

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Instantaneous consideration for all types of libraries is the immediate result of one's assuming the editorship of a state library association journal. And when the state is North Carolina the responsibility accompanying the assignment is excessive. Having been actively engaged in librarianship and library education programs in three other states prior to becoming a part of North Carolina's library education program I became well aware of the superiority of this state's towering achievements in librarianship and the respect with which it is viewed by members of the profession in other states. The challenge presented by the duties accompanying the editorship of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES will be met with the cooperation of members of the Association, I am sure, and the responsibility upon the editorial staff and editor will be less excessive. I am pleased to have as associate editor Gary F. Barefoot, librarian of Mt. Olive Junior College. Gary and I want NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES to be responsive to the needs and interests of North Carolina librarians and we earnestly seek your advice and contributions.

Paying tribute to a North Carolinian who has contributed so much to the advancement of librarianship in general and school librarianship in particular, MARY PEACOCK DOUGLAS, in the first issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES I edit is a highlight of my professional career. Leaders in the library profession representing 15 states and the District of Columbia have responded enthusiastically to an opportunity to honor Mrs. Douglas for her contributions as she retires from the position of school library supervisor for the Raleigh, North Carolina, public schools. We wish you well, Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas.

The spring 1969 issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES will have as guest editor Mr. Henry Belk. Assisting Mr. Belk will be Mrs. James M. Harper, chairman of National Library Week for the State of North Carolina and vice president of North Carolinians for Better Libraries. The focus of the issue will center around National Library Week. The copy deadline for the spring issue will be February 10.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Richard David, Special Libraries representative of the *North Carolina Libraries* Editorial Staff died recently. Mr. David was with Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company of Durham and had served as guest editor of the Summer issue of *N. C. L.* which was devoted to special libraries.