

100 counties, and will then combine this information with extensive additional data now being assembled before preparing its final report. With the assistance of the State Librarian information on how library financing is handled in each of the other states is also being secured.

The Commission hopes to complete its study and begin preparing its report by late summer of 1968.

Commenting on the work of the Commission, Chairman Stick declared: "The methods of financing public libraries in North Carolina have evolved through the years on a piecemeal basis. It is our hope that the work of this Commission can result in the formulation of an understandable and practical plan whereby all echelons of government — state, federal, and local — would assume their proportionate share of financing a system of libraries which in time would provide all North Carolinians with first class public library facilities and services."

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## NORTH STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### COLLEGE LIBRARIES RECEIVE GRANTS

Eight academic libraries in North Carolina have been awarded grants of funds and/or equipment by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of A.L.A., during the 1967-68 academic year. The Grants Committee of ACRL selected 90 libraries as grant recipients from 405 applications submitted by 366 institutions.

Major support for the grants was furnished by U.S. Steel Foundation. Other contributors were McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, Olin Mathieson Charitable Trust, Time Incorporated, and H. W. Wilson Foundation. The major portion of funds were allocated for the purchase of books and periodicals to support the improvement of library collections. Special attention was given to the needs of "emerging" institutions in the southern states. Several grants were made as contributions toward consultants' fees; these ranged in amount from \$500-1,000.

Tar Heel libraries which received grants were as follows: Atlantic Christian College, Wilson; Belmont Abbey College, Belmont; Catawba College, Salisbury; Elon College, Elon College; Greensboro College, Greensboro; High Point College, High Point; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte; and Meredith College, Raleigh.

### BOMAR ELECTED TO COUNCIL OFFICE

Miss Cora Paul Bomar, state supervisor of school library services and president of Southeastern Library Association during the current biennium, was recently elected first vice-president of the North Carolina Legislative Council.

At its annual meeting in December, 1967, the Council voted to accept the recommendation of its Study Committee that the following issues be endorsed during the 1969 session of the General Assembly which convenes in January: licensing of day care facilities for children, abolition of the death penalty, and a truth-in-lending bill.

Membership on the Legislative Council is held by approximately 25 educational, religious, health, and social welfare organizations in the state, including the North Carolina

Library Association. One member of each organization serves as a member of the Study Committee.

Miss Christine Vick of Durham, representing the N.C. Federation of Business and Professional Women, is president of the Council. Officers serve one-year terms.

### STATE LIBRARY PLANS TO MOVE

The North Carolina State Library expects to move again this summer. Since leaving the old State Library Building on Capitol Square in May, 1967, it has been occupying a former garage, restaurant, billiard parlor, and bowling alley on West Hargett Street in Raleigh. The old State Library Building is being renovated for use by the State Utilities Commission, former tenants, and the recently created Appellate Court.

The new Archives-Library Building is now under construction on East Jones Street between the Legislative Building and the Executive Mansion. Approximately 40% of this building will be for State Library occupancy, and State Library occupation of that portion is considered temporary.

The new building is designed for total occupancy by the Department of Archives and History in time. This ultimate intent "obliges some awkward arrangements of space which will be somewhat detrimental to efficient performance for the State Library," state librarian Philip Ogilvie observes. Space limitations (51,000 sq. ft.) preclude any possibility of moving the Special Services Division of the State Library from its present Hillsborough Street location into the new building.

The North Carolina State Library Board of Trustees already has a request for a separate State Library Building of approximately 130,000 sq. ft. before the Advisory Budget Commission. "Hopefully, the Commission will recommend the separate building to the 1969 General Assembly," Ogilvie declares.

### WAKE VOTERS REJECT LIBRARY TAX

Voters in Wake County expressed their opposition to a proposed special tax to finance an expanded and improved countywide library system by defeating the tax in a special election January 23. Unofficial tabulations showed the vote to be 10,285 against and 4,301 for the proposed tax.

The outcome of the election was disappointing to the League of Women's Voters, Raleigh Citizens Association, Wake Citizens for Better Libraries, and other supporters of improved library service for Wake County. The vote was a victory for proponents of a hold-the-line policy on taxation, including several members of the county board of commissioners. A favorable vote would have authorized the county board to levy a tax up to seven cents per \$100 property valuation for library support.

The total vote of 14,586 was the largest ever cast in a special tax election in Wake County. In June, 1961, a similar proposal was defeated by a margin of 4,373-3,793.

Following the vote tabulation, H. William O'Shea, Wake County director of libraries, declared, "I still think the time must come when we will have good public libraries in Wake County. We will continue to give the best service we can with funds that are available."

## N.C. LIBRARIES ENTERED IN CONTEST

For the second consecutive year, *North Carolina Libraries* has been entered in the competition for the H. W. Wilson Library Periodical Award. Copies of the four issues for 1967 are in the hands of the awards committee chaired by Mrs. Lillian M. Bradshaw, Director, Dallas, Texas Public Library.

The Wilson Award is given annually to a periodical published by a local, state, or regional library, library group, or library association in the U.S. or Canada which has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship. Issues are judged on the basis of sustained excellence in both content and format, with consideration being given to purpose and budget. The award consists of fifty dollars in cash and a certificate. The 1967 award recipient was *British Columbia Library Quarterly*, official publication of the British Columbia Library Association.

Presentation of the 1968 award will be made at the annual ALA conference in Kansas City June 23-29.

## GERMAN LIBRARIAN VISITS CHARLOTTE

Miss Heidi Schnoor, reference librarian of the Hamburg Public Library in Hamburg, Germany, spent approximately six weeks in the fall of 1967 as a member of the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. During her stay in the Queen City Miss Schnoor spent several days in each department of the Main Library and visited selected branch libraries in the city-county system. In addition, she visited academic libraries in the area, including Davidson College, Queens College, and UNC at Charlotte.

Miss Schnoor was a guest at several sessions of the N.C.L.A. biennial conference in Charlotte October 26-28 and attended an all-day meeting of the Public Library staff in November. According to Eugene Neely, chief reference librarian at the public library, "members of our staff learned as much from her as she learned from us."

Miss Schnoor was one of 12 librarians from ten countries who visited American libraries last fall. Their visit was sponsored by the U.S. State Department and administered by the American Library Association.

## WILSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RENEWED

Foster E. Mohrhardt, president of the American Library Association, has announced a fourth 4-year program (1969-1972) of H. W. Wilson Scholarships, intended to help meet the recruitment crisis in the library profession. The program will have a minimum value of \$84,000 over the four years.

Under the terms of the program a scholarship grant of \$2,000 will be made to each of the 42 American and Canadian graduate library schools currently accredited by A.L.A. "to be awarded by the receiving school as and when it deems most suitable (including dividing the amount if that seems best) but preferably in such a manner as to further recruitment for librarianship." The grants will be made to the accredited schools at the rate of not less than ten a year, and any graduate schools which may newly achieve accreditation during a calendar year will receive grants the following year. The first grants under the program will be made in January, 1969. The UNC School of Library Science will receive a grant in January, 1971.

The granting agency is The H. W. Wilson Foundation, Inc., of New York City, a non-profit charitable and educational foundation established by the late Mr. and Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson.

Since January 1957, when the first of the H. W. Wilson Scholarships were made available, more than 150 students have been beneficiaries of the award.

### BOND ISSUES FAIL IN DURHAM, FAYETTEVILLE

Voters in two Tar Heel cities defeated proposed library bond issues in March referendums.

In a March 5 referendum, Durham voters rejected a bond issue to finance construction of a proposed \$2.5 million, three-story library by a vote of 5,035 for and 6,588 against issuance of bonds. In a separate vote, Durham residents rejected a ten cent per \$100 valuation permissive tax levy to finance library operations. The vote on this question was 3,916 for, 6,157 against.

Commenting on the outcome of the referendum, the *Durham Morning Herald* observed that the voting "plainly shows there is a credibility gap in Durham as well as in Washington."

In a March 12 referendum, Fayetteville voters disapproved issuance of bonds to finance construction of a new library by a large margin — 667 for, 3,309 against.

Mrs. Dorothy Shue, director of the Cumberland County Public Library, assessed the outcome in this way: "Everyone agrees that a combination of taxes, frustration, and depressing world conditions caused our defeat."

### S.L.A. CHAPTER HEARS DANA LECTURE

The Spring meeting of the North Carolina chapter of Special Libraries Association was held Friday, April 5, in Chapel Hill in conjunction with the John Cotton Dana Lecture sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Library Science.

Following a dinner meeting at The Pines Restaurant, chapter members heard the Dana Lecture presented by Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, Librarian, Information Division, Institute of Life Insurance, New York City. A former president of S.L.A., Miss Ferguson spoke on the topic "Special Libraries and Cooperative Library Systems in New York."

In the business session immediately preceding the lecture, chapter members took action on several proposed amendments to the by-laws and heard a report from the nominating committee.

### CHURCH LIBRARIANS MEET

The annual North Carolina Church Library Convention will be held in Charlotte April 19-20, according to Rev. Ray W. Benfield, of Winston-Salem, president of North Carolina Church Librarians.

The conference will include sessions on classification, book selection, the achievement guide, book mending, book reviews, and ideas for promoting library use. Participants include C. Keith Mee, director of field services, Church Library Department, Baptist

Sunday School Board; Miss Jo Gwyn, manager, Baptist Book Store, Charlotte; Miss Mary Ayscue, manager, Baptist Book Store, Raleigh; and Frederic Marble, representative of Gaylord Brothers, a library supply firm.

Principal speaker at the convention, sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Convention, will be Dr. Claude W. White, superintendent, Sunday School Department, North Carolina Baptist Convention.

The opening session at 7 p.m. April 19 will be held at the Baptist Book Store, with subsequent sessions scheduled at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.

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## THE LIBRARY WORLD AT LARGE

### JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY CENTER OPENS

A Junior College Library Information Center, established by a \$15,000 grant from the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award for 1967, began operation at the headquarters of the American Library Association March 1. Serving as director of the information center on a half-time assignment for twelve months will be Peggy Anne Sullivan, who concluded her appointment as director of the five-year Knapp School Libraries Project February 29. Miss Sullivan also will be studying library science at the University of Chicago. The project will be under the supervision of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of A.L.A.

The information center has been funded as a crash program to collect and disseminate information on a variety of subjects of concern. Recommendation for a center of this kind was part of a 10-point program developed in 1965 by the American Association of Junior Colleges/ALA Committee on Junior College Libraries, librarians, junior college administrators, and instructional personnel.

Materials on such topics as standards for junior college libraries, innovative programs, surveys, budgets, and annual reports will be sought out and organized for reference and loan to individuals, colleges, and other agencies interested in this rapidly growing and indigenous American institution, the two-year community college.

### SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARDS PRESENTED

The American Association of School Librarians, recently announced the first winners of the newly established Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators, who have made unique and sustained contributions toward furthering the role of the library in elementary and secondary education. The recipients are Dr. M. G. Bowden, Professor of Education, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and former Principal of Casis and Dill Schools, Austin, Texas; Dr. Wesley Gibbs, Superintendent of Skokie School District 68, Skokie, Illinois; and Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Bowden was cited for his significant work in promoting elementary school libraries for more than twenty years. His work at Casis was largely responsible for that school being selected for a Knapp Foundation grant to demonstrate the effectiveness of quality library service.