m. Association Buffet

8:30 p.m. First General Session — Mr. Quincy Mumford

Friday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast — Book Reviews

9:45 a.m. Catalogers Section

11:15 a.m. College and University Section

1:00 p.m. Public Librarians and Trustees Section — *YMCA*

1:00 p.m. All other Sections — *Sheraton*

2:30 p.m. Junior College Section

2:30 p.m. School and Children's Section

2:30 p.m. Special Section

3:00 p.m. Public Section

3:00 p.m. Trustees Section

6:00 p.m. Association Buffet

6:00 p.m. Exhibits Close

8:30 p.m. Second General Session — Virginia Kirkus

Saturday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast — JMRT

10:00 a.m. Third General Session (Business)

12:30 p.m. Two Executive Boards

*Tickets for all meals listed on this program must be purchased at Registration Desk.
Registration fee fifty cents.*

Welcome to High Point!

By Neal Austin, Chief Librarian, High Point Public Library

The new edition of the *North Carolina Guide* states that High Point's streets have a carnival look about them. I've tried to see such a look, but with no success. Let's say that High Point streets are crowded and busy, and let it go at that. However, visiting librarians here for the conference in October will certainly be aware of pre-furniture market excitement and tension. The informal market opens on the Monday following the Conference. And though this is the year's small market, it is nevertheless important, and High Pointers will be concerned with furniture — you'll hear them talking about it in the restaurants, and you'll see people rushing toward the Southern Furniture Exposition Building on South Main Street.

Many librarians will be interested in seeing some segments of the furniture industry. To make this possible, tours are being arranged. One such tour will be through the large plant of Myrtle Desk Company. They will be making library equipment during that time, and librarians will have an excellent opportunity to see library equipment under construction from the selection of woods from the seasoning kilns to the last stage of hand-finishing.

There will also be tours of one or more furniture factory showrooms. The October market is concerned more with these showrooms than with the Exposition Building, which makes planning tours difficult: most plants will be putting the finishing touches on their showrooms during our Conference. But at least one firm will arrange tours so that librarians can see the latest furniture arranged in room settings: the originals of the advertisements in the house magazines.

There will be opportunities to visit the Springfield Meeting House Museum. Here are assembled items of local interest along with examples of early Quaker workmanship. Visits to this old Quaker Meeting House are usually tops on visitors lists.

The Public Library will, of course, welcome librarians at all hours of the day. This new building is the city's pride and joy, and you'll find the library staff unblushingly eager to show you around.

Not to be outdone by Philadelphia, High Point is offering cruises. Nothing spectacular, unfortunately, and no square-dancing. However, persons who are interested in that sort of thing will have opportunities of going up Deep River on the City's Boat. With the autumn leaves changing, this should make for pleasant diversion.

For shoppers, High Point offers a wide choice. There are many shops which you will enjoy visiting. These include the usual ladies shops, gift shops and book stores.

But the main thing you will find in High Point will be an enthusiastic welcome. City officials have planned a reception in your honor. The newspapers and radio stations will announce your presence and report your activities to our people. And the people are already looking forward to having you here, and are proud that you chose High Point for your 1955 Conference. And they'll do everything in their power to make you want to return in 1957!

High Point First

The 1955 Conference of NCLA will be the first time the Association has met in High Point. NCLA has had seven conferences in Greensboro; four in Raleigh and Winston-Salem; three in Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Durham; and one in Gastonia, Goldsboro, Salisbury, Southern Pines, and Washington.

North Carolina Library Association Biennial Reports

Executive Board

- **President:** Charlesanna Fox
- **First Vice-President:** Mrs. Marion M. Johnson
- **Second Vice-President:** Elizabeth Williams
- **Recording Secretary:** Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Marjorie Hood
- **Treasurer:** Marianna Long

- **Director:** Katharine McDiarmid
- **Director:** Benjamin E. Powell
- **Past President:** Jane B. Wilson

The Executive Board met ten times during the biennium through July 31, 1955, with almost perfect attendance at each meeting. In addition eighteen memoranda have been mailed by the President to the members of the Board concerning business of the Association. The meetings were held on October 24, 1953, Asheville; November 14, 1953, Greensboro; March 20, 1954, Greensboro (with Section Officers and Committee Members); May 1, 1954, Durham; October 9, 1954, Raleigh; January 8, 1955 Southern Pines; January 15, 1955, Raleigh; January 26, 1955, Chapel Hill; March 19, 1955, Greensboro (with Section Officers and Committee Members); and June 18, 1955, Raleigh. The Board has mailed two reports to the membership and the President has made regular reports in *North Carolina Libraries*. This was the first biennium affected by the new constitution of the Association, adopted October 24, 1953. The Executive Board was increased to nine members by the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary, as authorized by the Constitution. On October 11, 1954, it was reported to the members of the Association that the balloting on accepting Negro members had carried by a vote of 255-107.

In November 1954 members of the Association were asked to vote on the application of the Association for redesignation as a chapter of the American Library Association. The membership approved the application by a vote of 255-4.

On March 26, 1955, ballots were mailed to all American Library Association members in North Carolina for their vote on the redesignation of the North Carolina Library Association as a chapter of ALA. The results of this ballot were 225 affirmative votes and 2 negative votes. At the same time a ballot was enclosed for a vote on the redesignation of the Southeastern Library Association as a chapter. This vote also carried with 223 affirmative votes and 2 negative votes.

At the American Library Association Conference in Philadelphia the Council on July 8, 1955 recognized ten state associations and one Canadian provincial association as chapters: British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. These were the first geographic chapters to be redesignated.

To mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Association a special anniversary issue of the *North Carolina Libraries* was published in November 1954. Also, work on the organization of the archives of the Association for binding was begun and completed through 1935.

Legislation was passed during the 1955 session of the General Assembly merging the State Library and the Library Commission. The Executive Board met twice with the State Librarian and the Director of the Library Commission to discuss the proposed legislation. Other librarians directly concerned were also invited to these meetings for the discussion. Beginning July 1, 1955, the two agencies will operate under the direction of one Board of Trustees with the merger to be completed by July 1, 1956. The Board of Trustees will be appointed by the Governor, with two ex-officio members, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Librarian of the University of North Carolina. The Governor appointed to the first Board of Trustees the four members previously appointed by the Library Association plus two new members: Mr. Paul Ballance, Mr. John Harden, Dr. Roy McKnight, Dr. Charles E. Jordan, Mr. Clifford Peeler and Dr. Mark McD. Lindsey.

The Board has encouraged the passage of state and federal legislation concerning libraries through the Association committees. Letters were written to North Carolina Congressmen urging the passage of the Federal Services Bill and a statement was prepared for the hearings on the Bill which were held May 26–28, 1955, by the House Sub-committee.

The March 1954 and 1955 meetings with the Section Officers and the NCLA Committee Members, which were attended by approximately 70 persons each year were valuable to the Association. They provided a place for the discussion of Association business and for Section Officers and Committees to meet and bring any questions they might have before the Executive Board for immediate decision. Most of the Committees held their organizational meetings at the March 1954 meeting and were able to carry out their plans during the year and give a progress report at the March 1955 meeting.

The Recruiting Folder, "Interesting Careers! With Books and People," was printed for wide distribution. The 1951–1953 Executive Board had allocated \$250 for this project. Copies of the folder have been requested from many states and from Canadian Provinces and several copies have been sold to libraries in other states.

The Treasurer's Report for January 25, 1954–July 31, 1955, shows the financial condition of the Association to be as follows:

Treasurer's Report, January 25, 1954–July 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance Brought Forward, January 25, 1954	\$1,091.61
Received from Membership Dues — Individual	\$1,802.50

Received from Membership Dues — Institutional	\$321.00
Total Dues	\$2,123.50
Subscription to N.C. Libraries and sale of separate issues	\$22.75
Sale of Recruitment Folders	\$12.72
Refunds	\$359.72
Total Receipts	\$2,518.69
Total Receipts and Balance Brought Forward	\$3,610.30
Total Disbursements	\$2,091.06
TOTAL BALANCE	\$1,519.24

INVESTMENTS

U.S. Defense Bonds (\$550.00 maturity value, 3-1-54), Vault receipts No. 6479, Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond	\$550.00
Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, Greensboro, N.C. (Interest: \$75.17, Jan. 1954; \$18.38, June 1954; \$18.65, Jan. 1955; \$18.93, June 1955; \$19.21)	\$1,300.18
Scholarship-Loan Fund (total), Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka part of total fund, \$1,478.00; \$300.00 on loan outstanding.	\$2,657.44
Total Resources of North Carolina Library Association	\$6,026.86

Membership on Roll, July 31, 1955:

Individual	554
Institutional	53
Total	607

The Committee and Section reports which follow provide a resume of work completed, conferences, workshops, institutes, plans made for future activities, etc., of the various special groups within the Association, as they have been reported to the Executive Board.

Committee Reports

Archives Committee

Harlan C. Brown, Chairman; Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli; Charlesanna Fox; Beatrice Holbrook; Gladys Johnson; Jane B. Wilson

At a meeting held in Raleigh, on Saturday, May 7, 1955, the following business and activities were reported and discussed:

I. Preliminary work done by the Committee.

1. Examination of the records and documents of all administrations since the organization of the Association.
2. Separation of materials through 1935 into three major classifications:
 - o a. Official records
 - o b. Supplementary materials
 - o c. Scrap book materials
3. Arrangement of these records and materials chronologically by administration, and chronologically within each administration.

II. Explanations of Committee activities. Breakdown into 3 groups is explained as follows:

A. Official Records:

1. Minutes of Association Conferences and Sectional and Committee meetings.
2. Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Boards.
3. Committee appointments.
4. Treasurers' Reports.
5. Membership lists (usually found with Treasurers' Reports).
6. Special documents, including speeches, pertinent to Association business.
7. One copy of Conference program of each administration.
8. One copy of proceedings of each Conference (Copy of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BULLETIN, if necessary).

B. Supplementary materials:

1. Letters.
2. Announcements.
3. Duplicate programs.
4. Invitations.
5. Letters to the membership calling meetings, etc.

C. Scrap Book Material:

1. Newspaper clippings.
2. Photographs.
3. Programs (if duplicated in Official File).
4. Badges.
5. Publicity, etc.

III. Recommendations:

1. Committee recommends the binding of the Official Records in a chronological order by administration in volume of good binding size.
2. The Secretary's Book for 1904–1920 and the Treasurer's Book for 1904–1926 should be restored and preserved as strictly archival material. The records in these two books should be typed for insertion in the bound volumes of the official records for 1904–1935.
3. The Committee recommends that a title page be prepared for the bound Official Records, and that it should show that the project was done for the 50th Anniversary of the NCLA, and that credit should be given to this Committee.
4. Committee agrees that the files of the Supplementary Material should be preserved in the large manila envelopes as has been done, and arranged chronologically by each administration.
5. The question of the preservation of the scrap book material must be deferred until the committee receives a report from the Department of Archives and History.
6. Committee recommends that any use made of the Association Archives should be sanctioned by an authorized source. Permanent and future persons to authorize use

of the archives have not been determined, but for the present, a member of the Archives Committee will be considered "qualified" to judge.

7. Committee recommends that this Committee be continued.
8. Concerning disposition and organization of files turned over by retiring presidents. These should be organized into two files:
 - o A. All records received from previous administration — these should be turned over to the Association for its Archives.
 - o B. All records of the current administration — these should be turned over to the newly-elected president.

IV. Work accomplished:

1. The Secretary's Book (1904–1920) and the Treasurer's Book (1904–1926) have been restored. The typing of these records has been completed and the typed pages inserted in the other records for the period 1904–1935 and three volumes have been bound: 1904–1921; 1922–1929; 1930–1935.
2. Two 4-drawer, legal size, steel filing cases with locks have been purchased by the Association for the filing and preservation of its records. Up to now the equipment of the Library Commission has been used, and the Commission needed this equipment for its own purposes.
3. Committee work on the scrap book material is in progress.
4. The committee is studying locations for the NCLA Archives.

Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Memorial Fund Committee

C. Merle Bachtell, Chairman; Mrs. Pattie B. McIntyre; B. E. Powell; Jane B. Wilson

The Committee was organized in the summer of 1953 and received a license from the State Department of Public Welfare for the period October 1, 1953–October 1, 1954 to solicit funds for a scholarship memorializing three members of the Association: George Bentley, Robert Christ and J. Vernon Ruzicka. Letters were mailed to Association members and to others requesting contributions.

Although the Committee no longer solicits funds, contributions are still being received for the Scholarship Fund.

The Fund now stands at \$1,478.00 and is part of the North Carolina Library Association Scholarship Fund.

The Committee has been discontinued as a separate committee and is acting as part of the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee. With this larger Committee, the Committee is planning a memorial book which will contain tributes to the three members.

Conservation of Newspaper Resources Committee

Olan V. Cook, Chairman; Carrie Broughton; Andrew H. Horn; Elaine von Oesen; Benjamin E. Powell

This committee met in Greensboro on March 19, 1955 and formulated a three-phase, long-range program for the Conservation of North Carolina Newspapers as follows: First, to make an exhaustive list with locations of all newspapers published in North Carolina prior to 1820. Second, to compile a selective list of newspapers issued between 1820 and 1870. Third, to work toward the preservation of the more significant newspapers published from 1870 to date. In all three phases, well-preserved negative microfilms from which positive prints could be made appeared to be the solution of the problem of preservation.

Negotiations are now underway with Norval N. Luxon, Dean of the UNC School of Journalism, relating to the feasibility of assigning as M.A. thesis topics, the compilation of lists showing locations for the newspapers published prior to 1820. Essentially, this is a project of expanding and bringing up-to-date the Brigham, Crittenden, Duke and UNC lists in which members of the NCLA and other interested individuals are invited to participate.

The second phase of the program has not yet been given serious consideration. However, good and helpful foundations have been laid by the Committee on Cooperative Microfilm Projects, The Association of Research Libraries, The Library of Congress as well as others. The *Selected List of United States Newspapers Recommended for Preservation* forms an excellent base for future operations.

Since the earlier newspapers were generally printed on a good stock of paper and surviving copies are carefully preserved it is thought by some that the committee should move first into the woodpulp area (1870 to date) where disintegration is rapid and where, under continued use, complete loss is eminent. Good progress is being made through the cooperation of newspaper publishers, libraries and commercial organizations such as Micro-Photo Incorporated of Cleveland, Recordak, The Mann Laboratories of Winston-Salem and others.

The filming of the *Raleigh News and Observer* is now being completed. *The Asheville Citizen* is available, 1873 to date. Soon *The Charlotte News* which has been filmed since September 1947 will complete its file. Some fifty years of the *Durham Morning Herald* have been microfilmed. Current issues as well as some of the back files are now being filmed for newspapers in Lumberton, Fayetteville, Concord, High Point, Shelby, Gastonia, Kinston, Salisbury, Goldsboro, Wilmington, Kannapolis, Greenville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem. Others will follow.

We recommend continuation of this committee.

Constitution and Codes Committee

Frances L. Yocom, Chairman; Cora Paul Bomar; Nancy Gray; Mrs. Walter Gray; Beatrice Holbrook; Foy Lineberry

At the three meetings held since its appointment, this committee has completed the writing of a Committee Code, and has worked on revision of various sections of the constitution which are to be discussed and passed on at the forthcoming meeting of the organization. A copy of the committee code in its present form is appended.

Committee Code

1. The President, with the advice of the Executive Board, appoints such committees as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Association and defines their duties. Committees may be discontinued when conditions require such action. The President is ex-officio a member of all committees except the Committee on Nominations. (NCLA By-Laws, Article II, Sections 3 and 4.)
2. No officer, committee or member of the Association shall receive any funds or incur any expense for the Association not provided for in the Constitution, unless authorized in writing by the President; nor shall the Treasurer make any payment except for expenditure so authorized. (NCLA Constitution, Article VI, Section 5.)
3. Each committee chairman shall be informed by the President, with advice of the Executive Board, of the specific function of the committee, with the responsibilities, rights or limitations involved in carrying forward the work of his committee.
4. It shall be the duty of each committee to complete its assignment and to prepare a progress report if one is called for by the President. Biennial reports are required to be made to the Recording Secretary for incorporation in the Association report.

5. When a committee's work has been completed or if the committee is changed for any reason, the records of the committee should be transferred to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will deposit archival material with the Archives Committee and assign current material to any new committee which may be formed on related subjects.
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Education for Librarianship Committee

Ila M. Taylor, Chairman; Kathleen Fletcher; Carlyle Frarey; Mrs. Alice Hicks; Sarah R. Reed

The Education for Librarianship Committee of the North Carolina Library Association has completed the following projects for the biennium 1953–55:

1. Compilation of a library science directory. A directory of the various institutions in the state offering library science was compiled. This included Appalachian State Teachers College, Bennett College, East Carolina College, Lenoir Rhyne College, North Carolina College, and the University of North Carolina. For each institution the following material was included:
 - A. The library science program — scope and objectives of each particular program; general required areas of instruction embodied in the program of each school; elective courses; special requirements as thesis, comprehensive examinations, etc.
 - B. Approximate college expenses at each institution.
 - C. Scholarships available to students of library science. Approximately one thousand copies of this directory were distributed to the high schools and colleges in the state.
2. A poll of library science graduates. Through the form of a questionnaire a percentage of library science graduates of each institution for the past five years were asked to report anonymously concerning areas in which they felt they needed additional training. These forms were returned to the original institution as it was felt that each institution would profit most from them. So far, no compilation for the entire group has been made.
3. Newsletters:
 - A. Library science directory.

- B. Teaching devices. A symposium of methods and devices that certain teachers have found helpful in various areas of library science. These were mailed to a number of out-of-state librarians who requested them.
 - C. School library supervision (in progress).
4. Conference on library education in North Carolina. A one-day conference on library education in North Carolina was held at Chapel Hill on Saturday, April 30, 1955. This was co-sponsored by the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina.

It is recommended that the Education for Librarianship Committee of the NCLA be continued and that one person from the previous committee be retained so as to preserve the continuity of work. It would be helpful if one member from each institution offering library science be represented on the committee. It is also recommended that future committees consider the possibility of a biennial meeting of library science instructors in the state — either in the form of a conference (as carried out by the present committee) or an informal discussion of problems pertaining to that group.

Federal Relations Committee

Carlton P. West, Chairman; Mrs. Louise M. Plybon; Mrs. Elizabeth House Hughey; Neal Austin; Elizabeth Copeland; Miles C. Horton, Jr.; Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Adviser

During the biennium 1953–55 the Committee on Federal Relations met on three occasions, twice in Greensboro and once in Raleigh. Established procedures were evaluated and plans were outlined which the Committee hoped would emphasize to librarians and laymen the need of legislation which would expand library services and advance culture through the use of books.

Legislation of more than usual importance to libraries has been before Congress. Although the Library Services Bill, long under consideration, has perhaps been most significant, other matters, such as postal classification, books for the blind, the editorial policy of the *Congressional Record*, and international copyright have merited considerable attention.

The work of the Committee has largely centered in the search for a solution to the problems of (1) how to reach as many people as possible, quickly and effectively, (2) how to void duplication of effort, and (3) how to coordinate approaches.

Early in the biennium the Committee recognized the importance of laymen as well as librarians, a view suggested by the preceding committee. Plans were made on this basis. It

was agreed, however, that without abundant clerical help it would be impractical to mail notices to a long list of librarians and laymen, especially when urgent communication was indicated. Consequently, the Committee carefully studied the services afforded by existing publications such as the *Washington Newsletter* of the ALA and the *News Letter* of the North Carolina Library Commission.

The above considerations therefore determined the policy of the Committee. It was thought that, as far as librarians were concerned, the two publications mentioned above could be sufficient under favorable circumstances. The Committee finally clarified three principal duties, (1) to encourage librarians to subscribe to the *Washington Newsletter*, (2) to encourage them to read the *Commission News Letter*, and (3) to concentrate particularly on influential laymen.

Action was taken on this policy. Sample copies of the *Washington Newsletter* were sent to each library to invite subscriptions. Regrettably such subscriptions were not taken. The Secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission on several occasions kindly allowed the inclusion of a sheet with the *News Letter*. A request was made that the Commission furnish a list of known influential laymen. This request was promptly met, and to the people thus named seven general communications were mailed. Personal correspondence was also conducted with those who displayed more than casual interest. The possibility of utilizing radio and television facilities was investigated but found too expensive for further consideration. Such, in brief, has been the work of the Committee. Unfailingly the Chairman has enjoyed the enthusiastic cooperation of the members.

The promotion of legislation of significance to libraries and what they stand for should certainly continue to interest the members of the Association, and the work should be directed by future appropriate committees. Provision for adequate clerical assistance is obviously essential. The Committee believes that every effort should be made to continue the work.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan, Chairman; Charles Adams; Gladys Johnson; Bertha Moore

The committee has kept in touch with developments in this field but has no report to make at this time.

One member attended the Pre-Conference on Book Selection sponsored by the ALA Committee in Philadelphia.

Legislative Committee

Antoinette Earle, Chairman; Katherine Day; Jane Hinson; Wendell Smiley

The Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Library Association has supported the following items as outlined through the State Legislative Council. By action of the Executive Board, since the Association does not meet until October 1955, the Association accepted the four items on the 1955 program of the Council as sponsored in the interest of Social legislation for North Carolina:

I. Adequate appropriation for maintaining State supervision of school attendance. II. A minimum wage law. III. Extension of jurisdiction of Juvenile courts to children 16 years of age. IV. Separation of prison department from the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

At least two members of this committee and the Association President attended each session of the State Legislative Council which included a two-day Institute in Raleigh, February 7–9, 1955, while the General Assembly was in session.

Legislation considered by the 1955 General Assembly was of vital interest to the North Carolina Library Association as a State Agency, but little active lobbying was undertaken by this Committee.

It is recommended that a Legislative Committee be maintained in the North Carolina Library Association and that participation in the program of the State Legislative Council be encouraged.

Membership Committee

Barbara E. Heafner, Chairman, 1954–1955; Mary Frances Kennon, Chairman, 1953–1954; Mary Louise Patterson; Forrest Palmer; Marianna Long

Plans for the work of the Membership Committee of the North Carolina Library Association were completed at the NCLA Planning Meeting held in Greensboro on March 20, 1954. It was agreed that one form letter would be prepared for use with prospective members in all fields. May 1, 1954, was set as the date for mailing the membership letters. The campaign was planned to reach librarians new in the profession or the state, as well as other librarians who had not joined NCLA. Renewal memberships were not solicited by the committee.

A list of school librarians was furnished by the State School Library Adviser. The North Carolina Library Commission furnished a list of public librarians, one of the public library

board chairmen, and a statistical report which listed college and university libraries in the state. The head librarian of each college and university library was contacted, in order to obtain a list of staff members for each library. Chief Librarian, Division of Health Affairs, UNC, furnished a list of special librarians.

NCLA stationery was used for the mimeographed form letters. The work of addressing and mailing the letters was divided among the committee. In all 530 letters were sent; 134 to public libraries, 86 to library board chairmen, 68 to college and university librarians, 16 to special librarians, 205 to school librarians, and 21 mixed (names which were received later).

As of July 1954, a total of sixty-seven (67) persons had joined NCLA as a result of the membership campaign.

Since the completion of the initial membership campaign, each issue of *North Carolina Libraries* and the *North Carolina Library Commission News Letter* has been checked for librarians new in the profession or the state. These names were sent to Miss Long to indicate present members. From these lists sixty-one names were compiled to whom membership forms were mailed.

The Membership Committee met at the NCLA Planning Meeting held in Greensboro on March 19, 1955. Activities of the past year were reviewed and it was decided that for the remainder of the biennium, committee members should continue to check all available sources for names of prospective members and that membership form letters be sent them.

Expenditures of the committee totaled \$19.11, divided as follows: \$17.88 in postage for form letters and \$1.23 in postage for mailing packages of letters to committee members.

Nominating Committee

Hoyt Galvin, Chairman; Susan Borden; Mrs. Mildred S. Councill; Katherine Day; Margaret McIntyre; Eunice Query; Carlton West

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers for the Executive Board for the biennium, 1955–1957:

President: Olan V. Cook / Benjamin E. Powell

First Vice-President: Vernella G. Palmer / Elizabeth Williams

Second Vice-President: Helen A. Brown / Marianna Long

Recording Secretary: Beatrice Holbrook / Celeste Johnston

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Copeland / Mae Tucker

Treasurer: Marjorie Hood / Forrest Palmer

Director: Charles M. Adams / Myrl Ebert

Director: Antoinette Earle / Elaine von Oesen

"North Carolina Libraries" Committee

Elaine von Oesen, Editor; William R. Pullen, Associate Editor; Virginia Trumper, Assistant Editor; Jane B. Wilson, Assistant Editor; Dorothy E. Shue, Assistant Editor; Ruth Hinson, Assistant Editor; Sam Boone, Assistant Editor

Eight issues of *North Carolina Libraries* were published by this editorial board beginning with Volume XII, Number 2, February 1954, and ending with Volume XIV, Number 1, October 1955. The cover format was changed with our second issue for April 1954. Our aims have been to: (1) serve as the official organ of NCLA, and (2) report activity of interest to all librarians in North Carolina regardless of sphere of activity.

We would like to express our appreciation to The Joseph Ruzicka firm for making possible publication free of financial or commercial pressure. Joseph V. Ruzicka, Jr., and Merle Bachtell have served with the Board in collecting material and have encouraged us to expand and illustrate the magazine.

Requests to reprint articles have been received from, and granted to: *The Southeastern Librarian, The Alabama Librarian*, and The University of North Carolina, School of Library Science, *Alumni Bulletin*.

All library training agencies in North Carolina, all ALA accredited library schools in the United States, ALA Headquarters, SELA Headquarters, the Library of Congress, and the Governor of North Carolina have been placed on a free mailing list. We are exchanging our publication with the following state library associations: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Virginia.

Indexing of *North Carolina Libraries* has been completed through Volume XIII. The Editorial Board recommends that beginning with Volume XIV an annual title page and index be published for each volume, with separate paging, set into the center of the first issue of the next volume. We are indebted to Vivian Moose for the excellent indexing to date.

Publications Committee

Elizabeth Williams, Chairman; Margaret Kalp; Esther Evans; Mrs. Dorothy Shue; Thomas Simkins; Mrs. Mary Hopkins; Madge Blalock; Mrs. Vera Melton; Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli

The Publications Committee is one of the new committees of the Association, having been organized by the Executive Board to study the problem of encouraging, supervising and coordinating publications by NCLA and the Sections. The official magazine is considered to be part of the Committee's study. Also, newspaper releases other than Conference news and official Executive Board are under consideration.

The Committee met at the March 19, 1955, Executive Board meeting in Greensboro for the first time. Recommendations were drawn up for presentation to the Executive Board:

1. The Publications Committee should be continued.
2. The Committee should be made up of not fewer than four members; that in the beginning, some of the appointments should be for two years, and some for four years; that afterward all members be appointed for four-year terms.
3. That the Editor of the official Association magazine be a member of this committee.
4. That both the Chairman of the Committee and the Editor of the magazine attend Executive Board meetings.
5. That the committee have general direction of all publications of the North Carolina Library Association, and make recommendations to the Executive Board.
6. That the committee recommend to the Executive Board the composition of the editorial boards of the official publications.
7. That the committee determine the budget necessary for the publishing program of the Association and submit it to the treasurer for presentation to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board has these recommendations under consideration and has not taken action on them.

The Committee will have a September meeting.

Recruiting Committee

Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer, Chairman; I. T. Littleton; Mae Tucker; Edith Clark; Elizabeth Walker; Emily Loftin; Georgia Cox

After three meetings and much correspondence, the Recruiting Committee has completed two projects, both of which were begun by the Recruiting Committee of the 1951–53 biennium. The present committee is grateful to them for doing the background work for these two projects.

1. The Committee has published a recruiting bulletin "Interesting Careers! With Books and People." The attractive drawings for the bulletin were done by Miss Shirley Deal of Salisbury, who is now studying art at Pratt. She did them at no cost to the Committee. Following is the distribution of the 20,000 bulletins which were printed:

Recipient	Quantity
NCLA membership	600
N.C. Library Schools	150
Scholarship Loan Fund Committee	25
ALA Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career	25
N.C. State School Library Adviser	2,000
N.C. Library Commission	1,500
College counselors	200
High school counselors	700
State Vocational Guidance Office	100
Six coordinators	9,000
Recruiting Committee (for miscellaneous uses)	200
For sale and free distribution	5,500

Miss Marianna Long graciously agreed to handle the sale of the bulletins for the Association. The following prices were agreed on by the Committee: One copy free if request is accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope; in quantities of 15 and less, 1 cent each; 100 copies, 25 cents; 1,000 copies, \$2.00 plus postage. As of July 10, Miss Long has had requests for the bulletin from 25 states, Hawaii, and 2 Canadian Provinces. Various means for publicizing the bulletin have been used. A copy of the bulletin, together with a note stating price and from whom available, has been sent to

Wilson Library Bulletin, *Library Journal*, ALA Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career Newsletter, *NEA Journal*, *N.C. Education*, and *N.C. Libraries*. Most of these magazines have already published the announcement. A letter explaining the work of the Recruiting Committee and the Speakers' Bureau and calling attention to the bulletin has been sent to all college librarians, college counselors, high school librarians, and high school counselors. In addition, much publicity has gone out from the offices of the Library Commission and the State School Library Adviser. A member of the Recruiting Committee spoke on recruiting and the work of the Committee to the Junior Members Round Table Conference held in Chapel Hill on March 19. Another member of the Committee spoke on the same subject to the North Carolina Library Education Conference co-sponsored by the NCLA Education for Librarianship Committee and the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina, which was held in Chapel Hill on April 30.

2. The Committee has secured the services of one librarian in each of the six educational districts of the state to serve as a coordinator to work with the Recruiting Committee and the Speakers' Bureau. These people are serving at present:

- Western District — Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fortner, Librarian, Hall-Fletcher Junior High School, Asheville.
- Northwestern District — Miss Marjorie Hood, The Library, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.
- North Central District — Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Librarian, Hugh Morson Junior High School, Raleigh.
- South Piedmont District — Miss Aileen Aderholdt, Librarian, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory.
- Southeastern District — Mrs. Dorothy E. Shue, Librarian, Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville.
- Northeastern District — Mrs. Louella S. Posey, Librarian, Kinston Public Library, Kinston.

To each coordinator has been sent 1500 copies of the bulletin, a kit of pamphlets on librarianship to be mailed to speakers on request, corrugated mailing cartons which may be used several times simply by the addition of a mailing label, and a check for postage. The Committee is grateful to National Container Corporation, Spencer, for making the mailing cartons to our specifications and then donating them to the Association. The

names of the coordinators have been published in *N.C. Libraries* and some requests for materials and speakers were received before schools closed in June.

In addition to the projects already completed, three others are under way:

1. The Committee is still working with the Junior Members Round Table as they set up a Speakers' Bureau for "Career Day" programs and similar occasions. Junior Members and the Recruiting Committee are encouraging every librarian to list his name with the Speakers' Bureau. Requests for speakers will be sent to the coordinators and they, in turn, will suggest to the inquirer the name of a librarian near his school or town. Materials for recruiting talks are available from the coordinators on request. The Speakers' Bureau needs many more names. Please add yours to the list by giving your name to any member of the Recruiting Committee or to the coordinator in your district.
2. In the fall the Committee will send a letter to all school library supervisors urging them to hold a conference for student library assistants similar to the one held in Catawba County by Miss Lottie Hood recently.
3. Some member of the Committee will ask the President of each section of NCLA to let him appear on the section program at the NCLA Conference in High Point in October to explain the work of the Recruiting Committee and the Speakers' Bureau and to ask for volunteers whose names may be added to the Speakers' Bureau.

The Recruiting Committee is grateful for the money which has been made available for the publication and distribution of the bulletin and for the cooperation of everyone who has helped with the projects undertaken.

The present Recruiting Committee suggests that the Recruiting Committee for the 1955–57 biennium consider the possibility of publishing recruiting bookmarks for distribution by the Association. This committee has discussed this project and feels that it would be a good recruiting aid. Time has not permitted any detailed investigations along these lines.

Scholarship Loan Fund Committee

Mary Ellen Hobson, Chairman, March 1955–; Thomas Simkins, Jr., Chairman, Sept. 1954–March 1955; Susan Grey Akers, Chairman, 1953–Sept. 1954; Georgia Faison; Susan Borden; Clary Holt; C. Merle Bachtell

Two recommendations of the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee were approved by the Executive Board, with the result that the maximum single loan now available to prospective

library school students is \$500 instead of \$300, and an improved application form is ready to be issued.

The rules now in effect for loans from the fund are as follows:

1. Application for loan shall be made to the Chairman of the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee.
2. Applicant must have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for at least two consecutive years before making application.
3. Applicant must have been accepted by a library school before loan can be made.
4. Applicant must be recommended by a member of the North Carolina Library Association.
5. The loan to any applicant shall not exceed \$500.00.
6. The recipient shall execute a promissory note for the principal borrowed to bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per year. Interest will be waived during the period recipient is in school.
7. Recipient shall begin repaying loan as soon as employment is secured. A plan of repayment should be approved by the Treasurer of the North Carolina Library Association.
8. The loan shall become due immediately if the holder leaves the library profession. (Exception: Military duty.)

There were no applications for the loan in the fall of 1954 or spring of 1955. At present there is one outstanding loan, and the total loan fund stands at \$2,357.44. Of this amount \$1,478.00 is in the Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Fund.

To publicize the loan fund, a letter, with information concerning the NCLA scholarship loans, a bulletin board notice, and a copy of the improved application form was sent to the library schools, the college and public libraries of North Carolina. This information was also sent to various state library commissions and agencies.

Copies of the new application form may be obtained upon request from the Chairman of the Committee.

The Scholarship Loan Fund Committee recommends the continuation of the committee, and that the Association take definite steps to memorialize the persons in whose names funds have been given.

Joint Committee on North Carolina Literature and Bibliography

From NCLA: Carlyle J. Frarey; Mildred C. Herring; William S. Powell; Mae Tucker; Elaine von Oesen; Jane B. Wilson

From NCETA: Richard Walser, Chairman; E. H. Hartsell; Grace Dalton; Cathleen Pike; Mary Tom Sphangos; Katherine Hinson

The current Joint Committee which assembled for the first time January 16, 1954, had received from the respective executive boards of the two Associations two chief duties:

1. A project to record the voices of living North Carolina writers.
2. The preparation of an annotated list of books about North Carolina.

A Subcommittee on the recording project made preliminary investigations and reported its specific recommendations for carrying out archival, as opposed to edition, recording; but further work in this area was postponed until the second project should be accomplished.

In regard to the annotated bibliography of North Carolina books, the Joint Committee concluded from its own experience and from replies to a questionnaire sent to school, college, and public librarians, that there is a definite need for a bibliography of North Carolina books at all levels of library service and in school grades through college.

Miss Mary Thornton of the North Carolina room at the University of North Carolina Library met with the Joint Committee in July, 1954, and announced her plans for a bibliography supplementing her State Documents list, and including (from 1900 to date) not only books but also all articles in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, the *North Carolina Booklet*, the *Sprunt* and *Trinity* publications, and some other monographic material.

The Joint Committee had no intention of duplicating any of the outstanding work done or planned by Miss Thornton. The bibliography which the Committee planned differed from Miss Thornton's in that it would be more selective, would not include material by North Carolina writers on subjects other than North Carolina, would cover material in more popular demand, would be partially annotated, differently arranged, and have different uses from a bibliography of the type planned by Miss Thornton.

The Joint Committee had proceeded with definite plans for a bibliography which would not be comprehensive nor definitive, but which would facilitate identification of books and other selected materials relating to North Carolina now scattered throughout a variety of bibliographies and indexes, provide convenient listings of suitable material for school and personal reading, and furnish librarians with listings of North Carolina material for

answering questions, assembling program material and suggesting books to readers. Carlyle Frarey was selected as Editor of the bibliography to be tentatively called *North Carolina Books*. A statement on the scope of the proposed bibliography and an instruction sheet were drafted. Together these constituted a manual for the use of all compilers. The essential limitation was that a book, to be included, must be about North Carolina or have a North Carolina setting.

The Joint Committee members planned to serve as the nucleus for the compiling, but other individuals and specific groups were to be asked to contribute. The Junior Members of NCLA, in particular, offered their services on the bibliography.

At a meeting of the Committee August 3, 1955 an advance copy of Dr. Hugh Lefler's booklet, *A Guide to the Study and Reading of North Carolina History* was noted as an excellent contribution to North Carolina bibliography. Since this booklet will be published August 28, 1955, it was decided that this Committee would, for the present, narrow its field of concentration to compilation of a bibliography of North Carolina prose fiction, which may become the first unit of the bibliography originally planned. Preliminary plans have been initiated, and the Joint Committee recommends its continuation.

Mae Tucker, Secretary

Section Reports

Catalog Section

Chairman: Sophronia Cooper; Secretary: Mary Huff

Anticipating an early call for a definition of the responsibilities appropriate for the proposed ALA Council on Cataloging and Classification, the ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification has appointed a committee to make recommendations on this question at an early date. The design for the reorganization of ALA which was accepted by Council at the July 1955 Conference is described fully in *ALA Bulletin* for September 1955.

Four program meetings for catalogers were held during Conference week, one devoted to discussions of what the users of catalogs expect or have a right to expect from this fundamental library tool, two to critiques of the Decimal Classification Edition 16 preliminary schedules for chemistry and for history, and one to reports on proposals for the establishment of regional processing centers. Most of the papers read at these meetings are scheduled for early publication in the *Journal of Cataloging and Classification*.

At the program meeting devoted to the users of library catalogs (which, incidentally, boasted the largest attendance of any sectional or divisional meeting at the Philadelphia conference) the Margaret Mann Citation for distinguished work in cataloging was awarded to Mr. Seymour Lubetzky of the Library of Congress. This award was made for his study, *Cataloging Rules and Principles*, the impetus behind the present program to revise our cataloging codes.

Those who were able to attend the Philadelphia meetings were made especially conscious of the tremendous ferment in cataloging philosophy and method which has been a-building during the last decade or so. The scope of cataloging activities continues to grow and the opportunities in this field to contribute to the development of more dynamic library service are increasing almost daily. Accordingly, the NCLA Catalog Section is planning a program meeting at the High Point Conference to inform librarians of all persuasions what these diverse activities in cataloging portend for library service in the years ahead. We hope to see you there.

Carlyle J. Frarey

College and University Libraries Section

Chairman: Charles M. Adams; Secretary: Virginia Barnes

The conference program of the College and University Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association will center around the theme, "Building a College Book Collection." A college professor, a book dealer, and a librarian will each be asked to present briefly the contribution which he as the representative of a group can make toward building the book collection in the college library. Following the morning meeting Friday, October 21 the college and university people will have lunch together.

Miss Virginia Trumper has accepted a position on the Hospitality Committee representing the College Section.

The Nomination Committee is composed of William L. Eury, Appalachian State Teachers College, Elizabeth Walker, East Carolina College, and Dr. Benjamin Powell, Duke University, Chairman. The nominations will be presented and elections will be held at the meeting in High Point.

Junior College Section

Chairman: Mrs. Harlan C. Brown; Secretary: Miss Daisy L. Anderson

Junior college librarians of North Carolina had long felt the need of an organization where problems peculiar to their smaller libraries could be discussed. In the fall of 1953 Miss Alice Welch Jones, Chairman of the Junior College organization group, and former librarian of Peace College, Raleigh, initiated plans to hold a meeting of North Carolina junior college librarians during the NCLA Conference in Asheville in October. Accordingly, letters of invitation were sent to all junior college librarians in the state.

Nine junior college librarians met in the Tropical Room of the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville on Thursday afternoon October 22, at 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of organizing a Junior College Section of NCLA. Miss Alice Jones presided and Mrs. Harlan Brown acted as hostess, representing the Association. Those present were the following:

- Miss Alice Welch Jones, formerly librarian of Peace College, Raleigh
- Miss Daisy L. Anderson, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
- Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, St. Mary's Junior College, Raleigh
- Miss Bessie Mae Cowan, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk
- Miss Marjorie Kanable, Pembroke State College, Pembroke
- Miss Pearl C. Motley, Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton
- Mrs. Louise Moore Plybon, Gardner-Webb Junior College, Boiling Springs
- Miss Elizabeth Shepard, Brevard College, Brevard
- Mrs. Elizabeth R. Wright, Asheville-Biltmore College, Asheville

At its meeting on November 14, 1953, the Executive Board of NCLA unanimously approved the petition for the organization of the new Junior College Section.

A program has been arranged for the second meeting of this section, to be held during the NCLA Conference in High Point in October, 1955. In keeping with the theme of the Conference, a speaker will discuss the organization of an audio-visual center in the junior college library. This will be followed by a question period. A brief report on recent books important to the junior college librarian will be given by one member of the Section, and a short resumé of important events and trends in the junior college library world will be presented by another member.

It was decided to have occasional meetings without guest speakers, thereby giving the members a better opportunity to discuss informally their particular problems.

Junior Members Round Table

Chairman: Neal F. Austin

Vice Chairmen: William Pullen, 1953–Jan. 1955; Frank Hanlin, Feb. 1955–July 1955

Secretary: Betty Will McReynolds

Directors: Miles Horton, Georgia Cox

Past Chairman: Florence Blakely

Since the 1953 Conference in Asheville, Junior Members Round Table has been concerned primarily with building up its membership to a point at which there would be sufficient numbers to plan and initiate projects satisfactorily.

To this end, a Membership Committee, I. T. Littleton, Chairman, was appointed early in the biennium. This committee canvassed the state for potential members, inviting each qualified person to join after supplying information about the organization and its purposes. The work of the committee was fruitful as membership grew by about 40%.

Also, to encourage new members and to help draw older members into a cohesive active group, the Round Table issued a newsletter which went not only to paid members, but also to prospective ones. This newsletter was issued quarterly.

In February 1955, the Round Table held a one-day conference at the University of North Carolina. Three speakers talked to the Round Table. Charlesanna Fox, President of the North Carolina Library Association discussed the position of Junior Members in the Association and the role the individuals and the section could play in the affairs of the Association.

Lucile Kelling, Dean of the School of Library Science, talked with the group about recruiting as seen from the point of view of the library school, emphasizing the effect that Junior Members could have on recruiting.

Mrs. Vernelle Gilliam Palmer, Chairman of the Association's Recruiting Committee, outlined the Committee's proposal for a speakers bureau, described recruiting materials available, and urged Junior Members to cooperate with the Committee. The Junior Members went on record as supporting and being willing to aid the Committee. It further commended the Recruiting Committee for the excellent work it has done.

The Junior Members also offered their assistance in whatever capacity required in developing the proposed North Carolina bibliography.

In Executive Committee sessions, various new projects have been proposed, and are to be presented as possible areas of important activity during the next biennium.

Public Libraries Section

Chairman: George Linder; Vice Chairman: Jeannette Trotter; Secretary: Phyllis Snyder

At the Asheville meeting the membership of the Public Libraries Section expressed the wish that: (1) committees already functioning carry on assigned work, and (2) by-laws be prepared for submission to the Section at the next meeting. Each of these two objectives has been accomplished during the biennium.

Most of the work of the section has been done by committees, separately and cooperatively. One cooperative effort resulted in the Workshop held in Winston-Salem, April 27–29, 1955. The theme of the meeting, "Which Way Tomorrow" is indicative of the need felt by the public librarians of the state for planning for the future. Satisfaction in the results was expressed both by participants and consultants for the Workshop. Approximately one hundred librarians and trustees attended.

The Adult Education Committee is cooperating in a state wide effort to establish adult education programs in every county. The Audio-Visual Committee has aided the adult film project and investigated other possible services in this field. The Personnel Committee sent out a questionnaire, prior to the workshop, so that actual personnel problems could be discussed in Winston-Salem. The Trustee Committee acts as a liaison group with the Trustee Section in furthering interests of library board members. The Development Committee in studying the status of public library service in North Carolina, designed and issued a book mark publicizing the progress and needs of the state. The Public Relations Committee has been working on the possibilities in the television field. The Constitution Committee drafted by-laws for submission to the Executive Board and the Section.

School and Children's Librarians Section

Chairman: Mildred Mullis; Secretary: Mrs. Mildred S. Councill

At the request of the Chairman of the School and Children's Librarians Section, the Secretary of the North Carolina Library Association referred to past minutes of the Association for a history of the School and Children's Section.

After reviewing the historical background and studying the newly-adopted Association Constitution, the Section requested permission of the Executive Board to: (1) organize a

section to be known as the School Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association; (2) adopt By-laws; and (3) establish membership dues. The Executive Board approved the organization of a School Libraries Section and approved in principle the proposed By-laws written by the Constitution Committee of the Section.

As a result of this request and that of the Public Libraries Section which is similar in form, the Executive Board has approved a set of model by-laws which are in keeping with the NCLA Constitution and the proposed by-laws of these two sections. The model by-laws provide for the collection of Section dues by the NCLA Treasurer.

The By-laws will be presented to the Section at the Biennial Conference in High Point in October 1955.

The following committees were appointed to assist in the work of the Section during this biennium:

By-Laws Committee: Lottie Hood, Chairman, Newton; Mrs. Mildred Council, Mt. Olive; Gertrude Coward, Charlotte; Elizabeth Council, Hickory; Mrs. Myrtle Landen Beach, Morganton.

Membership Committee: Elizabeth Williams, Chairman, Charlotte; Margaret K. Carr, Asheville; Betty Garland, Wilmington; Mrs. Cora Neil Turner, Tarboro; Ruth Hinson, Winston-Salem.

Projects Committee: Mildred Herring, Chairman, Greensboro; Mrs. Hallie Bacelli, Greensboro; Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer, Salisbury; Betty Jo Henderson, Boone; Margaret McIntyre, High Point.

Nominating Committee: Jane Howell, Chairman, Greensboro; Emma Riddick Parker, Smithfield; Margaret Boyd, Waynesville; Margaret Dupuy, Greensboro; Louise Reid, Drexel.

Special Libraries Section

Chairman: Miss Myrl Ebert; Secretary: Mrs. Louise Farr

This Section has not been very active during the past biennium. Its officers are slowly but surely pulling together the past correspondence and reports which will ultimately form the Archives when the Section is completely organized.

A revision of the past directory is now in process. There have been so many changes in library positions within the special library field during the past couple of years that this step seems necessary in planning the conference program.

The Section proposes to present a panel type symposium at the October conference of the NCLA. It plans to present representative members of the different types of special libraries in North Carolina, who will give brief descriptions of their particular work and individual libraries. Allowing for a discussion period it is hoped to better acquaint North Carolina librarians with the problems and policies of this field.

Trustee Section

Chairman: William Medford; Secretary: Mrs. Henry C. Bourne

On November 5, 1954, the Executive Committee of the Trustee Section met at the May Memorial Library, Burlington, North Carolina, and adopted the following projects:

1. Distribution of the Trustee Handbook to all public library Trustees in North Carolina.
2. Send out quarterly letters from the chairman to all Trustees on subjects of timely interest.
3. To sponsor at least two workshops for Trustees and Librarians.
4. To try to develop ways to obtain good and effective library board members.

Distribution of the Trustee Handbook has been accomplished and we feel that this was well received by the Public Libraries of North Carolina.

The chairman's quarterly letters have been sent out and much favorable comment on this project has been received.

A workshop was held in Winston-Salem on April 27–29, 1955, and another one planned for the discussion of the large handbook that is being prepared by the Institute of Government.

It is felt that the Trustee Section has made progress during this past year and is worthy of continuing as a section of the North Carolina Library Association. Not all has been accomplished that could have been accomplished but a start has been made. It is hoped that as the organization of the Trustee Section is perfected, it will be a force in the further development of public libraries in North Carolina.

Governor Reappoints NCLA Members to State Library Board

Governor Hodges named as members of the new State Library Board all four of the former NCLA appointments to the North Carolina Library Commission. They are: Paul Ballance of Winston-Salem, John Harden of Greensboro, Dr. Charles E. Jordan of Durham, and Dr. Roy

B. McKnight of Charlotte. The governor also appointed Dr. Mark McD. Lindsey of Hamlet and Mr. Clifford Peeler of Salisbury to the Board. The six regular members were sworn in at special ceremonies in the governor's office on July 1. Ex officio members are Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. Andrew H. Horn, librarian of the University of North Carolina.

At an organizational meeting of the board on July 1 Dr. McKnight was elected chairman, and Mr. Harden was elected vice chairman. The only other action of the board was to reappoint Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey secretary and director of the North Carolina Library Commission, and Miss Carrie Broughton state librarian. The new board will serve as the governing board of each agency until July 1956. At that time a new North Carolina State Library will absorb both the present agencies.

Index Enclosed

The Index to *North Carolina Libraries*, volume 11–13, is complete and is being mailed out with this issue. The index was compiled by Vivian Moose of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina library staff. Miss Moose also completed the index to the first ten volumes published last year. The Editorial Board is grateful to Miss Moose for her competent and time consuming work.

Library Exhibit at Craftsman's Fair, Asheville, July 22–26

[Photograph: Library exhibit booth at the Craftsman's Fair, Asheville. The booth features Doris Ulmann photographs prominently in the background, including a portrait of Mr. Allen Eaton at the upper right. The books displayed on the left wall include Mr. Eaton's Handicrafts of the Southern Highlands, The Jack Tales, and Grandfather Tales. A large map of the region done by Douglas Grant is visible in the center background. A hooked rug is displayed in the foreground. The booth background is pale blue with black tablecloth and black accents. Mrs. James T. Hollingsworth is seated at the left; Mrs. Stuart Nye is at the right. Photo by Elliott Lyman Fisher.]

Margaret Ligon, Librarian of the Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, writes that their exhibit, pictured above, attracted a great deal of comment from the visitors and Guild members. The Doris Ulmann photographs are featured in the background and the photograph at the right top is of Mr. Allen Eaton. The book just below is Mr. Eaton's *Handicrafts of the Southern Highlands*. The two books on the left wall are *The Jack Tales* and *Grandfather Tales*. Mr. Eaton and Richard Chase were guests for the entire fair. The map in the center

background showing the region was done by Douglas Grant. I believe the beautiful hooked rug did a lot toward pulling people to the booth. The booth background was a pale blue and we used the black tablecloth, the black map and black spots to cover bad places in the booth and break the monotony. The books were all on craft subjects and ranged from *Peasant Art in Europe* and *The Index of American Design* to *How to Sell Your Products*. We displayed as many craft magazines as we could. We were fortunate in being able to borrow a number of volumes as well as periodicals, from the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild and many of these copies had the pictorial jackets. The lady seated at the left is Mrs. James T. Hollingsworth; Mrs. Stuart Nye is at the right.

Note: October 20–22 are the correct dates for the North Carolina Library Association conference to be held in High Point. The last issue of North Carolina Libraries carried incorrect dates.

Tar Heel Librarians

Anne E. ANDREWS resigned as librarian of the Onslow County Library to become head of extension at the May Memorial Library, Burlington, on September 1.

Mrs. Eugenia R. BABYLON has accepted the position of director of a new regional library composed of Chowan, Washington and Tyrrell counties. She began work September 1 in Edenton.

Arnold BORDEN has been appointed Librarian of the General College Library of the University of North Carolina.

Joyce BRUNER became librarian of the Caldwell County Library on August 1.

Carlyle FRAREY, Associate Professor of Library Science, UNC, has been elected to the ALA Council.

Charlotte GEORGI is now the Librarian of the Business Administration Library of University of North Carolina.

Frank S. HANLIN has resigned his position as Assistant Circulation Librarian of the University of North Carolina Library in order to accept a position in the Order Department of the State University of Iowa Library.

Mrs. Elinor HAWKINS resigned as head of the circulation department of the Greensboro Public Library on August 1. Mrs. Hawkins has not accepted another position and will continue to conduct the story hour for the library.

May HILL has resigned her position as Librarian of the General College Library of the University of North Carolina and has been appointed Librarian of the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. HUGHEY, Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, was recently elected first vice-president and president-elect of the Library Extension Section, PLD, of the American Library Association. Mrs. Hughey was also chosen Tar Heel of the Week in the July 24 *News and Observer*.

Jane McDANIEL, former librarian of Peace College, Raleigh, accepted the position as librarian of the Stanly County Library, Albemarle, and began work there on July 1.

Don MACKENZIE left the staff of the Greensboro Public Library on September 1 to accept a position at Northwestern State College of Louisiana.

Betty Will McREYNOLDS, assistant librarian of the Concord Public Library, went to the Greensboro Public Library on June 1 as adult education librarian.

Marianne R. MARTIN resigned her position as librarian of the Rockingham County Library, Leaksville on September 1. Miss Martin goes to the Norfolk (Virginia) Extension of the College of William and Mary as assistant librarian.

Mrs. Vera B. MELTON has been appointed librarian of the Needham Broughton High School, Raleigh. She is the former librarian of the Caldwell County Library.

Miss E. Grace MILLER resigned from the staff of the Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, this summer. NCLA members will remember Miss Miller's contribution in making the last Conference in Asheville so enjoyable.

Robert MILLER, formerly of the Cornell University Library, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Library Science at the University of North Carolina.

Sunshine B. MURPHY has joined the staff of the Health Affairs Library of the University of North Carolina as assistant cataloger.

Betsy Ann OLIVE resigned her position in June as assistant in the Documents Department of the University of North Carolina Library to accept an appointment as Reference Librarian in the Business and Public Administration Library of Cornell.

Mary Louise PHILLIPS, of Matthews, has been appointed to the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Sarah R. REED resigned as Assistant Professor of Library Science at the University of North Carolina in order to join the faculty of Florida State University.

Mrs. Ethel ROSE has been appointed librarian of Peace College. Mrs. Rose formerly was librarian in the School of Library Science at UNC.

Joseph Penn Breedlove

Joseph Penn Breedlove, Librarian Emeritus of Duke University, died on May 24, 1955 at the age of 80. He had been in declining health for several months. Mr. Breedlove was librarian of Trinity College and Duke University from 1898 to 1939, and acting librarian 1943 to 1946. He was born and reared in Granville County and attended Horner's Military School in Oxford. He received the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Trinity College, and attended summer classes directed by Mr. Fletcher at Amherst College.

Mr. Breedlove was one of the founders of the North Carolina Library Association, and served as its president from 1911–1913. He contributed several articles to the literature of librarianship, and a short while ago completed a study of the Duke University Library from 1840–1940 which was published last spring by the Friends of the Library. During his administration the library grew from a small unorganized collection of fewer than 10,000 to three quarters of a million volumes, and the staff from one person to seventy-five.

Among the librarians who worked under his direction as student assistants in the Duke University Library are L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress; W. Porter Kellam, Librarian, University of Georgia; and Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian, Duke University.

ALA Awards to Friends of North Carolina

Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, Professor of Library Service at Columbia was awarded the MELVIL DEWEY AWARD "for creative professional achievement of a high order" at the ALA Conference in Philadelphia. Dr. Tauber, collaborator with, and biographer of, Dr. Louis R. Wilson, is a frequent visitor to the Chapel Hill area.

Miss Helen Harris, Librarian of the Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee was presented with a LETTER AWARD at the same Conference. The citation recalled that Miss Harris has exemplified the best traditions of library service and in every capacity has been a warm, outgoing individual to whom people came for help and guidance. Miss Harris has many friends in North Carolina and served recently as an inspiring consultant at the Public Library Workshop.

Emerson Greenway, Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia and graduate of the School of Library Science of The University of North Carolina, received the \$500 LIPPINCOTT AWARD at the 74th Conference of ALA.

The Editor's Book Notes

A Guide to the Study and Reading of North Carolina History, by Hugh Talmage Lefler. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1955. 89 pp. \$2.00 paper.

Based on Dr. Lefler's syllabus for a course in North Carolina history, the study outlines in this guide will be of most value to people with access to a large research library. Basic books necessary to the use of the study outlines are the Ashe, Connor, and recent Lefler-Newsome histories of the state, and Lefler's *North Carolina History Told by Contemporaries*, Boyd's *History of North Carolina: The Federal Period*, and Hamilton's *North Carolina Since 1860*. Fullest use of the outline is dependent on access to libraries with files of historical periodicals.

The first chapter of the book is a succinct essay on "Sources for the Study and Writing of North Carolina History: State and Local." Both primary and secondary sources are included with identification of institutions owning major manuscript collections.

Chapter II, "Select List of Books and Articles Relating to North Carolina History," Chapter IV, "Select List of Novels, Stories, and Pageants — Chiefly Historical," and Chapter VII, "Books and Articles Relating to North Carolina Counties and Towns" will be useful to any North Carolina librarian. It would be more useful if the many out-of-print books had been so marked.

Any library which has or is building a North Carolina history collection will find the *Guide* valuable. Some will find a sturdier binding necessary.

The Raleigh Register, 1799–1863, by Robert Neal Elliott, Jr. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1955. (The James Sprunt Studies in History and Political Science, vol. 36.) 133 pp. \$1.25 paper bound.

The *Raleigh Register*, the first anti-Federalist newspaper in North Carolina, was founded and edited by Joseph Gales until 1833 when his son Weston Gales took over. The elder Gales was a firm advocate of Jeffersonian democracy. Weston Gales was a conservative man who also believed that leadership in the government should be reserved to those born and educated for such responsibility, and that the rights of all the people were best

protected in such a regime. Both father and son supported the anti-Jackson Whig party. After Weston Gales' death in 1848, his son Seaton assumed the editorship until 1856 when the paper was sold. Most of the book is concerned with the paper before Seaton Gales became editor.

This doctoral study reflects the Gales' opinions on affairs of town, state and nation and is valuable as a mirror of political, cultural and social issues and progress during the period of publication.

No single institution has a complete file of the *Register* and this addition to the Sprunt Studies will be valuable to anyone interested in the history of the period. It contains a bibliography of sources, an index and is well documented.

The North Carolina Guide, edited by Blackwell P. Robinson. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1955. 649 pp. \$5.00.

This is a complete revision of the Federal Writer's Project, *North Carolina: A Guide to the Old North State*. The format of the older guide has been retained. There are some errors such as directions to the site of a western N.C. waterfall which dried up some years ago, and the statement that swimming is permitted in an eastern N.C. lake condemned by the board of health. However, considering the mass of information presented, there are few statements contrary to fact.

Included in the "General Background" are chapters on: "Folkways and Folklore," by William T. Polk; "Natural Setting," by B. W. Wells; "History," by Hugh T. Lefler; and "Architecture," by Louise Hall. Descriptions of the larger towns and cities are followed by suggested tours through the state. Information about the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the national forests in North Carolina precede a detailed index.

The *Guide* should be in every North Carolina library — and probably is.

Cradle of Liberty: Historical Essays Concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, May 20, 1775, by Archibald Henderson. Charlotte: Mecklenburg Historical Association, 1955. 53 pp. \$1.00. (Available from J. A. Stenhouse, Box 1902, Charlotte.)

In May, 1775, a committee of men from Mecklenburg County passed a series of resolutions declaring political and military freedom from Great Britain and recommending establishment of local democratic government. Contemporary documents established

that a meeting was held on May 31, 1775, and that twenty resolutions known as the "Mecklenburg Resolves" were adopted.

Was there an earlier meeting on the night of May 19 and the early morning of May 20, 1775, where a similar and even more revolutionary set of resolutions known as the "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence" was passed? A state pamphlet published in 1831 maintained there was such a meeting. The Convention of 1861 placed the date, May 20, 1775, on the state flag. In 1905 George W. Graham published the "texts" of both sets of resolutions, with biographical sketches of M.D.I. signers and other documents supporting the authenticity of the M.D.I. (*The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775, and Lives of Its Signers*. Neale, 1905.) William Henry Hoyt proved to his own satisfaction that the document was "spurious." (*The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence*. Putnam, 1907.) James H. Moore retaliated with a *Defence of The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence* (Raleigh, 1908).

Historians including Ashe, Connor, and Lefler have generally held that the Resolves were authenticated, but the M.D.I. is still unproven.

In *Cradle of Liberty* Dr. Henderson has reached a "moral certainty" that: (1) The news of the Battle of Lexington reached Charlotte on May 19. (2) The Committee of Safety met that night and by early morning had drafted The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. (3) The text was not published in contemporary papers because of its explosive nature — the later Resolves being a more thoughtful statement of this body. (4) The action of the Rowan Committee, taken June 1, 1775, disapproving of the revolutionary nature of the Mecklenburg action could not refer to the Resolves passed May 31.

Whether historians will accept the evidence assembled by Dr. Henderson remains to be seen. Librarians will want to add the pamphlet to their North Carolina collections.

Our Circulation is Almost 700!

North Carolina Libraries now has a paid circulation of 694. This includes individual and institutional members and subscriptions. The count was made by Marjorie Hood, Corresponding Secretary of NCLA as this issue went to press. The editors hope that this indicates growing activity on the part of North Carolina Librarians, and a record attendance of the Conference in High Point.

A Correction by Dr. Lydenberg

Sarah Reed writes us that there was an error in her tribute to Dr. Lydenberg, and forwards the following statement from him:

"Just one word of correction. Yes, I was a member of the Library of Congress Mission to Germany, but I was not its leader. That post was held by Reuben Peiss who had served the country well during the war, in '46 was rounding up that service by heading this Mission. I trotted along with the others because I happened to be in charge of the ALA Office of International Relations in Washington during and after the war, quite unable to know the intricate ins and outs of the international scene as did Peiss. I'm happy to think back to the admiration his honesty, ability, command of the situation aroused in me. We librarians lost a man to be proud of when Reuben Peiss died a year or so ago, literally working himself to death."

Dr. Lydenberg's greatness is only exceeded by his modesty!

ALA Grants for Liberal Arts Colleges

The American Library Association has received a grant of \$30,000 made to one of its divisions, the Association of College and Reference Libraries, by the United States Steel Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of strengthening the libraries of liberal arts colleges.

In announcing the grant at ALA headquarters in Chicago, ALA Executive Secretary David H. Clift said that under the terms of this grant, most of the money, in modest amounts, will be awarded exclusively through the Association directly to liberal arts colleges to strengthen or modernize library, teaching or learning tools. The remainder will be available for research by the Association on current college library problems.

A committee of leading librarians and college administrators will handle the \$30,000 grant and other similar funds, Clift announced. He added that it is hoped that other foundations supporting higher education will in similar fashion recognize the library as a key factor in the college educational program.

Progress in Congress

The Library Services Bill was reported favorably by the House Education and Labor Committee, on July 26, by a vote of 20 to 9. Representative Graham Barden, honorary member of NCLA, is Chairman of the Committee. This action followed similar action by a

subcommittee before which Dr. Roy B. McKnight of the North Carolina Library Commission and Mrs. Kay B. Moore bookmobile patron from Pamlico County, North Carolina, spoke in behalf of the bill.

When the Second Session of the 84th Congress convenes next January the bill will be presented to the whole House for a favorable vote, and thence to the Senate. North Carolinians will want to remind Senators and Representatives, while they are at home, that North Carolina libraries will be helped by passage of the Library Services Bill.

The United Nations is Ten Years Old

Many North Carolina libraries are observing with appropriate exhibits the tenth birthday of the United Nations. As crises occur daily throughout the world librarians, with others, are hopeful that the United Nations will be able to achieve peace by means other than force of arms.

School Library Bill of Rights

A "School Library Bill of Rights" was presented to the ALA Council on July 8, 1955, by the American Association of School Librarians. The text of the bill is as follows:

School libraries are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms and with the preservation of these freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end the American Association of School Librarians reaffirms the *Library Bill of Rights* of the American Library Association and asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupil served.

To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

To provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life.

To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.

To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

Usual List of Committees Omitted

The list of NCLA committees, section officials, and other representatives usually printed in *North Carolina Libraries* has been omitted in this issue because these names appear with the reports which compose most of the number.

No ALA Library-Community Project Grant for North Carolina

North Carolina was not one of the four states selected for a grant by the ALA Library-Community Project. The four states receiving grants were Kansas, Maryland, Michigan and Tennessee. The grants go to the states' library agencies and to a "pilot" library in each state. Librarian of the pilot library in Tennessee is Mrs. Helen Kittrell, Librarian of the Clinch-Powell Regional Library. Mrs. Kittrell was at one time librarian of the Fontana Regional Library, Bryson City, North Carolina.

What Is a Friend of a Library?

Excerpt from Marchette G. Chute's talk at the Friends of the Libraries luncheon at ALA on July 5.

A Friend of a Library is not only a friend to his neighbors but to the whole conception of American government. For ability and willingness to read are basic to a democracy, and the habit of reading has to be formed early. Moreover the libraries, like democracy itself, make all things equal, since the books are equally available to the possessor of ten cents or of a million dollars.

Once, in many American communities, reading was thought to be a waste of time. Now, when the amount of manual work that needs to be done has shrunk, and when the work that must be done by the head and the heart has increased if we are to keep our balance in a changing world, it is of vital importance that every American be both well informed and wise; and nothing can help him more than books.

American businessmen have become deeply interested in books, and when the National Book Committee was formed last year many of its members came from the ranks of

business. Books are their concern as good citizens. This committee is a national organization and the Friends are local ones, but the goal is similar and I cannot help envying you the possession of that beautiful word *friends*.

Great Books Sets Available Free

Sixteen hundred of the 54-volume sets of the celebrated Great Books of the Western World, including the Syntopicon, have been made available without charge to libraries throughout the United States, to be selected by the American Library Association, it was announced at ALA Headquarters in Chicago.

The Selection Committee will mail an application questionnaire on September 1, 1955 to approximately 30,000 libraries, using the comprehensive lists of the R. R. Bowker Co., including libraries in the following categories: public, college and university, junior college, public high school, Catholic high school, private high school; as well as to all state library agencies. Any library, anywhere in the U.S., however, may make application for a set if the application form has not been received by September 15, 1955.

The Selection Committee stated that in allocating sets, the Selection Committee will need to establish certain criteria. This will be done in terms of the number of requests received and the number of sets available. It will be based upon the information provided by the applicants.

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