

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Dear N.C.L.A. Members:

It was a real privilege for me to represent the North Carolina Library Association at the 1968 ALA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri this past June. As your representative I had the opportunity to attend many dinners, meetings, etc. that invitations were issued only to presidents of state associations and special guests. These were most informative and stimulating. Over and over again we heard of the growing interest in the library technician program, the advantages of using computers in library programs, and the increasing number of libraries that are taking advantage of data processing and information retrieval systems that are appearing on the library scene with unbelievable rapidity. There seems to be more innovation in the library field than in any other phase of education at the present time, and hearing about these innovations at such a conference is a rewarding experience.

The Library Resources Committee and the Development Committee are working together on the creation of a North Carolina Bibliographic Center. The following recommendations have been submitted by these two committees to the Executive Board:

1. That the main entry card for holdings of the library at UNC-Chapel Hill presently housed in the Duke University Library be interfiled in the Union Catalog.
2. That a record for holdings of the following libraries be included in the Union Catalog:
 - (a) Appalachian State University
 - (b) East Carolina University
 - (c) Wake Forest University
 - (d) Western Carolina University

It is understood that cards for holdings of A & T University Library in Greensboro have already been included in the Union Catalog.

3. After addition of these holdings in the Union Catalog a preliminary print-out edition of the Union Catalog be issued.
4. That financial support be sought from a foundation or other sources for printing the first edition.
5. That the Union Catalog be housed and administered under the supervision of the Bibliographic Center as it is established.

Rather than call a special meeting of the Executive Board to act on this matter, a mail ballot was taken and the Board approved all recommendations and endorsed the suggestion that these committees continue to work together. However, the Board has advised committee members that before making a decision which involves the association in a matter of policy, expenditure of funds, or major undertaking, they should refer their recommendations to the Executive Board.

It is a pleasure for me to announce that Mell Busbin, Jr., assistant professor, Library Science Department, Appalachian State University, has accepted the position as editor of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES effective with the Winter Issue, 1969. Mell served as librarian of the University School, Ohio State University, for four years before joining

the ASU faculty this fall. His previous writing and editing experience make him well qualified to edit our state library journal. Mell has appointed Gary F. Barefoot, librarian, Mt. Olive Junior College, as associate editor.

William S. Powell, librarian of the North Carolina Collection, UNC-Chapel Hill Library, has agreed to serve as acting editor of *North Carolina Libraries* until a permanent editor is appointed. Mrs. Pattie McIntyre, humanities division, UNC-Chapel Hill Library, will serve as acting associate editor to assist William Powell beginning with the Winter, 1969 issue.

Mr. Lennox Cooper, librarian of Sandhills Community College, has accepted a position on the library staff at the University of Georgia and has resigned as chairman of the N.C.L.A. Recruiting Committee. Mr. John Johnson, librarian of Durham Technical Institute, has accepted the appointment as chairman of this committee.

The Fall meeting of the Executive Board was held September 28 and the chairman of each section of N.C.L.A. was invited to meet with the Board as non-voting participants. Mr. Arial Stephens attended this meeting and presented a proposal from the White House Inn in Charlotte for the next biennial N.C.L.A. Conference to meet in Charlotte October 23-25, 1969. Board members approved this proposal.

Late in August Mrs. James M. Harper of Southport was appointed as chairman of the lay committee charged with planning activities for the observance of National Library Week in 1969 in the Tar Heel state. Mrs. Harper and members of her committee will work closely with Charles M. Adams, librarian of UNC in Greensboro, the state's 1969 NLW executive director.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mildred S. Councill, *President*

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At the June ALA conference in Kansas City James H. Richards, Jr., librarian of Carleton College, made the following observation in a discussion of the report of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries: "There is evidence that we're not moving toward cooperation fast or well enough. We're scratching around and talking, but not getting anywhere."

Amen, Brother Richards! I couldn't agree with you more.

Cooperation between libraries takes several forms: union catalogs, union lists, inter-library loans, reciprocal borrowing privileges, photographic reproduction services, and central processing.

Perhaps the most basic form of library cooperation is represented by interlibrary loans and supplying photocopies of periodical articles in lieu of the bound volume. Almost all types of libraries have had occasion to borrow a book from another library and/or to obtain a photocopy of an article from a periodical not owned by the library whose patron needs it. Such cooperation has made it possible to satisfy many requests for material from library patrons relatively quickly and easily.