

## NORTH STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### SCHOOL LIBRARIANS PLAN WORK CONFERENCE

"The School Library and Independent Study" will be the theme of the biennial School Library Work Conference to be held October 3-5 at the Jack Tar Hotel and Civic Center in Durham.

Keynote speaker at the opening session scheduled for 8 p.m. October 3 will be Dr. J. Lloyd Trump, associate secretary, National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Speakers at the two morning sessions October 4 include Marvin R. A. Johnson, consulting architect, Division of School Planning, N. C. Department of Public Instruction; Mrs. Lera B. Randall, librarian, Watauga High School, Boone; and Mrs. Frances Kennon Johnson, School of Education, UNC at Greensboro. Discussion leaders for the afternoon sessions October 4 will be Sam Haywood, principal, Independence High School, Charlotte; Mrs. Vergie F. Cox, state supervisor, learning resources and textbooks, N. C. Department of Public Instruction; and Miss Emily Boyce, associate professor, Department of Library Science, East Carolina University.

Mrs. Mebane Holoman Burgwyn of Jackson, Tar Heel author, will deliver the banquet address at 7 p.m. October 4. Her topic will be "The Authors Craft."

Speaker for the final session October 5 will be Dr. Frances Henne, professor, School of Library Service, Columbia University, who will address conference participants on the subject "New Standards for Libraries—What's in Them and Why."

The conference is sponsored by the N. C. Association of School Librarians in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction.

### NEAL AUSTIN HONORED AT RECEPTION

A Book and Author Reception in honor of High Point's newest author—Neal F. Austin—was held Sunday afternoon, May 5, at the High Point Public Library.

Mr. Austin, librarian of the High Point Public Library, is the author of *A Biography of Thomas Wolfe*, published in March by Roger Beacham, Austin, Texas. Mr. Austin's book, written for young adults but in a lively style of interest to all, recounts the life of Wolfe from his early childhood and youth in Asheville to his years of maturity and fame as the author of *Look Homeward, Angel* and *You Can't Go Home Again*.

Long a student of Wolfe, Mr. Austin spent several years researching his subject, working from the Wolfe material at the Pack Memorial Library in Asheville and at UNC-Chapel Hill. The book was 16 months in the writing. A native of Oklahoma, he was graduated from the University of Oklahoma and has been librarian at the High Point Public Library since 1952.

### UNC ALUMNI HEAR DEAN SEDELOW

Approximately sixty alumni of the University of North Carolina School of Library Science attended the annual alumni luncheon at Chase Cafeteria on the UNC campus Saturday, April 27.

Dean Walter S. Sedelow, major speaker at the luncheon, urged librarians to keep abreast of technological changes affecting libraries, particularly those in the field of computer science. He termed PROJECT INTREX one of the most significant projects with library implications currently being undertaken and recommended that all librarians read the recently published report of this project's findings. Curriculum changes reflecting the importance of computers and technological developments are desirable in some library schools, Dean Sedelow observed.

Miss Frances Hall, president of the alumni association, presided at the business meeting following Dean Sedelow's remarks. She introduced William R. Pollard (Hill Library-N. C. State University), incoming president, and Miss Carol A. Combs (Peace College), new editor of the *Alumni Newsletter*, to those present. Two proposed amendments to the association's constitution and by-laws were approved unanimously.

UNC alumni are planning a dinner meeting during the Southeastern Library Association conference in Miami Beach October 30-November 3, 1968.

### UNC UNDERGRAD LIBRARY COMPLETED

The Robert B. House Undergraduate Library will be ready for occupancy when the 1968 fall semester opens at UNC-Chapel Hill. Approximately 65,000 volumes will be moved from the Wilson Library into the adjoining House Library late in August. The building has a maximum book capacity of 150,000 and has space to accommodate 1,748 readers.

Special features of the \$2,000,000 three-story structure include enclosed typing areas, a large listening room where users may hear recordings, an honors lounge, and approximately 75% of the total seating area in individual carrels. All books in the library will be classified according to the Library of Congress system.

Library officials are hopeful that an automated circulation system will be in effect by the spring semester of 1969. Dr. James W. Thompson is undergraduate librarian. The House Library is the first library designed exclusively for undergraduates on a state-supported campus in North Carolina.

### GTI OPENS NEW LIBRARY

The new library at Guilford Technical Institute opened in June. It is reached by a broad carpeted staircase. The carpet continues over the entire reading room. The library portion of the new building contains 6,600 square feet. Library equipment and facilities include the card catalog, two display cases, newspaper and magazine racks, and an area for new books. The yellow walls are offset by white acoustical tile and soft fluorescent lighting. The main stack area is in one corner of the reading room. All furniture is walnut, and the chairs are padded in colored vinyl.

The library can accommodate sixty readers at fifteen tables, seven in carrels, and four or five in a lounge area. Rooms other than the reading room are the librarian's office, two workrooms, a conference room, and an audio-visual storage room. When full shelving is installed, the library will have space for 17,000 volumes, more than twice the capacity of the library in its old location.

## L. C. SPECIAL RECRUIT ANNOUNCED

John Hubert Womeldorf, a 1968 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Library Science, has been selected as a Library of Congress Special Recruit and will begin his assignment in Washington September 3. Womeldorf was one of approximately 20 library school graduates throughout the nation to be chosen as a special recruit this year.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Womeldorf graduated from Davidson College in 1961 and served as anti-submarine warfare officer on a Navy destroyer and cruiser for three years. He traveled in Europe and the Middle East a year before enrolling in the University of North Carolina School of Library Science in September, 1966. During his two years in Chapel Hill, Womeldorf was a Library Fellow (half-work, half study). During the past year he served as president of the Library Science Club.

Womeldorf looks forward to the varied experience to be gained at the Library of Congress and hopes to become an administrator in an academic or public library in a few years.

## HIGH POINT LIBRARY TRAINS STORYTELLERS

A storytellers' clinic, designed to train volunteers to go out to High Point playgrounds, Head Start centers, Play-Y groups, or wherever children gather in the summer, was offered by the High Point Public Library May 27, 29 and 31.

Some 25 interested persons, young and old, participated in the sessions, which were held in the audio-visual room of the library. Films, discussions, and sample storytelling were used by library personnel to chart and explain storytelling techniques. Following their training the volunteers were scheduled by the library to go one afternoon a week to the various city playgrounds and other children's centers to conduct Story Corners.

## DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL LIBRARIES NAMED

Eleven elementary, junior high, and senior high schools in North Carolina were recently selected as places for the establishment of demonstration school libraries under Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (1965) for fiscal year 1968. Each of these schools will receive a special supplemental allotment of Federal funds for the acquisition of a wide variety of library materials. The schools will serve as demonstration centers for the academic years 1968-69 and 1969-70.

The schools and administrative units are as follows:

Elementary—Eastern, Washington; Hobbton, Sampson County; North Tarboro, Tarboro; Scotts Creek, Jackson County; and West Havelock, Craven County.

Junior High—Cherryville, Cherryville.

Senior High—Bessemer City, Gaston County; East Lincoln, Lincoln County; East Carteret, Carteret County; Franklin, Macon County; and Scotland, Laurinburg, Scotland County.

Sixteen schools were selected to serve as demonstration centers for the academic years 1967-68 and 1968-69.

### UNC LIBRARY ISSUES SERIALS LIST

The University of North Carolina Library at Chapel Hill has issued a computer-produced record of its serial and periodical holdings. Published in the form of a 600-page volume, with double-column offset printing, the record lists and indicates holdings for approximately 34,000 periodicals and other serials held by the Wilson Library and departmental libraries at UNC.

Copies have been distributed to libraries in North Carolina and to selected libraries in other states. Any library in North Carolina which has not received the list may request a copy from the Accounting Department, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514. Libraries outside the state may order the list, at \$10 per copy, from the same address.

### N.C.A.S.L. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

James Calvin Byrd has been selected by the Awards and Scholarship Committee of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians as recipient of the second annual N.C.A.S.L. scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. The award is to be used for educational improvement in library science.

Byrd is a native of Bakersville and presently lives in Burnsville. He received his B.S. degree from Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia, and attended Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. He has been employed by the Yancey County School system for five years and is currently teacher-librarian in the South Toe River School in Burnsville.

Members of the N.C.A.S.L. Awards and Scholarship Committee are: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Storie, chairman; Miss Sue Evelyn Atwell, Mrs. Vernelle Palmer, Mrs. Willie Hill, Mr. Bernie Sheffield, and Mrs. Hazel J. Carroll.

### DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES PLANNED

A committee of the N. C. Chapter of Special Libraries Association is currently at work compiling a directory of special libraries in North Carolina. Robert E. Betts of Winston-Salem, committee chairman, is hopeful that this directory will be printed and distributed later this year.

According to Betts, the purpose of the directory is "to locate and promote more effective use of the valuable information in our state's libraries". The directory will include special collections in academic and public libraries as well as special libraries per se.

Questionnaires were mailed to a number of libraries earlier this year. Responses from these questionnaires will be used in compiling the directory.

### UNC TO AWARD FELLOWSHIPS

The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been authorized to award eight Fellowships under the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title II-B during the 1968-69 academic year. These Fellowships will be granted to full-time students who qualify for admission to the M.S.L.S. program and who exhibit outstanding potential for careers in library or information service.

Each Fellow will receive \$2,650 and exemption from tuition charges for the academic

year and that part of the summer session necessary for the completion of the degree program. In addition, an allowance of \$720 per dependent will be provided.

Under normal circumstances, the Fellow will be required to complete 33 semester hours in library science and 6 hours in a subject area related to his particular interests. The length of the program under these conditions is two semesters plus two six-week summer sessions. Special curricula in certain areas of library and information science may be constructed to fit the student's needs, in cooperation with other departments on campus.

### ASU HOSTS LIBRARY INSTITUTE

An Institute for Training in Librarianship devoted to "Innovations and Trends in Elementary School Libraries" is being conducted at Appalachian State University in Boone July 15-August 16, 1968. Participants in the Institute are from North Carolina and other Southeastern states. Miss Eunice Query, professor of library science at Appalachian and NCLA vice-president, is director of the Institute, which is authorized under Title II-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

### ANDERSON PRESIDES AT RECRUITING SESSION

Herschel V. Anderson, former audio-visual consultant, N. C. State Library, presided at the program meeting of the Office for Recruitment held during the annual conference of ALA in Kansas City June 23-29. The meeting was held Thursday, June 27, in the Municipal Auditorium. Its theme was "Effective Public Relations Recruits."

Five panelists discussed a particular program which has been effective in bringing the library profession as a career possibility to the attention of a specific audience.

Topics discussed included the following:

- (1) "Cooperative Efforts to Produce a Recruitment Film," (2) "Workshop for Student Assistants," (3) "The Role of the State Representative in the Recruitment Network," (4) "Use of a Convention to Focus Attention on Recruitment," and (5) "Federal Funds as a Stimulant to Recruitment Efforts."

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## THE LIBRARY WORLD AT LARGE

### ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FEATURES TECHNOLOGY

The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science has received a U. S. Office of Education grant to support a 1968-69 academic year institute on the application of the new technology to school libraries. Twenty elementary and high school librarians and supervisors will attend the Sept. 12-June 4 institute, directed by Prof. Cora E. Thomassen of the Illinois library school faculty.

"The purpose of the proposed institute is to give experienced librarians intensive training in dealing with the two main technological advances affecting education today—non-book educational media and electronic data processing—so that they can be of maximum assistance to students and classroom teachers," explained Miss Thomassen.