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## See You in Raleigh?

*You are invited to attend the*

## Biennial Conference

*of the*

## North Carolina Library Association

Hotel Sir Walter

Raleigh, North Carolina

November 21, 22, 23, 1957

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## **Conference Information**

### **Registration**

Registration for the conference will begin on Thursday morning, November 21, at 9:00 o'clock on the Mezzanine floor of the Sir Walter Hotel. The registration fee will be \$1.00. Late registrations will be accepted through Friday, November 22.

### **Rooms and Meals**

Hotels and motels in the Raleigh area have been informed of the dates of the conference. Each member is expected to make his own reservation for room space. A list of hotels and motor courts was sent by the President to each member.

The Association will have a membership banquet on Friday, November 22, at the State College Union. Tickets will be on sale at the registration desk. The Trustees and Public Librarians have tentative plans for a luncheon meeting at a Raleigh Church on Friday. Information regarding this and any other section meals will be available at the registration desk.

### **Exhibits**

Exhibits will be arranged in the Elizabeth Room of the headquarters hotel throughout the conference. The firms exhibiting will have many new ideas and information for librarians and trustees. Plan to spend several hours looking around and talking with representatives. Bookmobiles will be parked nearby.

### **Program Information**

The official program, printed by Joseph V. Ruzicka, will contain final program information. The schedule and other data given in this preconference issue are tentative. It is the information available at press time in August.

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## **Tentative Schedule of Meetings**

The following is a tentative schedule of meetings. All events are at the Sir Walter Hotel unless otherwise noted.

### **Thursday, November 21**

**9:00 a.m.** Registration, Mezzanine floor, *Sir Walter Hotel*

**10:30 a.m.** Film Workshop, *Sir Walter Hotel*

**2:30 p.m.** Catalog Section, *Sir Walter Hotel*

Committee Meetings to be arranged.

**8:00 p.m.** First General Session, *Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel*

### **Friday, November 22**

**8:00 a.m.** Book Reviews

**10:00 a.m.** College and Universities Section, *Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel*

**10:00 a.m.** School and Children's Section, *Sir Walter Hotel*

**12:30 p.m.** Trustees and Public Librarians Luncheon, place to be announced

**2:30 p.m.** Public Librarians and Trustees Discussion Meeting, *Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel*

**6:30 p.m.** Banquet and 2nd General Session, *State College Union Building*

### **Saturday, November 23**

**8:00 a.m.** Junior Members Round Table

**10:00 a.m.** General Session, *Ballroom, Sir Walter Hotel*

**12:30 p.m.** Executive Boards

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## **Preconference Workshop on Film**

"*Public Library Film Services*" is the theme of a preconference workshop to be held at Raleigh in the Sir Walter Hotel on November 21, 1957, preceding the Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association. The morning session will begin at 10:30 and will deal with the subject of film resources; the afternoon session, beginning at 2:30, will be devoted to discussion and demonstration of film use. The workshop is sponsored by the Audio-Visual Committee of the Public Libraries Section. All librarians and staff members interested in the use of film are invited to attend and to participate.

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## **General Sessions**

**FIRST GENERAL SESSION**, Thursday night, November 21, 8:30; Ballroom, Sir Walter.

The opening session will feature an outstanding speaker. The name was not available at press time.

**SECOND GENERAL SESSION**, Friday night, November 22, 6:30; State College Union Building.

This session will be the Conference Banquet with a featured speaker.

**THIRD GENERAL SESSION**, Saturday morning, November 23, 10:00; Ballroom, Sir Walter.

N.C.L.A. Business session.

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## Section Meetings

**CATALOG SECTION**, Thursday afternoon, November 21, 2:30; Hayes Barton Room, Sir Walter.

Meeting plans unavailable at press time.

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES SECTION** Meeting, Friday morning, November 22, 10:00; Ballroom, Sir Walter.

*"The North Caroliniana Survey,"* a report by William S. Powell.

*"The Conservation and Utilization of Historical Resources in North Carolina,"* a panel discussion by Professor Richard Walser, Department of English, State College; Dean Norval Luxon, School of Journalism, University of North Carolina; Dr. Christopher Crittenden, N. C. Department of Archives and History; and Professor William Hamilton, Department of History, Duke University.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION** Meetings:

*Luncheon Meeting* with Trustee Section, Friday, November 22, 12:30, place to be announced. Program planned by Trustees Section.

*Discussion Meeting* (with Trustees) on *"Problems of Today's Public Library,"* Friday afternoon, 2:30; Ballroom, Sir Walter.

*Business Meeting* following Discussion Meeting, place to be announced. New officers will be elected and committee appointments made. Plans will be begun for the next biennium. A full attendance is urged.

**TRUSTEES SECTION.** The N. C. Association of Library Trustees will have the following meetings:

*Luncheon Meeting* (with Librarians) Friday, November 22, 12:30, place to be announced.

*Discussion Meeting* with Public Libraries Section, Friday afternoon, 2:30; Ballroom, Sir Walter. Program planned by Public Libraries Section.

*Business Meeting* following Discussion Meeting, place to be announced. Officers will be elected, reports made, recommendations for plans for next biennium. A special award will be given the district with the highest number of members of the Association.

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## **NCLA Officers, Etc.**

The usual list of officers, committee members, etc. has been omitted in this issue. These names will be found with the biennial reports.

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## North Carolina Library Association Biennial Reports

### Executive Board

- **President:** Olan V. Cook
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- **Director:** Elaine von Oesen
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- **Past President:** Charlesanna Fox

During the past three years the Executive Board met seven times: 19 October and 9 December, 1955; 24 March and 17 November, 1956; 23 February, 23 March and 13 April, 1957. It seems that problems are with us always. The 1955–57 Board found its big problem in the selection of dates and place for the thirty-third Conference. Decision was made at one time to meet at North Carolina State College on October 17–19 only to find later that the State Fair was scheduled for the same period, making it impossible for the members of the Association to find adequate housing in Raleigh.

After exploring the possibilities of meeting in Wilmington, Nags Head, Charlotte, Southern Pines, etc. Raleigh was again selected with the Hotel Sir Walter as headquarters. The dates November 21–23. Although the date is late, the facilities for the meeting seem adequate.

Other work done from time to time included the reorganization of committees and the appointment of committee members and chairmen, consideration of policies, plans for the March 1956 meeting, the dissolution of the Special Libraries Section and the Junior College Section, the establishment of a budget, the acquisition of a set of addressograph plates for the treasurer, further planning in support of the passage of the Library Services Act, the allocation of funds for use by the Recruiting Committee, the selection of honorary members as well as minor details too insignificant to enumerate here.

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## Reports of Representatives from NCLA

### Joint Committee on N. C. Literature

*NCLA Members:*

Florence Blakely      Rosalie Massengale  
Mildred Herring      William S. Powell  
Cornelia Love      Mae Tucker

*North Carolina Fiction, 1734–1957; An Annotated Bibliography*, is scheduled for publication in early 1958 by the University of North Carolina Library. It will be the ninth title in the Library's North Carolina Literature Series.

At the June meeting of the Joint Committee of the NCLA and the N. C. English Teachers Association, which has sponsored the bibliography, William S. Powell of the University Library was named editor of the published volume. Serving with him on the publications subcommittee are Miss Cornelia Love of Chapel Hill, Miss Florence Blakely of Duke, and as adviser O. V. Cook, President of NCLA.

Of some eight hundred books, read and annotated by librarians and teachers all over the State, about six hundred have been selected for inclusion in the bibliography. They are those which "have some significant connection with North Carolina literature and geography" regardless of literary merit. There are reports on the holdings of thirty-three representative public libraries, fourteen institutional libraries, and five private collectors. An index of pseudonyms, place names, and subjects is being prepared.

Novels and books of short stories published in 1957 will be cited. The earliest fiction having a North Carolina connection is Abbe Prevost's *The Life of Mr. Cleveland* (London, 1734).

Richard Walser, *Chairman*

#### **North Carolina Legislative Council**

Mrs. Mary C. Hopkins      Elizabeth Copeland  
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey      Olan V. Cook

See report of the Legislative Committee.

#### **Public Library Certification Board**

*NCLA Representatives:*

Olan V. Cook      Charlesanna Fox

By state law the Certification Board is composed of the State Librarian, the Dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina, the President of the North Carolina Library Association and one public librarian appointed by the Library Association. At the first meeting of the Board on February 20, 1956, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey was elected Chairman and Charlesanna Fox, Secretary.

Quarterly meetings of the Board have been held during the biennium.

Applications for certification have been approved as follows: Professional Grade I, 18; Subprofessional Grade I, 2; Subprofessional Grade II, 5. Six applications were held for additional information. Two subprofessional certificates were renewed.

Certification requirements were revised late in 1955, a new form for renewal of subprofessional certificates was approved, reporting required by legislation passed by the 1957 General Assembly was complied with, and methods of in-service training were discussed by the Board.

Charlesanna Fox

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## Committee Reports

*All reports were written by the committee chairman unless otherwise signed.*

### Archives Committee

*Harlan C. Brown, Chairman*

Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli	Jane Wilson
Charlesanna Fox	Carleton West
Gladys Johnson	Olan V. Cook
	Beatrice Holbrook

No report received.

### Committee on Conservation of Newspaper Resources

*Benjamin E. Powell, Chairman*

Edwin J. Hix	George Stephens
Gladys Johnson	Mrs. Jane Bahnsen
William S. Powell	Mary Canada

The Committee has met twice since the last meeting of the Association. At the first meeting the state was divided into four geographic units and members of the committee assigned these units were asked to make a complete list of the papers published therein since 1870 and to locate as many files as possible. Inquiries have been directed to newspaper publishers, editors, and librarians in the towns and villages throughout the

state. When the North Carolina Library Association meets in November we expect to have a report with recommended action.

The Committee has reported earlier other phases of its program on which we have not worked extensively as yet, namely:

1. Preparation of an exhaustive list of newspapers published in North Carolina prior to 1820, with locations of files.
2. Preparation of a selective list of all North Carolina newspapers published between 1820 and 1870, with locations of files.

The third portion of the program, on which we are now concentrated, was selected for immediate attention because these papers are on newsprint and are fragile and in danger of early disintegration.

### **Constitution and Codes Committee**

*Mrs. Walter Gray, Chairman*

Katherine Day    Janie Allsbrook  
Howard White    Mrs. Vera Melton

This was a stand-by committee which was given no assignment during the biennium.

### **Committee on Education for Librarianship**

*Jean Freeman, Chairman*

Eunice Query    Mrs. Spears Hicks  
Elizabeth Walker    Mrs. Reba W. Jones  
D. Eric Moore    Olivia Burwell

There will be no report for the preconference issue.

### **Federal Relations Committee**

*Paul S. Ballance, Chairman*

Mrs. W. M. Grimes    Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey  
Joseph M. Dixon    Mary Louise Crouse  
Mildred Farrow    Marcella Carter

During the biennium the Committee has held three meetings, one in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and Salisbury. At the first meeting in Chapel Hill, the aims and objectives of the Committee were discussed, and it was agreed that, as in the past, the Committee should endeavor to keep up with all Federal Legislation affecting libraries and librarians and spread the news to a select group of lay persons and librarians throughout the state through the use of various media at its disposal.

The list of lay persons was corrected by contacting those persons to insure their willingness to assist in our program, and also by contacting librarians in the various Congressional districts for the names of new and additional persons.

During the past year when so much interest centered upon the Library Services Act, before its final passage by the Congress of the United States and even after its passage when the matter of appropriations became such a heated matter, the Chairman, working very closely with the State Librarian, continually contacted librarians and lay persons urging them to contact their Senators and Representatives, and the Chairman wrote several letters and sent telegrams to all North Carolina Representatives and Senators, and other Congressional members urging their support of the Act or the appropriation bill.

When immediate contact was necessary in many instances the North Carolina State Library sent notices to all contact persons over the Committee Chairman's name after verification had been made by telephone. This was necessary sometimes because of the delay of the *Washington News Letter* in reaching the Chairman.

The membership of the Committee has changed considerably since the first Committee was announced. This was due to the fact that some appointees could not serve and others left the state. New members were appointed in early 1957, and one meeting was held with all new appointees present.

At the last meeting held in Salisbury two important matters were decided. The Committee decided to bring its list of lay persons up-to-date by contacting various librarians and asking that they recommend at least three persons in their Congressional districts. The Chairman sent the letters, but the response from the librarians was poor.

The other matter was the assignment of certain Congressional districts to various members of the Committee. In an effort to relieve the Chairman of some of the load of letter writing and other contacts it was felt that if each member of the Committee was made responsible for contacting lay persons and librarians in a particular area when important matters come before the Congress, that it may be a little more effective and at least less burdensome to one person.

The assignments were as follows:

- **Miss Carter:** Districts 1 and 2
- **Miss Crouse:** Districts 3 and 4
- **Mrs. Grimes:** Districts 5 and 6
- **Ballance:** Districts 7 and 8
- **Dixon:** Districts 9 and 10
- **Miss Farrow:** Districts 11 and 12

The Federal Relations Committee had a representative who attended the meeting of the A.L.A. Federal Relations Committee on Wednesday June 20, 1956, at the Cadillac Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. The use of Federal Funds by the states was the principal topic of discussion.

The members of the Committee have cooperated with the Chairman when there was a full committee, and this cooperation was appreciated. The work of this Committee is very essential for the promotion of legislation of significance to libraries and should interest every member of the Association, and should be continued.

### **Intellectual Freedom Committee**

*Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan, Chairman*

Evelyn Parks      Mrs. Elizabeth Holder

Julia Graham      Bertha Moore

This committee goes into action only if intellectual freedom is threatened in North Carolina. The chairman reports that no cases of violation were reported to her. This makes "no report" a "good report."

### **Legislative Committee**

*Mrs. Mary C. Hopkins, Chairman*

Mildred Herring      Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey

Elizabeth Copeland      W. Leonard Eury

Elizabeth Hughey and Mary Hopkins represented the North Carolina Library Association at a meeting of the State Legislative Council in Raleigh on July 10. The work of the Council during the 1957 Assembly was discussed, and suggestions were made for improving preparations for the 1959 legislators. Mrs. Hopkins also met with the Study Committee to consider suggestions submitted by the member organizations for the next legislative program.

### **Membership Committee**

*Katharine McDiarmid, Chairman*

Mrs. R. M. Ray      Antoinette Earle

Mrs. Barbara Heafner      Margaret McIntyre

Mrs. Constance Marteena Elvin Strowd

Marjorie Hood

Two meetings of the Membership Committee were held during the biennium, and a great deal of business was transacted by mail. The members lived at long distances from each other, so it was not deemed practical to call meetings other than the group meetings, which were held in Chapel Hill, March 24, 1956, and in Raleigh, March 23, 1957.

At the first meeting, the members drafted letters to be mimeographed and sent to Trustee Chairmen, Directors of College and Public Libraries, Special Librarians, and School Librarians. These letters were to contain enclosures of applications which were to be distributed to all professional and non-professional library personnel as well as trustee board members.

Following this meeting the chairman secured lists of Trustee Chairmen, College Library Directors, Public Library Directors, and Special Librarians and had covering letters and enclosures prepared.

With committee members helping, 116 letters, enclosing 696 applications, were sent to Trustee Chairmen; 56 letters, with 300 enclosures, were sent to Directors of College Libraries; 89 letters, with 569 enclosures, were sent to Public Library Heads; 33 letters were sent to Special Librarians; 50 letters to Negro School Librarians. A total of 1,909 people were contacted by June 1956.

From July 1956 to March 1957, another 36 people were reached. At the meeting in March, Mrs. Marteena suggested that June graduates of library schools be solicited. Accordingly a new letter was drafted and sent to the five institutions in the state which have library schools. One hundred fifty-nine applications were enclosed.

When the Membership Committee went to work after its first meeting, the total membership in the North Carolina Library Association was 450. In March 1957, it was 750, a gain of 300 members in one year. The total new membership for the biennium will be announced at the convention in Raleigh in November 1957.

The Committee received \$21.00 for stamps during the biennium. Since 2,104 applications were mailed during that time, it would seem that the enclosure method of operating is an economical, as well as effective, one.

### **Nominating Committee**

*Virginia Trumper, Chairman*

Susan Grey Akers	Mrs. Dorothy Shue
Mrs. Mary P. Douglas	Thomas M. Simkins, Jr.
Margaret Ligon	Elizabeth Williams

The Nominating Committee reports the election of the following officers for the biennium, 1957–1959:

President: Mrs. Vernelle G. Palmer, Librarian, Boyden High School, Salisbury.

First Vice-President: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey, Librarian, North Carolina State Library, Raleigh.

Second Vice-President: Margaret E. Kalp, Associate Professor, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Recording Secretary: Myrl Ebert, Chief Librarian, Division of Health Affairs Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Johnson, General Services Librarian, North Carolina State Library, Raleigh.

Treasurer: Marjorie Hood, Head Circulation Librarian, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Director: Carlyle J. Frarey, Associate Professor, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Director: Mrs. Nell B. Wright, Branch Librarian, East Winston Branch Library, Winston-Salem.

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## North Carolina Libraries

Elaine von Oesen, Editor

Sam Boone, Art Editor

Virginia Trumper, Associate Editor Joseph V. Ruzicka, Jr. and

William R. Pullen, Associate Editor C. Merle Bachtell, Publishers

Seven issues of *North Carolina Libraries* have been published by this Editorial Board assisted by reporters from each section of NCLA. These issues run from Volume 14, Number 2, February 1956, through Volume 16, Number 1, October, 1957. Indexes for volumes 14 and 15 have been compiled by Louise Bethea to whom the Editorial Board is grateful.

In general, policies regarding publication dates have followed the precedent of former Editorial Boards. These dates have differed somewhat in conference and non-conference years. A calendar schedule is in the files for the next Editorial Board.

The content policies have evolved as questions arose. In general, the periodical included news of the Association, its sections, committees and members, and information considered to be useful to North Carolina librarians. If some members or groups have been served better than others, they have either been more active or more vocal. It is easier to edit a magazine for an active association than for a dormant one.

For the past six years Joseph Ruzicka, Library Bookbinding, has published *North Carolina Libraries* for the Association as a free service. It has been a most satisfactory arrangement. The Editorial Board would like to express its appreciation for the fine cooperation of this firm.

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### **Publications Committee**

*Mrs. Hallie Bacelli, Chairman*

Myrl Ebert          Carlton P. West

Mrs. Mollie H. Lee

The Chairman of the Publications Committee and a member, Mr. Carlton P. West, attended the March 24, 1956, planning session of the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board in Chapel Hill. At that meeting the Committee representatives requested the Executive Board to clarify the function of the Publications Committee. Following is the statement of the Executive Board:

According to a statement of the duties and responsibilities of the Publications Committee, as listed by the Executive Board of the NCLA, this committee will act as a clearing house when the Association or any section or committee initiates a publishing project. This committee does not have the function of initiating new publications at this time. Thus, the committee will act as a stand-by committee until such time as publishing projects shall be presented to it. These projects may be presented, in writing, to the chairman or any member of the committee at any time. It is understood that the Executive Board excluded the direction of the official journal *North Carolina Libraries* from the jurisdiction of this committee. It is understood, also, that the current project of the Joint Committee (with NCETA) of North Carolina Literature and Bibliography is excluded.

Members of the Publications Committee have been notified in writing of this action. Since this Committee has not been officially notified by the Executive Board, any section or any committee of the Association, of a publishing project, this Committee has been a stand-by committee for the biennium.

### **Recruiting Committee**

*I. T. Littleton, Chairman*

Cora Paul Bomar    Evelyn Pope

Georgia Cox          Robert A. Miller

Helen Stroupe    Lottie Hood

The Recruiting Committee has been actively supporting recruiting activities on a state as well as a national level. The Chairman attended the meetings of the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career at the American Library Association meetings in Kansas City, Missouri in June 1957 and is serving as Chairman of the Nominating Subcommittee of this organization for 1957.

One of the greatest concerns of the American Library Association and the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career is the acute shortage of librarians. It was estimated in 1957 that 10,000 more librarians could be employed and there are only 800 students in library schools throughout the country. The American Library Association has taken the recruitment of librarians as a major project during the coming year. A new attractive and interesting pamphlet on librarianship as a career, entitled "To Be a Librarian" has been published by ALA. It will be sent free of charge upon request. It will be used in connection with ALA's person-to-person recruiting campaign soon to be organized on a nation-wide basis.

Copies of another effective pamphlet, "Should You Be a Librarian?" recently published by the New York Life Insurance Company are available free of charge to librarians who request them through the company. At the suggestion of the Recruiting Committee, vocational guidance counselors received copies of this through the Office of the State Supervisor of Guidance Services.

The Recruiting Committee has prepared and mimeographed a "Statement for Prospective Librarians" which included not only general information about librarianship, but a brief description of the programs offered by library schools in North Carolina. This statement was included in the November 1956 issue of "Guidance Briefs", a publication of the Office of the State Supervisor of Guidance Services distributed to all high school guidance counselors in the state. The "Statement" was also prepared as a separate pamphlet. A limited supply of these is still available through the NCLA Treasurer. Copies of this were distributed to those attending the 1957 conference of the North Carolina High School Library Association in Winston-Salem.

The 1953-55 Recruiting Committee printed 20,000 copies of the pamphlet, "Interesting Careers with Books and People." All of these have been distributed so that a reprinting of this pamphlet was necessary during this biennium. These are also available through the Treasurer.

The committee prepared a group of spot radio announcements which were mimeographed and distributed to radio stations in the state.

The chairman talked briefly about librarianship as a career to the 1956 conference of the North Carolina High School Library Association in Hendersonville. At this meeting, pamphlets were distributed and an exhibit on librarianship was arranged by Miss Hood. The chairman also wrote an article entitled "It's Time to Recruit" which appeared in the January issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

With the publication of the two very effective pamphlets by the American Library Association and the New York Life Insurance Company, respectively, on a national level

and the two NCLA pamphlets on a state level, the profession now has the literature about librarianship needed for recruitment. The committee feels strongly that the greatest need now is action by local librarians and libraries. This can be accomplished most systematically by recruiting committees of local library staffs. Such local committees not only can arrange exhibits, distribute pamphlets and organize meetings devoted to librarianship, but the entire staff will be made more recruitment-conscious when such a committee is at work. The University of North Carolina Library staff has organized a recruiting committee. This group planned and conducted an effective meeting of students in the Spring of 1957 and other activities are being planned for 1957-58. Several school libraries have held effective recruiting programs in their schools. The NCLA committee encourages activities. Speakers, materials and ideas may be secured through committee members or through one of the six coordinators of the Speakers Bureau.

### **Scholarship Loan Fund Committee**

*Mary Ellen Hobson, Chairman*

Susan B. Borden    C. Merle Bachtell

W. Clary Holt    Mary Lee Jackson

During the biennium there were eight letters of inquiry concerning the loan fund. One request for an application blank was received.

There were no applications for the loan. At present there is one outstanding loan. The total loan fund stands at \$2,485.60. Of this amount \$75 was given by the Association in memory of Mrs. Lillian B. Grigg, Mr. William T. Polk, and Mr. J. P. Breedlove. Mrs. Christ sent a check for \$15 to be applied to the fund.

Since the fund is not being used, it has been placed in the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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

### **Reports of Sections of NCLA**

*Reports were written by Chairman unless otherwise signed.*

#### **Catalog Section**

**Chairman:** Edward Lynch

**Vice-Chairman:** Vivian Moose

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Louise Bethea

**Director:** Elizabeth Walker

**Director:** Carlyle J. Frarey

No report received.

### **College and Universities Section**

**Chairman:** Andrew H. Horn

**Vice-Chairman:** Mrs. Lilian Buchanan

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Mrs. Spears Hicks

**Director:** Mrs. Oma U. Johnson

**Director:** Benjamin Smith

The principal activity of the College and Universities Section of the North Carolina Library Association during the past biennium has been the conducting of a survey among the librarians of the state to determine the extent of interest in the future direction of collecting North Caroliniana. Late in 1956 a questionnaire was sent to some 335 librarians in North Carolina seeking information as to the location and size of existing collections, a report on indexing and special projects, and an indication of interest in union listing of material relating to the state.

Replies were received from approximately one-third of the librarians, most of whom reported an active program in these areas. It is apparent that there are few libraries of over 5,000 volumes in size which do not now collect North Caroliniana. Only slightly more than half of our college and university libraries, however, reported North Carolina collections.

A brief paper based on these replies will be presented at the Section meeting in Raleigh in November as part of a panel session designed to show the role of the library in the collection, conservation, organization, and popularization of the materials of local history.

The Chairman of the Section, Dr. Andrew H. Horn, formerly librarian at the University of North Carolina, is now in California, and he has been succeeded by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Lilian Buchanan of Cullowhee.

William S. Powell

### **Junior Members Round Table**

**Chairman:** Elvin Strowd

**Vice-Chairman:** Charles Laughner  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Georgia Cox  
**Director:** Mary Lou Lucy

On May 11, 1957, members of Junior Members Round Table of NCLA met for a luncheon and business meeting at Duke University. The program included a tour and discussion of the Duke University Library Rare Book Room, conducted by Tom Simkins, Curator, and an after-luncheon talk, "Libraries and Local History" by Dr. Harry Stevens of the Duke University History Department.

The Secretary's report on the meeting is given as follows:

A business meeting of the Junior Members Round Table of the North Carolina Library Association was held following a luncheon and a talk by Dr. Harry Stevens of the Duke University History Department. The meeting took place at Duke University, Saturday, May 11, 1957. Elvin Strowd, chairman of the section, presided.

The program to be held by JMRT at the NCLA convention next fall was discussed. It was decided to serve coffee and doughnuts during the morning as was done at the previous conference. Vera Melton, of Raleigh, is in charge of arrangements.

It was also decided to hold a breakfast meeting of the JMRT section at the conference — time and place as yet to be arranged by the chairman. Members of the group were asked to be thinking of possible speakers and an interesting topic for this meeting and to communicate their ideas to the chairman.

The nominating committee, consisting of Mary Lou Lucy, as chairman, Florence Blakely, and Mae Tucker, was appointed. It was noted that all offices of the section will have to be filled, as the chairman-elect, Charles Laughner, is leaving the state.

The main topic for discussion was whether to continue JMRT as a section of NCLA. Various factors which were disadvantageous were brought forward by the chairman. These included: (1) the fact that membership in 1956 was only 18 actual paid members; (2) that the younger librarians change positions very frequently, giving a fluid membership; and (3) that there seems to be a lack of a definite, worthwhile project that JMRT can undertake to justify its existence. In connection with the last point, it was noted that there is a NCLA committee working on recruiting, while the NC Bibliography of fiction has been done without JMRT help.

It was suggested that JMRT either be discontinued, or possibly continue to function purely as a social group, to give young librarians the chance to get together once a year or so for a luncheon and interesting talk. Members present were urged to think the matter over during the summer, so that some definite action can be taken at the fall meeting by a larger portion of the membership. It was also suggested that JMRT might function as a committee of NCLA.

## **Public Libraries Section**

**Chairman:** Neal Austin

**Vice-Chairman:** Mae Tucker

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Betty Will McReynolds

**Directors:** Charlesanna Fox; Elizabeth Plexico

Since October 1955 the Public Libraries Section has been primarily interested in the advantageous use of Federal funds and in the study of the new *Public Library Service*.

In July 1956 the Development Committee of the section had a joint meeting with the staff of the N. C. State Library. The meeting was held in Greensboro. Its purpose was to discuss plans for the wisest use of the funds which would be made available by the passage of the Library Services bill. Discussion during the day centered around the best method of working out a state-wide plan and the outstanding needs of libraries in North Carolina. Emphasis was placed on the idea that planning should involve an overall five-year plan which could be maintained with state and local funds when Federal fund payments ceased. It was generally agreed that the greatest need for more funds is to be found in the areas of books, personnel, and technical services. It was decided that a questionnaire prepared by the State Library should be sent to board chairmen and librarians in an attempt to determine local needs and opinions as to the most effective means of utilizing Federal funds.

In September a two-day joint meeting of the Adult Services Committee and the Development Committee was held at the State Library. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the *goals* to be achieved with the utilization of Federal aid and to outline a plan for presentation at the State Library. Among the goals agreed on were personnel and trustee development, increased book collections, emphasis on adult services, encouragement of larger systems and cooperative programs, promotion of public library services, and the expansion of the existing cooperative programs such as the interlibrary loan collections and the adult film project. These committees also began planning a workshop for librarians and trustees on *Public Library Services*.

This workshop was held at the Charlotte Public Library February 28–March 1, 1957. It was jointly sponsored by the Adult Services Committee, the Development Committee, the State Library, and the UNC School of Library Science. Consultants at the workshop were George Esser, Assistant Director, Institute of Government; Lucile Kelling, Dean, School of Library Science; and Ruth Warncke, Director of the Library-Community project of the American Library Association. Walter Spearman, Professor of Journalism, University of North Carolina, was the interrogator of a panel on public library services. The keynote speaker was Dan Lacy, Managing Director, American Book Publishers Council.

One of the features of the workshop — "an example of cooperative thinking and planning" — was the measurement of North Carolina public libraries. This evaluation was done by the individual librarians and trustees who checked their own library's performance on an evaluation sheet based on the standards in *Public Library Services*.

A reaction questionnaire indicated that most participants were satisfied with the program, the materials provided, and the method used. A complete detailed report of this workshop is to be found in *North Carolina Libraries*, Volume XV, March and May 1957.

In addition to numerous film preview sessions, the Section's Audio-Visual Committee had a meeting on June 14, 1957, at the High Point Public Library. The purpose of this meeting was to determine the future course of the committee's activity. Members of the committee were in agreement that its activities should be extended to include audio-visual materials other than films. To this end, it prepared recommendations for action which were presented to the Public Libraries Section Executive Board which in turn will pass them on to the membership in November.

### **School and Children's Section**

**Chairman:** Lottie Hood

**Vice-Chairman:** Elizabeth Williams

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Catherine Weir

**Director:** Cora Paul Bomar

**Director:** Eunice Query

No report received.

### **N. C. Association of Library Trustees**

**Chairman:** Howard White

**Secretary:** Mrs. W. H. May, Jr.

Trustees look with pride on the accomplishments of the past two years in the North Carolina Library Association. A veritable bee hive of activities has been in progress in all parts of the state. For one thing, their membership committee has been at work through their representative on the Association's Membership Committee. In 1956 they had an all time high membership of 177. At the end of 1957 they hope to reach their goal of 200 members. Personal appeals have been sent through the district membership chairmen, letters from the Association officers have been sent to each newly appointed trustee and a quarterly memorandum has been sent with special news of interest to trustees by the association.

Trustees have attended library meetings — sometimes in greater numbers than librarians. When the North Carolina Public Library Service Workshop was held in Charlotte on February 28 and March 1, 1957, sixteen trustees registered. At district meetings held in Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Greenville, Burnsville and

Bryson City, to plan for the use of the Federal library funds sixty-two trustees attended. Added to these hours spent in library planning should be those which are spent by hundreds of trustees all over the state at regular board meetings held sometimes once each month and others quarterly or bi-monthly. The trustees are important parts of libraries.

Elizabeth P. May, *Secretary*

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## **New Trustees**

Mrs. Dorothy Huff, Mars Hill, and Mrs. Ezra Burnette, Walnut, are new members of the Madison County Library Board.

Two recent appointments have been made to the Rutherford County Library Board of Trustees: John E. Mills, Jr. succeeded John Tinkler, both of Cliffside; J. E. Ryland of Union Mills succeeded W. R. Hackett of Lake Lure.

Clarence Griffin of Forest City is now chairman of the Rutherford County Library Board. Mr. Griffin is editor of the *Forest City Courier*.

Mrs. G. N. Ashley of Salemburg and J. M. Hunter of Turkey have been appointed to the board of directors of the Sampson County Public Library, Clinton.

Yancey County Library Board has two new members: Robert K. Helmle and Mrs. Roy Pate, both of Burnsville.

Walter W. Pike of Dana has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the new Henderson County Public Library in Hendersonville.

Mrs. G. Ritchie Wall of Albemarle has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Stanly County Public Library.

Mrs. W. W. Jarvis, Jr., Moyock, and Mrs. Frank Aycock, Jr., Currituck, are new trustees of the Currituck County Library Board.

Marion A. Ham has been named to the Durham Public Library Board. He fills the vacancy created by the death of H. Raymond Weeks.

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## **An Adventure in Cooperation, A School Library Conference**

*By Ila Taylor Justice, Chairman, Department of Library Science, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, and Earleen G. Pritchett, Secretary to the President, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.*

"HOW CAN WE USE OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIES MOST EFFECTIVELY" was the theme chosen for a three-day conference on school libraries co-sponsored by the Department of Library Science at Appalachian State Teachers College and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on April 4–6, 1957. Unlike the usual library conference this one was a joint enterprise, not only of the co-sponsoring groups but of

the participants. Invited were school library supervisors in North Carolina, general supervisors of instruction throughout the state, library science instructors and students, and college faculty members. More than one hundred librarians and school personnel from every section of North Carolina were in attendance.

The three-day program was as varied as the participation groups. Leaders included a college president, the head of an Education department in a teachers college, an author-illustrator team in the field of children's literature, a writer and collector of folk tales, as well as education and library leaders to direct discussion groups and clinics. Miss Nora E. Beust, specialist for schools and children's libraries, U.S. Office of Education, served as consultant for the conference.

Dr. Dale H. Gramley, president of Salem College at Winston-Salem, opened the conference with an address on "These Years of Our Life." In answering the questions as to what competition librarians face in trying to interest young people in the resources of the library, he listed the "fads and fancies" of the late 1920's through the present, when new patterns of relaxation have been established, and the "fitful 50's" when superlatives of speech and action seem to have become the order of the day. He said that we need more tolerance, greater democratization of education, greater understanding of democracy, more faith, an understanding and interest in people, but that the thing to keep everlastingly in mind is the ability of the individual teacher to stimulate the children under her, and the importance of human values are the major goals.

"For the busy rushed grown-up of today, the library is a fortress against the noise, complication, and confusion of a keyed-up modern world; for the child it is even more important, being the last stand for individuality," the librarians were told Friday morning at their breakfast session by Mrs. Thelma Harrington Bell. She further explained the importance of the role of the librarian in helping children choose good literature, and advocated that in the library "a child is free to be himself, to seek his own interests, widen his horizons of knowledge, and most important, to learn to make his own decisions."

Following Mrs. Bell's speech, her husband, Corydon Bell, spoke on "The Genesis of Two Books." He remarked that "a book, when it comes into the hands of the public, is a well-scrubbed, crisp package of thought that shows little of the trials of its genesis." Emphasizing the job of the writer in our modern society and school curricula, he told of the problems he and Mrs. Bell had encountered in publishing their latest works, *The Wonder of Snow*, a scientific writing by Mr. Bell, and *Snow* a book edited by Mrs. Bell especially for children. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are two of North Carolina's famous writers, painters, and illustrators. They live at Sapphire in Transylvania County.

Following the breakfast session on Friday, at a general meeting, Dr. Herbert W. Wey, the associate dean of the graduate school and head of the department of education at Appalachian, spoke on "Using Our School Libraries More Effectively", the theme of the conference. He mentioned six ways which could contribute to more effective use of the library: Selling the administration on the value, ideals, and purpose of the library; training the teachers to better correlate their teaching with the use of the library; broadening the facilities of the library to include movie films, phonographs and records,

movie projectors, picture slides, and the like; making an evaluation of the library and its staff to determine where improvements could be made; striving to give students guidance, both academically and with their personalities and vocations by suggesting particular types of reading material; and the librarian is a key person in the school curriculum and should strive to execute her duties fully.

On Friday night, at the banquet held in the Mountaineer Room on the college campus, the speaker and entertainer was Richard Chase from Beech Creek. Mr. Chase is a noted folklorist and author. He told some of the old folk tales and riddles, and led the audience in a number of familiar old folk songs. He spoke briefly on behalf of the genuineness of the folk arts and asked the librarians influence in spreading authentic information about such arts.

In the summary of the discussion groups held throughout the conference, the librarians came to the following conclusions: That being a custodian of books is only a minor responsibility of a librarian; that she must exercise leadership in helping the student to develop mental ability, good study skills, growth of his personality; that she must be aware of how research can help to evaluate effectiveness of the library; that teachers need to become more familiar with the library and its resources; that students need to be taught how to use the library; that teacher and librarian should work together in the development of the child's special interests; that the librarian could stimulate interest in reading through book fairs, displays of children's work in the library, invitations to go to classrooms and introduce particular books; that student assistants in the library can develop a feeling of participation and belonging — something that makes for greater consciousness of library resources; that parents through their own interest in the school library and its resources can stimulate the interest of their children; that teachers must have a broad knowledge of books to be able to lead the children into increased interest and wider reading habits; that the librarian should point out to the teachers the many resources at her finger tips for helping with subject matter fields, special interests, personality problems; that administrators must be concerned with the library, especially as concerns scheduling, space, funds, publicity; that in measuring the effectiveness of a library, quality must be the yardstick and not quantity; that arrangements should be made, especially in rural areas, for the year-around use of school libraries, possibly through the leadership of the PTA or school officials; and that something good happens when boys and girls, staff members, and people of the community use a library effectively.

Clinics on various phases of school library work were conducted by library personnel from over the state. Areas covered included: Planning and Equipping School Libraries; School Library Organization: Records and Routines; Selection of Materials and Their Use in Curriculum Construction; Non-Book Materials: School Library Program and Activities; Student Library Assistants; School Library Publicity; The Curriculum Library.

These clinic areas proved to be one of the most valuable aspects of the conference. Here teachers and librarians had an opportunity to confer with leaders on individual problems. An architect and librarian with extensive experience in planning libraries discussed re-modeling, furniture selection, use of color, and the many problems involved in making the library an attractive and inviting place for students and teachers. A demonstration of assembly line processing was especially helpful to teachers and

supervisors who had charge of a library program without trained librarians. The clinic centering around the handling of non-book materials, the housing, and different methods of checking out proved popular with the group. Selection aids for all types of materials were displayed along with suggestions for selection principles and criteria for building a well-rounded collection. Resources and procedures followed in building a unit of work were displayed. The library program was varied, giving ideas for instruction in use of the library, reading stimulation by teacher or librarian such as story-telling, book talks, use of audio-visual materials, and sharing activities such as dramatization. Student assistants, their training, duties and recognition covered another clinic area. Publicity for libraries covered visual, written, and oral-written publicity in newspapers, monthly reports, yearbooks, and "ads"; oral publicity in assembly programs, radio programs, and quiz shows, visual publicity in attractive eye-catching bulletin boards, posters, and exhibits. Points brought out for inference in making more effective use of the library were (1) the increasing need for young people to know and enter the library profession, (2) the need for better teacher preparation for use of the library.

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### **North Carolina Adult Education Association to Meet**

A business meeting of the North Carolina Adult Education Association will be held at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County on October 31, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Association is in process of organizing as an outgrowth of the Fourth Annual North Carolina Conference on Adult Education. The conferences were planned and sponsored by a committee of librarians, health educators, agricultural and other extension personnel, club women and others interested in any informational programs for adults. At the Fourth Annual Conference in Charlotte last spring those attending voted to become a formal organization and adopt a constitution. A committee has been working on a draft to be presented in Charlotte on October 31. Other business will include selection of a site for the Fifth Annual Conference in February.

All NCLA members who have attended previous conferences and those who would like an opportunity to work with people in other fields to further the informal education of adults are urged to attend both the business meeting in Charlotte on October 31 and the program conference in February.

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### **Tar Heel Librarians**

Emily S. BOYCE became children's librarian of the W. L. I. Memorial Library, Wilmington, on July 1.

Winston BROADFOOT, trustee of the W. L. I. Memorial Library, Wilmington, became director of the Flowers Collection, Duke University Library, in September.

Charles R. BROCKMAN has resigned as assistant director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. He will remain on the staff as head of the history

division. He plans to build up and organize a collection of local and regional historical and genealogical materials.

Louise CROWE became librarian of Gardner-Webb College this fall. She was formerly with the Burlington City Schools.

Mrs. Audrey Johnson CUSHMAN is adult services librarian of the Durham Public Library.

Mrs. Nancy Howard DAVIS became librarian of the Iredell County Library, Statesville, on September 1. Mrs. Davis lives in Mooresville.

Sylvia DIEHL has joined the staff of the Cumberland County Library, Fayetteville. She attended the UNC library school.

Joseph DIXON became librarian of the Haywood County Library, Waynesville, on July 1. Mr. Dixon was formerly assistant librarian of the Rowan Public Library, Salisbury.

Georgia H. FAISON became reference librarian in the General Services Division of the State Library on September 1.

Montgomery FLEMING resigned his position with the Duke University Library to accept one at the University of Illinois.

Charlesanna FOX, past president of NCLA has been elected vice-president of the Southeastern Adult Education Association.

Hollis HANEY became librarian of the Rockingham-Richmond County Library and the Moore County Library on September 1. Miss Haney was formerly librarian of the Pawhuska (Oklahoma) Public Library.

Mrs. Minnie M. HUSSEY has retired from her position as assistant circulation assistant in the Woman's College Library, Greensboro. Her many services to the college were recognized in the recent Annual Report of the Librarian.

Lucile KELLING, Dean, School of Library Science, UNC was married to Dr. Archibald Henderson, June 15, 1957.

Adelaide McLARTY became librarian of the Onslow County Library, Jacksonville, June 1. She was formerly with the Wilson County Library.

Dr. Jerrold ORNE became librarian of the University of North Carolina in August. Dr. Orne comes to North Carolina from the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Sangster PARROT became documents and serials librarian in the Technical Services Division of the State Library on September 1.

Dewey F. PRUETT joined the catalog staff of the Duke University Library in June.

Mrs. Nancy S. PUMPHREY resigned as librarian of the Iredell County Library on August 1.

Bradley SIMON (FSU) became assistant director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County on September 1. He was formerly librarian of the Air Force Base in Homestead, Florida.

Mrs. James L. SUMMERS became librarian of the Catawba County Library and the Lincoln County Library in late August.

Mrs. Nancy Jane VICK is librarian of the Farmville Public Library. She succeeds La Rue McKinney who resigned to be married.

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## **Friends of the Library**

A Friends of the Library group has been organized in Hendersonville. A unique gavel contrived out of a dozen native North Carolina hard woods will call to order the meetings of the group. The gavel was presented to Mrs. Henry J. Chanon, president of the organization, by Mrs. R. B. Rollison, the first life member of the group. The Garden Clubs of Hendersonville are cooperating with the Friends of the Library in a plan to make the local public library a more inviting center for visitors. The clubs are taking turns placing flower arrangements in the library.

The 25th anniversary of the Friends of the University of North Carolina Library was celebrated in the spring. Chancellor Robert B. House was the principal speaker, discussing "The Books in My Life."

At the 1957 annual dinner meeting of the Friends of Duke University Library, Dr. William Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist and National Librarian of Canada, was the guest speaker.

A Friends of the Library group has been organized in Transylvania County. Officers elected at the organizational meeting were: Dean Iona, president; Mrs. G. W. Galloway, vice president; Mrs. Jack Trantham, secretary; Ligon B. Ard, treasurer.

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## **Back Files of North Carolina Libraries Incomplete**

Back files of *North Carolina Libraries*, at the State Library, have recently been depleted by requests of institutions to complete their files. In many cases requests could be filled only because NCLA members who did not want to keep back copies responded to previous publication of issues out of stock. If anyone has unwanted copies of any of the following issues, please send them to *North Carolina Libraries*, Box 2889, Raleigh.

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Volume 10, Number 3, April, 1952

Volume 13, Number 2, January, 1955

Volume 13, Number 3, March, 1955

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## **First National Library Week in March**

"National Library Week has the interest and support of the country's librarians and will be successful largely due to the enthusiasm of their participation," John S. Robling, director of the promotion and education program, says.

In cooperation with the American Library Association, National Library Week, March 16–22, 1958, is being organized by the National Book Committee, an active, non-profit citizens group who promote the wider and wiser use of books.

Following the annual meeting of the American Library Association, held in Kansas City in June, Robling said:

"The Library Services Act helped organize librarians to arouse broad public support in their home states; the new Standards have given all of them something to promote and sell locally. National Library Week is a wonderful follow through for both.

"They believe in the scope of this program; they sense its potential importance — both immediate and long range. They recognize that for the first time they will have major backing on a national scale — and they appreciate what the development of 'outside' public relations resources in their communities can do for them."

For the first time all media — books, magazines, newspapers, radio and TV — are combining their efforts in a campaign to promote the printed word. The theme is "Wake Up and Read!"

Emphasizing the need for this type of promotional event, Robling points out: The habit of reading is not keeping pace with increased education, leisure time, or disposable income. Half of the adults in this country live within a mile of a public library — but only one-fifth of them visit it. New standards of public library service have just been issued by the American Library Association; they need community attention and acceptance. Recruiting trained personnel is a major problem for all libraries. Soaring enrollments mean that school and college facilities must be expanded.

"Our approach will be to stress the role of libraries as an important national resource in the education of Americans in an ever changing world. We will emphasize the rewards of reading as a leisure time activity and the contribution of reading to career advancement," Robling says.

State American Library Association committees on National Library Week have been appointed. They will work with the overall state committees on Library Week. Handbooks and promotion kits are now being prepared in New York that will include suggestions for carrying out the campaign. This material will be sent to state and local committees.

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**Submarine Information Available**

The booklet, "Little Known Facts About the Submarine," has been revised since it was listed in the *Standard Catalog for High School Libraries*. This booklet and other unclassified, authentic submarine information is available free to librarians from the Submarine Library, Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut. Write to Mrs. Emery E. Bassett, Librarian.

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## **Eastern College Librarians' Conference**

The 43rd Annual Eastern College Librarians' Conference will be held this year at Columbia University in New York City on Saturday, November 30, 1957. The conference will be devoted to two current problems in academic libraries: *The Evaluation of Academic Libraries* and *College Libraries and Expanding Enrollments*. At the morning session Maurice Tauber, Melvil Dewey Professor of Library Service at Columbia University will present a case study report of the recently concluded self-survey of the Columbia University Libraries. Morris Gelfand, Librarian of Queens College will discuss the practical techniques used in evaluating libraries by accrediting teams.

Millicent McIntosh, President of Barnard College will lead off the afternoon session with a discussion of *The Future of The American College*. She will be followed by Wyman Parker, Librarian of Wesleyan University (Middletown, Connecticut) who will speak on *College Library Standards and the Future*. Wayne Yenawine, Dean of the Syracuse University School of Library Science, will talk on *Trends in Education for Academic Librarianship*.

The conference will be held in the Harkness Theater on the Columbia University campus. No advance registration is necessary. Correspondence concerning the conference should be addressed to Russell Shank, Program Chairman, Eastern College Librarians Conference, Columbia University, New York 27, New York.

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## **ACRL Grants**

College and university libraries throughout the United States will be assisted by two new grants to the Association of College and Reference Libraries.

ACRL President Robert W. Orr, Director of the Iowa State College Library (Ames), announced that the United States Steel Foundation has awarded a sum of \$30,000 "for improving libraries and services as valuable adjuncts of teaching," and the New York Times has given a \$5,000 grant to aid libraries in the purchase of microfilm files of the newspaper. The funds are to be distributed in sub-grants by ACRL.

This is the third successive annual grant from the United States Steel Foundation, and the second from the New York Times.

Last year 118 sub-grants were made to college and university libraries from grants administered by the Association of College and Reference Libraries.

The 1957 grants bring the total of funds administered by ACRL in less than three years to \$131,000.

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### **Mail Vote on the Moving of ALA Headquarters**

In accordance with ALA constitutional provisions, a petition has been submitted calling for a mail vote of the membership of ALA to set aside the action of Council which voted at Kansas City to move the Headquarters of ALA from Chicago to Washington.

The ballot for the mail vote was included in the September *ALA Bulletin*. This is the only place in which it will appear. Full background and details are given in that issue.

It is necessary that one-fourth of the membership (approximately 5,000, including personal and institutional) vote in order to sustain or defeat the petition. ALA members are urged to exercise their membership right and Vote Yes or No on this important issue.

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### **ALA Library-Community Project Report**

The Nebraska Public Library Commission and the Wisconsin Free Library Commission are the first state library agencies to receive grants under the 1957–59 program of the American Library Association's Library-Community Project. The program is made possible by a second grant of \$200,000 to ALA from the Fund for Adult Education, which has extended the Project until August 31, 1959.

The two grant areas were selected by a special projects committee at the recent ALA Annual Conference in Kansas City. Each sub-grant is for \$12,000 for the period September 1, 1957 to August 31, 1959. Applications for two-year grants from state library extension agencies will again be considered in the Spring of 1958. The North Carolina State Library hopes to submit an application in 1958.

The renewed grant from the Fund, according to Ruth Warncke, Project Director, will enable the new grant areas "to build directly upon the experience and learnings of the state agencies and pilot libraries that have been working with the Project during the last two years — in Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, and Tennessee." In these states librarians and consultants have worked with citizens' groups, organizations, and agencies to improve community educational services through planning meetings, workshops, and institutes.

In the pilot libraries, there has been extensive experimentation in making library and community studies the basis for improving library adult services. The Project will continue for another year in each of these four states so that programs may be built around the needs the studies have disclosed, and to provide for evaluation of the programs.

Consultant service, obtainable through the state library extension agency of any state, will continue to be given by the Project. LCP staff members have already helped to plan

and evaluate some thirty institutes, besides those held in the grant states, involving state and regional library associations, universities and library schools, state libraries and state library agencies, and groups of libraries. Miss Warncke helped to plan and conduct North Carolina's workshop on the new public library standard last spring.

In addition to consultant service, LCP gathers and develops materials to assist libraries in the Project and other libraries wishing to improve their adult services through analysis of community needs. During the next year, publishing of materials will be a part of the LCP program.

The Library-Community Project, Miss Warncke points out, developed from three previous nation-wide activities, made possible by the Fund and administered by the ALA Office for Adult Education: a survey of adult education activities in public libraries, completed in 1953; the American Heritage Project, which has enabled local libraries in 33 areas (involving 28,476 participants, in 1474 groups) to sponsor discussion groups on basic issues in American democracy; and the Adult Education Sub-grant Project, which, in 1953, made possible varied adult education programs in 20 communities.

LCP staff is as follows: Phyllis Maggeroli continues as administrative assistant and John T. Parkhill as a consultant. Dorothy Kittel, formerly head, Community Living Department, Dallas Public Library, joined the staff as a consultant, August 1. Eleanor Phinney, recently appointed the first executive secretary of the new Adult Services Division of ALA, will be available for special consultant service.

Robert E. Lee, who was adult services librarian in the Greensboro Public Library before serving as a field worker in the American Heritage Project in 1954–55 and who has been with the Project since its inception, has received a leadership training award from the Fund for Adult Education and will leave in September to resume postgraduate studies at the University of Chicago.

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## **State Library Board Elects New Officers**

John Harden, vice president, Burlington Industries, Inc., was elected chairman of the North Carolina State Library Board at the quarterly meeting held in Raleigh on August 7. Mr. Harden succeeds Dr. Roy B. McKnight who has served in that capacity for the past two years and who recently was reappointed to a six-year term to the State Library Board. Dr. Mark Lindsey, physician from Hamlet, was elected to succeed John Harden as vice chairman. Both new officers will serve for a two-year term.

Other appointed members of the Board are: Paul S. Balance, Dr. Charles E. Jordan and Clifford Peeler. Ex officio members are Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. Jerrold Orne, librarian of the University of North Carolina.

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## **ALA Filmstrip on Public Libraries**

With the release in July of its new filmstrip — YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY, ISLAND OR PENINSULA\* — the American Library Association offers a complete line of materials

designed to promote the new public library standards in all aspects, and at all levels of understanding.

The new filmstrip was prepared by a committee of the Public Libraries Division of ALA. Using original full-color artwork, it provides a visual presentation of the broad concepts and basic library standards embodied in ALA's 1956 publication, PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE. Like the book, the filmstrip emphasizes both the actual services performed by American public libraries, and the potential for wider and more efficient service by individual libraries integrated with larger units or library systems.

Included with the filmstrip are a recorded commentary and a mimeographed script — both designed to facilitate discussion and understanding of the standards. All three may be borrowed from the North Carolina State Library.

*\*Your Public Library — Island or Peninsula? 35-frame color filmstrip, 35 mm, with recorded script on 33 1/3 rpm disc and mimeographed script. American Library Association. 1957. \$13.00.*

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## Book Reviews

*Basic Filing Rules for Medium-Sized Libraries; a Compend Filing Code for Catalogs of 120 to 2000 Trays*, by Gertrude Moakley. New York: William-Frederick Press, 1957. 60 p. \$2.00.

This is a book which will be of real service to catalogers. While not intended for smaller libraries it will serve as a guide in solving minor problems of filing within an individual catalog. Large libraries may well find these rules applicable. The fourteen basic filing rules, which Mrs. Moakley clearly defines, include Numerals and Numerical Arrangements; Author and Subject; Cross References and Explanatory Cards; Works of the Same Title Including the Bible; and Subdivisions. More than one half of the book is devoted to comprehensive illustration of the rules.

These rules are apparently needed in the New York Public Library where Mrs. Moakley is in charge of filing, since it has a fixed location for its books. A library using this system has a special need of filing rules and a catalog which the public can use with a maximum of ease and convenience. While I disagree with some of the smaller technical points, on the whole these are excellent rules that are well planned and easily understood. I hope Mrs. Moakley will expand the rules to cover obvious gaps with the clarity and logic of this second edition.

Edgar Lynch, *Chairman*, Catalog Section, NCLA

*The University of North Carolina, 1900–1930: The Making of a Modern University*, by Louis R. Wilson. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1957. 633 p. \$7.50.

As the seventh author of a history of the University, Dr. Wilson presents "the story of the University in transition from the status of a college, concerned primarily with teaching at the undergraduate level, to the status of a modern university still engaged in teaching undergraduates, but likewise devoted to study at the graduate and professional levels; to the discovery of a new knowledge through experimentation and research; to the publication of the results of investigation through scholarly and scientific journals and monographs; and to the extension of the service of the University to the State through its institutes, its Library, its Press, and its other facilities and faculties."

After a summary of the University's progress prior to 1900, Dr. Wilson records the transition process under the administrations of Francis Preston Venable, Edward Kidder Graham, Marvin H. Stacy and Henry Woodburn Chase. Dr. Wilson carefully traces the progress of the institution under each administrator.

Librarians will be especially interested in the library chapters. "The Library Begins to Grow" at the same time that Dr. Wilson was appointed librarian. One of his first recommendations was that the University "abandon its custom of employing librarians every few years whose major interest was in securing advanced degrees and . . . adopt a policy of employing someone as Librarian who through continuity of service and study of library procedure could give sustained direction to the development of the Library as a fundamentally essential instrument in teaching and research." President Venable repeated the recommendation to the trustees and the library began to be more than a depository of books.

In the chapter, "A Library for a Real University," a statistical summary of growth precedes accounts of the creation and growth of such special collections as the North Carolina Collection, the Southern Historical Collection, and the Hanes and Hunter Collections. It was toward the end of the period covered (in 1929) that the University Library moved into the first unit of the present building.

Dr. Wilson is one of the architects of the growth of the University of North Carolina. It is fitting that he be one of her historians.

Elaine von Oesen

*The American Indian in North Carolina*, by Douglas L. Rights. Second edition. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 1957. 298 pp. \$6.00.

The first edition of this book was published in 1947 by the Duke University Press. This second edition, "A Publication of the Wachovia Historical Society," is actually a reprint plus a two-page supplement giving some up-to-date information on the Cherokee and Catawba Indians. Both "editions" were printed by the Seeman Printery in Durham.

Libraries owning the 1947 edition will not need to add the 1957 one. Libraries without the earlier printing will be glad that the book is back in print.

Elaine von Oesen

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## **Public Librarians Confer on Resources**

Interlibrary loan resources and services in North Carolina public libraries was the subject of a two-day conference in the Public Library of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, August 15–16. Since the first Interlibrary Loan Conference held in the Greensboro Public Library, September 1950, special subject collections have been developed in fourteen public libraries located throughout the state. Additional special subject collections were proposed.

Discussion of interlibrary loan procedure and practices resulted in agreements designed to speed up loans and help the loaning library. It was recommended that borrowing libraries use the ALA adopted international interlibrary loan printed forms.

Two committees were appointed to work out proposals made by the conference: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey, State Librarian, was appointed chairman of a committee of five "to study possible methods of coordinating, making available, and duplicating bibliographic information on . . . adult non-fiction holdings in North Carolina public libraries and the State Library." Miss Mae Tucker, of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, was selected as chairman of a committee of three "to prepare a list of serials, with inclusive dates, held by North Carolina libraries, university and public."

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## **Index Enclosed**

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