Report From

The President

The NCLA Spring Workshop held at the D. H. Hill Library on the NCSU Campus, April 7-8, 1978 was well attended and productive. All of the committees met, received reports from the old committees and began planning for the biennium. I appreciate the willingness of the committee members to give their time and effort to serve the Association.

Following the meeting of the Scholarship Committee at the Spring Workshop, Mrs. Grace Farrior, Chairman announced the 1978-79 scholarship recipients: Query-Long Scholarship — Mrs. Elinor Vaughan \$500 for graduate study at UNC-Greensboro; two North Carolina Memorial Scholarships — Mrs. Betty F. Middleton, \$1000 for graduate study at UNC-Greensboro and Mrs. Arlene H. Hanerfield, \$600 for graduate study at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The date for the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services is October 19-21, 1978. It will be held in the Raleigh Civic Center with Governor Hunt participating. The work of the planning committee is progressing well and

prior to the October dates, seven regional meetings will be held across the State. I urge each of you to participate in these meetings and help us get a good cross-section of your community involved. The purpose of these meetings is to identify particular local library concerns and other input for the Governor's Conference. If you have questions or need further information concerning the Conference, contact David N. McKay or Alberta Smith at the State Library.

On Saturday, March 18, 1978 at the Royal Villa in Raleigh, the "North Carolina Media Council: A Council of Educational Media Organizations" was organized. The following organizations were represented: Educational Media Association, North Carolina Association of School Librarians, North Carolina Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Learning Resources Association and the North Carolina Library Association. The objectives of the Council are: "1. To explore avenues of cooperation between the various media organizations in North Carolina; 2. To promote quality

programs and workshops of mutual professional interest to constituents of member organizations; 3. To identify professional problems for further development of media programs in North Carolina; and 4. To promote better understanding and mutual cooperation among media organizations in North Carolina in order to develop a responsible image for media personnel." Membership in the Council will be open to all educational media organizations in North Carolina which support and promote these objectives. It will be composed of two members from each member organization, the president plus one person appointed by the executive board of each organization. Officers (chairman, vice chairman and secretary-treasurer) will be elected annually by the Council. Each member organization will have one vote and pay \$25.00 for implementation of the Council's objectives. At the North Carolina Library Association Board Meeting on April 7, 1978, membership in the Council was approved.

Diana Young, Children's Consultant, State Library and the Children's Services Section are to be congratulated on another successful Storytelling Festival during National Library Week, April 3-7, 1978. The Festival was held on the Capitol grounds in Raleigh with over 11,000 people attending.

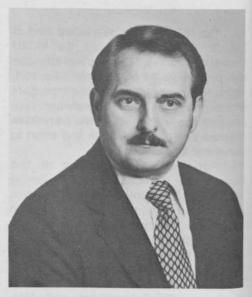
North Carolina was well-represented in Washington, D.C. on Legislative Day, April 4, 1978. Our delegation found our legislators to be hospitable, well-informed and interested in the library needs of our State. Bill O'Shea and his Governmental Relations Committee are to be commended on preparations for this Day and their outstanding work during the 1976-78 biennium.

It was a terrible shock to hear of Margaret Kalp's death. Margaret was very active in NCLA and served as president from 1963 to 1965. She will be greatly missed by her friends and colleagues.

In making your plans for the fall here are two dates to remember:

October 6-8, 1978 — Southeastern Library Association/Southwestern Library Association Joint Conference. New Orleans Hilton.

November 16-17, 1978 — North Carolina Association of School Librarians Biennial School Library/Media Work Conference. Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.



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