

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

MYRL EBERT, *Chairman*

The Special Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association held its biennial meeting in the Blue Room at the Sheraton Hotel, in High Point, North Carolina, Friday, October 21, 1955. There were thirty three members and visitors present.

Miss Myrl Ebert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at two-forty-five. The minutes of the last meeting held October 22, 1953, at Montreat, N. C. were read but not approved.

The program was a panel discussion on special libraries with Mrs. Helen Monahan, Librarian of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society Library, acting as moderator. Other panelists were: Miss Alice F. Lauback, librarian of American Enka Corporation Library, who talked on the business and technical library—what it was and what it does; Miss May Davis Hill, librarian of the future North Carolina State Art Library, who described the plans of this dream library, which is to be set up as a service agency for museums but use is expected from the public; Miss Dorothy Long, reference librarian of the Division of Health Affairs, who related with facility the services and uses of the medical library including all health sciences; Miss Katherine McDiarmid, librarian of the Technical Library at State College, who gave an account of the work connected with specialized reference in textiles; Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, Chief Librarian of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury, who spoke about the varied and interesting service rendered to veterans in mental hospitals.\*

Following the program, a business session was held. Mr. Littleton made an announcement in regard to recruiting librarians and left blanks to be filled out.

The Chairman discussed the future status of the Special Section as an organ of the NCLA—committee versus section. The consensus of opinion was that with only eleven or twelve members designated as specialized librarians that the section would convert to a committee and go along as it has with the exception of a Spring workshop to be held in alternate years to discuss problems—if any. A motion to that effect by Mrs. Helen Monahan and seconded by Miss Laubach that the Special Library Section be dissolved and converted to a committee of the NCLA—depending on the approval of the Executive Board. This was passed with no dissension.

Mrs. Monahan, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of names to be elected for the next biennium; Miss Elizabeth Berry as Chairman and Miss Laubach as Secretary. These nominees were unanimously elected.

LOUISE M. FARR,  
*Secretary*

\*Talks of panel members will be published in a later issue.