

# Library Round-up

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## The Dedication of the William R. Perkins Library

On the evening of April 15 Terry Sanford, in his first official appearance as President of Duke University, opened the two-day dedication program of the new \$7.4 million William R. Perkins Library—of which Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, who has distinguished himself by able work in national circles, is librarian. Mr. Sanford traced the history of the Library from its early days as a part of Trinity College to the present time and, in conclusion, reiterated the pledge Walter Hines Page made in the 1903 dedicatory address for the Trinity College Library: "I dedicate it to free thought, not about some subjects, but about all subjects, the free thought that is the very atmosphere of an ideal university."

The morning of Thursday, April 16, was featured by symposia on the modern academic library. Participants in these events included:

"Where the Action Is: The Undergraduate and the Library in the New Academic Society"

Moderator: William S. Dix, Librarian, Princeton University; Julia Holmquist Knight, Duke alumna (1969); Anne F. Scott, Associate Professor of History; Robert C. Krueger, Assistant Professor of English

"The Literature of the 'Now' Generation and the Academic Library"

Moderator: Jerrold Orne, Librarian, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; John L. Sharpe III, Curator of Rare Books, Perkins Library; Jean M. Cary, Undergraduate, Duke University; William H. Poteat, Professor of Christianity and Culture

"The Utopian Library: Financing an Academic Research Library"

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## Northampton Memorial Library

By FRANCES S. MIDYETTE

The new home for Northampton Memorial Library is in the building process now. This project is being financed from county and federal funds. Under Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act, the Federal Government furnishes 58% of the cost of the project and local government 42%.

On June 20, 1967 the Northampton Memorial Library Board of Trustees, with Dr. J. A. Fleetwood, Jr. as chairman, filed formal application under Title II of the aforementioned act for not less than \$110,000 nor more than \$120,000 to finance the new building. Political maneuvers were rampant in Washington with much talk of economy. Our application was caught up in all this, and hopes waxed and waned. Finally, at long last, a telephone call from State Library in

Raleigh on November 12, 1968, informed us that our project and one other in North Carolina were the last two to be funded under the existing Library Services and Construction Act. In the meantime, Congressman L. H. Fountain and Senators Sam J. Irvin, Jr. and B. Everett Jordan had been informed of our application for federal funds, and each was putting in a word with members of the Bureau of the Federal Budget where it would do the most good. This is an excellent opportunity to say again, "Thank you, Congressman Fountain and Senators Irvin and Jordan!"

Plans for the new building have been drawn under guidance rules

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## Guilford College To Receive Books from Prime Minister of Kuwait

A gift of books from the Heir Apparent and Prime Minister of Kuwait is expected to provide Guilford College with one of the best collections in the Southeastern United States on the Arabic civilization and history and Islamic culture.

Announcement of the gift from His Excellency Shaikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah was made by Dr. Grimsley T. Hobbs, president of Guilford College.

The offer of the books was made through Dr. Khamis Abdul-Magid, former advisor to the Ministry of Fi-

nance and Oil in Kuwait who now is Dana Professor of Economics at Guilford and chairman of the college's department of economics.

"The Prime Minister's aim is to strengthen the relations between the Arabs and the American people," Dr. Abdul-Magid said. "His Excellency feels that when people understand other people's culture, history and aspirations, they come to appreciate their problems and help in solving them.



Left to Right: President Grimsley T. Hobbs, Dr. Khamis Abdul-Magid, and Herbert Poole discuss gift of books from Kuwait.

"The Prime Minister, a tolerant man, is impressed by the tolerance of Quakers, who founded Guilford College," he said. "Like they, he is a humanitarian who is concerned for world peace."

Herbert Poole, Guilford College director of libraries, said the Prime Minister's office was assisted by the library department at the University of Kuwait in preparing a representative list of some basic works in English

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By HELGA H. EASON

*ASD Representative to the  
ALA Membership Committee*

Have you been saying to yourself, "I don't believe I will join American Library Association this year. It's such a big organization, it's so far from me and it doesn't do a thing for me personally?" If you have, stop a minute and think. You'll realize that this is far from the truth.

For years, the American Library Association has kept the standards of the profession high. As a result, the status of your job is such that governing bodies are paying increasingly high salaries. This certainly affects you. Moreover, the American Library Association has for years maintained an office in Washington which kept all librarians apprised of national legislation affecting libraries, which alerted nationally-known librarians as to hearings at which they should appear, which worked to put through appropriations which have improved the service of the libraries of this country, which in turn increased not only prestige of libraries but their budget. This, certainly affects you vitally and personally.

In addition to such activities as the setting of standards and work with legislation, the ALA assists individual members in many other ways. Its professional publications, continuing education programs, exhibits, journals, newsletters, and the research and guidance work of the divisions and committees are part of its membership benefits. Membership also makes possible group insurance benefits which can be transferred as you move throughout your entire career.

## WHOM DO YOU SERVE?

If you work with adults in a public library, teach adult services in a library school, administer a special or public library, are a state librarian or a consultant working with adults, are a Trustee or member of Friends of the Library, you can get immeasurable help from the Adult Services Division. For years, the Division has been perfecting techniques and publishing the findings of ways to work with aging, the disadvantaged, labor groups and the culturally illiterate. It has encouraged its members to go into the community where knowledge and information are needed—to the disadvantaged and the advantaged, to people of all races.

Do you work with children? Do you work in a school or children's room of a public library, administer a library involved in a great deal of activity for children, teach children's literature, serve as a consultant in children's work for a state library? If you are involved in any of these activities, the Children's Services Division can help you immeasurably. The same holds true of other Divisions. If you are a school or public librarian working with young people, a professor teaching library school students how best to work with young people, the Young Adult Services Division can help you greatly.

You don't have to be the Director of a great library to be a member of the Library Administration Division. If you work in public relations, with circulation, with personnel as a supervisor, or are a member of Friends of the Library, this division can prove invaluable to you. If you do reference work, you can get the advice you need on informational, bibliographical and research activities from the Reference Services Division. If you work in tech-

nical processes in any type of library anywhere, you will want the help of the Resources and Technical Services Division for your work is continually changing in this computerized age, with central processing, book catalogs and new means of reproducing library materials.

You need not be a professor in a library school to become a member of the Library Education Division. If you are interested in courses now being given in library schools or have ideas for new courses, you should be a member of this Division. There are few libraries of any kind that are not using or thinking in terms of some kind of automation. If you are "automation-minded" the Information Science and Automation Division fosters activity in this field.

If you are a Trustee of a public or college library, you will be interested in and are encouraged to join all these Divisions, as well as the American Library Trustee Association.

If you are a Trustee in any type of library, you will find other community-minded citizens in ALTA who can give you excellent suggestions about what they have done in their libraries that you might like to do in yours.

Nine divisions of the American Library Association cut across types of libraries and activities in libraries and are continually studying problems that confront and perplex you every day and are always ready to answer questions. There are also Divisions that especially assist librarians in specific types of libraries; for instance, the Public Library Association. This Division, as do all Divisions, publishes book lists and brochures on many subjects. The American Association of School Librarians has the information

you need as a school librarian. It is especially proud of its School Library Manpower Project, a new approach to training and recruiting. If you are in a State Library, you will want to be a member of the American Association of State Libraries, and if you are a director or supervisor in a large metropolitan and college library or working in inter-branch loan, you can obtain the help you need from fellow-members of this Division.

If you are in a college or junior college or research library, you can receive valuable assistance from the Association of College and Research Libraries, especially from its publications, its Microform and Monograph series. You probably use "Choice" for book selection now.

If you work in hospital or institution libraries, you will be grateful for the contacts, information and materials published by the Association of Hospital and Institution libraries. And if you work in the audio-visual field not only ALA but most divisions can provide answers to your problems.

This summary could not possibly describe the help you can get from the Divisions of American Library Association. If you are lucky enough to go to the Conferences, you will discover lively programs that not only give you answers but stimulate other questions. And you will get acquainted with fellow librarians who will be happy to serve you as friendly consultants. Whether you attend Conferences or not, there is at least one Division that will give you the answers *you* need, answers that will provide the knowledge and enthusiasm to keep you on top of your profession. ALA is not far away and impersonal. It is as close to you as your fellow librarian or a postage stamp. It is stimulating people and ideas. Join now and find out for yourself.

**PERKINS LIBRARY (Cont'd)**

Moderator: Herman H. Fussler, Director of Libraries, University of Chicago; Guy Lyle, Director of Libraries, Emory University; William L. Culberson, Associate Professor of Botany; Charles R. Young, Associate Professor of History.

The actual dedication ceremony took place Thursday afternoon. After the Reverend James T. Cleland, Dean of the Chapel, had made the prayer of dedication, the Library Building was presented by Charles Wade, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. President Sanford accepted it; Thomas L. Perkins, Chairman of the Board of the Duke Endowment as well as a son of the man for whom the Library is named, made one response; and Robert Feldman, President of Associated Students at Duke University, made a second. L. Quincy Mumford, not only Librarian of Congress but also a Duke alumnus, brought greetings from the national and scholarly libraries and then introduced the speaker, his former classmate. The address was made by Julian Parks Boyd, Editor of the Thomas Jefferson Papers and Professor of History at Princeton University. The timeliness and forcefulness of Dr. Boyd's speech, "I Do Not Understand . . .," are evident in the final paragraphs:

What are we to say to those within the universities who have abandoned the ideal of objective inquiry, who trample on the rights of others, who employ force to achieve their ends, who actually engage in the burning of books, who deny the right of others to be heard, and who, in a time of tolerance so limitless as to permit an unprecedented freedom of expression, declare the society of which they are a part to be oppressive, tyrannical, and decadent?

Much can be said, but whatever the response of others and whatever the legal status of those who claim protection but refuse allegiance to the only institution man has yet devised for the enthronement of rationality, my own answer is summed up in the single word treason.

In other times of darkness [a] sundial carried this inscription: "When it becomes dark enough, you may see the stars." As we dedicate in a time of uncertainty and turmoil this great library, containing its priceless record of the aspirations and achievements of all mankind, let us take strength from these inextinguishable gleams of light.

The simple quality of courage, demanded above all of those who belong to the community of scholars, is the other side of the coin called reason. It is this quality that is most required at present, for there are few philosopher-kings and the intellectual by nature is better fitted to question power than to wield it. In our universities he now possesses that power but he has permitted the sanctuary of reason to be put in disarray by those who would reject reason. Soon or late he will be obliged to summon elementary courage because there is no alternative. In the effort he may draw sustenance both from this arsenal of truth that we call a library and from those words inscribed on a monument near the spot where our charter of a free society was drafted two centuries ago: "Freedom is a light for which many men have died in darkness." The library is a majestic symbol and embodiment of that imperishable gleam.

Each guest who attended the dedication was presented with a copy of *Gnomon, Essays for the Dedication of the William R. Perkins Library, April*

16, 1970, edited by John L. Sharpe III and Esther Evans. The eleven essays, written by men and women who have helped direct the growth of the institution, take note of the Library's holdings in a few areas of special strength and, at the same time, delve into its history. As Dr. Sharpe explains in the introduction, "The essays are not intended to describe definitively the holdings of the separate areas. Rather each one of them gives a scholar's view on one important and extensive group of materials which could not have been collected in a fortnight, a year, or even a decade."

Perkins Library is divided into two parts: the new library building, which was opened on February 3, 1969, and the renovated older portion, which was re-opened on March 7, 1970. Architecturally, it is a pleasing combination of classical Gothic and neo-Gothic styles.

The complex has a capacity of 2,300,000 volumes and 2,040 users, including space for 709 carrels situated in the library stacks. The new quarters are the center for intensive study and research, for information in the social sciences and the humanities. The old section is now fittingly called the "Undergraduate Library," as its facilities have been designed primarily to fill the needs of the undergraduate students. The main entrance to both areas is through an exhibits gallery. (In April it had on display manuscripts and photographs giving the history of the Duke University Libraries.) The Rare Book Room, greatly enlarged but still wholly in the old building, may be entered from the gallery and forms a particularly appropriate connecting link between the old and the new.

Space and light are perhaps the predominant characteristics of the Perkins Library. Ample room has been

allotted to such rapidly expanding departments as those of Documents and Maps and of Manuscripts and the University Archives. More than adequate provision has been made for the offices of the South Asia Collection, the Flowers Collection (not, as some have thought, a botanical collection, but one of Southern Americana made possible by the generosity of the Flowers family), and other holdings.

That faculty, students, and other patrons are finding both the new and the renovated areas of Perkins Library ideal for either concentrated effort or relaxation is clearly indicated in the greatly increased circulation of books and related materials, the extensive use of reference services, and the growing number of browsers.

### NORTHAMPTON LIBRARY (Con't)

specified by the State Library in Raleigh according to the number of people to be served. The population of Northampton County is 26,811. Accordingly, the new building will contain 5,235 square feet of space with seating for 56 readers and shelving for 40,000 books. This plan allows for expected growth over a period of twenty years.

Architect W. D. Boone, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina, working closely with the local building committee, has designed the exterior of the building in the traditional type architecture in keeping with other prized buildings of the mideighteenth century located in Northampton County. The facade will be both pleasing and inviting to the passerby to enter and read.

In the interior, lighting will meet the highest standards and air conditioning and the heating system will provide for the readers' comfort. There will be neat and adequate rest rooms

provided for the patrons of the library. A 205 square feet browsing area will hopefully be equipped with easy chairs, occasional tables, and attractive lighting with magazine racks, newspaper holders, and new book displays handy. The 606 square feet Meeting Room is the real prize. This room will be for the use of cultural groups throughout the county for such activities as lectures, study groups, art shows, board meetings, presentation of films, etc. With available opportunities for cultural pursuits made possible for libraries through the North Carolina State Library Agencies, such a meeting room will be a real asset.

However, we cannot contemplate the day of moving into this adequate building containing ample space for future growth without being filled with a feeling of nostalgia for the rare grace and charm of the little building that has housed Northampton Memorial Library since 1948. This is the oldest public building in Northampton County. Built in 1831 in Greek Revival style, it is one of the best buildings, architecturally speaking, in the state and was photographed for a volume by Johnson and Waterman, *Early Architecture of North Carolina*, in which pictures of the oldest and finest buildings in early North Carolina history are to be found.

The one hundred and thirty-eight intervening years since completion in August of 1831 have been filled with varied types of public service for this priceless little building. It was built to house the offices of the Clerk of the Court and Register of Deeds in Northampton County but before these tenants moved in, word reached Jackson of the September 1831 uprising of slaves in Southampton County, Virginia, led by Nat Turner. Since Nat Turner was leading his followers in this direction, panic reigned. All women,

children, and old people were brought in from Jackson and out-lying plantations for refuge in the new building. There they stayed under guard until news was received that Nat Turner had been apprehended and the slave insurrection put down.

The great Charleston earthquake of 1886 left its mark upon this little building. The brick work at each end still shows the cracks that developed under that upheaval, and the retaining rods put in at that time by Mr. John Moore have done their job well. They can still be seen outside and inside the building.

When the new bank building was completed in 1908 and the Bank of Northampton moved into its new quarters, Sheriff Hinton L. Joyner set up his office in the space left vacant in the building on the corner. Years rolled on, and another building sprang up on the Courthouse Square for additional office space for the Clerk of the Court and the Register of Deeds. Mr. P. J. Long, the father of the school system in Northampton County, moved into the two rooms left vacant in our little building and from there superintended forty-seven years of phenomenal growth in the schools of Northampton. In 1948 the renovation of the courthouse with the addition of a two-storied office complex at the back for county officials left our building vacant. It was at this time that the Northampton County Library Board petitioned the County Commissioners for the use of the building as library headquarters. This petition was granted.

In 1950 the Jackson Book Club sponsored a movement to make the county library a memorial to the men of Northampton who served and died in World Wars I and II and in Korea. For this purpose, the building was renovated and restored in keeping with

the period in which it was built. Jasper Eley contributed his time and effort for the supervision of this project. Upon completion of the renovation, books were moved in, a dedication service was held, and the name of the library was changed from Northampton County Library to Northampton Memorial Library. A new era of library service to citizens of Northampton County was on its way.

In any history of Northampton Memorial Library or of library service in the county, tribute must be paid to many people: To Mrs. E. P. Gulledge who back in 1924 fostered the idea of setting up collections of contributed books in homes for the use of whole neighborhoods—she often used the back seat of her old Ford car as a distributing agency: To Miss Mary Bagley who in 1933 took these heterogeneous collections from all over the county, mended and catalogued them, and became our first county librarian: To Mrs. J. P. Brown who, as chairman of the first Library Board of Trustees, steered the fledgling library through the years of financial insecurity and precarious circumstances that are the lot of most cultural activities: To Mr. Russell Harris, who put the library on a substantial basis for the first time when, as the Northampton Representative in the State Legislature, he presented and secured the passage of a bill to tax the citizenship of the county one cent on the hundred dollars for the support of the library: To Mrs. Paul Calvert and Mrs. J. A. Flythe who followed Miss Mary Bagley as librarians during the formative years of county-wide library service: To J. Buxton Weaver who gave generously of his time, legal talent, and know-how as chairman of the Board of Trustees during years of growth which called for many decisions: To forward looking county commissioners who through

the years listened patiently to pleas for financial assistance, and granted it: To the loyal people, too numerous to name who have kept book stations in their homes for many years, acting as voluntary librarians to the people of their communities: To Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome who, with the help of her faithful Friends of the Library group, has built the P. A. Bishop, Sr. Branch Library in Rich Square into an institution of which we can all be proud: To Mrs. T. T. Stephenson and Mrs. W. M. Stephenson who retired from the Board of Trustees in June of 1969 after having served faithfully and well for more than twenty years each: To faithful employees like Lillian H. Pearce who has served for thirteen years on the bookmobile and as assistant librarian: and, last but not least, to Mrs. Nancy M. Froelich whose name is synonymous with Northampton Memorial Library. As librarian, she lived and breathed library service for the citizens of Northampton County for twenty-two years. During those years she built the heterogeneous collection of books which she inherited from early days into a well chosen and valuable library. She served long, wisely, and well.

When Mrs. Froelich retired in January of 1967, Mrs. Frances S. Midyette was appointed to act as librarian. At the same time the library board of trustees recommended that Northampton Memorial Library apply for membership in the Albemarle Regional Library made up of Bertie, Hertford, and Gates Counties. The County Commissioners approved this recommendation, application was made and accepted, and July 1st 1967 we began to function as a participating library in the Albemarle Region with headquarters in Winton, North Carolina and with Miss Louise Boone as Regional Director. This association has been most satis-

factory and highly beneficial to Northampton Memorial Library.

Upon the shelves of the new library will be found book treasures which are the envy of much older and larger libraries. There will be the one hundred and twenty-eight volumes of *The War of the Rebellion*, containing all reports of battles of both Confederate and Union Armies, with the accompanying Atlas. Miss Mary Bagley gave this valuable collection from her father's library in 1963. Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson befriended Northampton Memorial Library when he arranged for a full set of Colonial and State Records to be added to our history collection back in 1948 when the Courthouse was restored. Through the good offices of Pat Powers, we received a full set of Clark's *Histories of the Several North Carolina Regiments*. Our numerous volumes of *North Caroliniana* make collectors drool and threaten to steal.

Dedicated workers, interested friends, and loyal patrons have brought Northampton Memorial Library down a long and exciting road to this opportunity for new and expanded library service to the citizens of Northampton County.

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### **GUILFORD COLLEGE (Con't)**

by Arab, European, and American writers, covering some 20 subject areas.

As the first installment of the gift, 289 titles were suggested, of which the Guilford library already owned 63.

These and additional books expected from the Prime Minister will greatly

strengthen Guilford's program of non-Western studies, which includes the Middle East," Poole said. "We now own over 2,000 volumes in non-western study areas."

The books will be especially good for undergraduate students since some of them were either written by Arab and Moslem scholars in English or translated by them into English, thereby reflecting the originality and close familiarity with the various topics, Poole pointed out.

"This project, when completed, should attract students and serious researchers from the entire Southeast," he said.

Some of the subjects covered in the first installment list include Arabic and Islamic civilization and culture, economics and commerce, fine arts, folklore, Arabian horses, and architecture.

Others include jurisprudence, literature, medical sciences, philosophy, politics, science, sociology, history, the cultural influence of Arabs in Africa, Europe and Asia, the Koran, and Islamic studies in general.

Dr. Abdul-Magid, who is writing a book on economics and social development of Kuwait, said the leaders of government there envision Kuwait as the future financial and industrial center on the Arabian Gulf and a center of education.

The University of Kuwait was established in 1966. Expected to be completed in the late 1970s, it will cost \$150 million. The architecture is Arabic-Islamic.

A large percentage of the national income is from oil, and most of the income is spent for the welfare of the citizens through free medical care, hospitals, health centers and schools and for aiding diversification of industry, the Dana Professor said.

School attendance is compulsory, with students from grade schools through college given free books, transportation, lunch, and some clothing, he said.

"Kuwait, although an emerging country, has achieved significant progress in social and economic spheres," Dr. Abdul-Magid said. "It could be considered, really, a modern welfare state."

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### North Carolina Librarian Receives Award Under the Council on Library Resources' Fellowship Program

Awards have been made to 18 working American librarians with demonstrated leadership potential, the Council on Library Resources announced today. Elvin E. Strowd, Head, Circulation Department, Duke University Library received one of the 18 awards.

The Fellowship Program, now in its second year, reflects a recognition of the growing breadth and complexity of librarianship. Its purpose is to enable mid-career librarians to familiarize themselves with the changes occurring in the substantive, adminis-

trative, and technical aspects of their profession.

The awards, for periods up to 12 months, cover travel, per diem, supplies and equipment incident to a Fellow's project while he is on leave of absence from his institution. Awards are not made to those primarily concerned with working toward an advanced degree as this is outside the Fellowship Program's intent.

Mr. Strowd's project is: "To determine what facilities and services are available to university communities through their library systems, resulting in an evaluation of purpose, function, and effectiveness."

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### North Carolina Association Of School Librarians Scholarship Winner

Mrs. Hilda W. Townsend, 301 Buckner Drive, Wilmington, has been selected as the recipient of a \$500.00 scholarship awarded by the North Carolina Association of School Librarians. Mrs. Townsend, a native of Columbus County and the mother of two daughters, is a teacher-librarian in Leland High School, Brunswick County. She received her A.B. degree at Meredith College, Raleigh, and has done graduate work at East Carolina University. Mrs. Townsend plans to use the scholarship for graduate work in library science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.