

NORTH STATE NEWS BRIEFS

NCBL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The report of the Legislative Commission to Study Library Support, made public in August, was the major topic of discussion at the third annual meeting of North Carolinians for Better Libraries in Raleigh October 4.

Attending the meeting at the Sheraton-Sir Walter Hotel were NCBL voting members, supporting members, and a number of candidates for city, county, and state offices throughout the state. State Senator Hector McLean of Robeson County, NCBL president, presided at the meeting. Mrs. John R. Horton of Viola was recognized as a new voting member from Watauga County.

NCBL was organized in 1966 by librarians and lay citizens who were interested in helping improve local libraries. Several county chapters of NCBL have been formed during the past two years. The Mecklenburg County chapter has been one of the most active.

CHARLOTTE TO HOST 1969 NCLA CONFERENCE

The next biennial NCLA conference has been scheduled at the White House Inn in Charlotte, October 21-24, 1969. NCLA Executive Board members approved this site at the group's last meeting in September. Winston-Salem was discussed as a site for the conference but was not favorably considered because of the possibility that the city's convention center might not be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1969.

The White House Inn has space to accommodate approximately 90 exhibition booths and 250 sleeping rooms. Other nearby hotels which will be available for conference-goers are the Barringer (200 rooms) and the Downtowner Motor Inn (50 rooms).

Approximately 875 librarians registered for the 1967 conference held at the White House Inn in Charlotte. NCLA officers predict that the number of librarians registering for the 1969 conference will exceed 950.

Arial A. Stephens of Charlotte, chairman of the conference committee, states that members of his committee will attempt to discourage meal functions at the 1969 conference as a means of facilitating arrangements with the host hotel. Other members of the conference committee which recommended Charlotte as the site in 1969 are Paul Ballance, Winston-Salem; Leonard Johnson, Greensboro; Mrs. Pattie McIntyre, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Mary Frances Crymes, Charlotte; and Mrs. Mildred Councill, Mount Olive (ex-officio).

Miss Eunice Query of Boone is program chairman for the 1969 conference.

MORRIS ARTICLE TO BE PRINTED

An article entitled "The Argument for Dewey" by Leslie R. Morris, head cataloger, Kemp Library, East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, has

been scheduled for reprinting in a future issue of the *Pennsylvania Library Association Bulletin*.

The article originally appeared in the Spring, 1968, issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. The article was condensed from a paper presented by Morris at a joint session of the College and University Libraries and Resources and Technical Services sections of NCLA at the association's 1967 conference in Charlotte. In his paper Morris defended the use of the Dewey decimal system in academic libraries.

Miss Hilda M. Reitzel, editor, *PLA Bulletin*, indicates that the article will be reprinted either late this year or early in 1969 in the Pennsylvania state library journal.

MECKLENBURG LIBRARIES LISTED IN BROCHURE

Church, academic, public, school, and special libraries in Mecklenburg County are described in a ten-page printed folder recently issued by Mecklenburg Citizens for Better Libraries, a chapter of the state-wide North Carolinians for Better Libraries.

The folder provides information relating to resources, hours, purposes, and head librarians of 27 church libraries, six college and university libraries, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (Main Library and its 14 branches), 13 special libraries, and 108 libraries in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.

Members of the reference staff at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County compiled the information in the folder, which was financed by Mecklenburg Citizens for Better Libraries. Copies of the folder are available upon request from the following address:

Mecklenburg Citizens for Better Libraries
P O. Box 20502
Charlotte, N. C. 28202

SELA CONFERENCE TO OPEN OCTOBER 30

The biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association will be held October 30-November 2 at the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida.

Several Tar Heel librarians are expected to occupy prominent positions on the conference agenda. Miss Cora Paul Bomar of Raleigh, SELA president, will preside at the two general sessions October 31 and November 2. Dr. Doralyn J. Hickey of Chapel Hill will preside at the meeting of the Resources and Technical Service Librarians November 1. Dr. J. Isaac Copeland, librarian, Southern Historical Collection, UNC-Chapel Hill, will preside at a November 1 meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee as chairman of that body.

Charles M. Adams of Greensboro will wield the gavel at a meeting of the College and University Section November 1. Alumni of the UNC School of Library Science will

assemble at a reunion dinner October 31, as will alumni of the following library schools—Atlanta University, Emory, Florida State, George Peabody, Georgia, and LSU.

In 1966 152 Tar Heel librarians registered for the SELA conference in Atlanta. That number will probably be exceeded by North State librarians attending this year's conference.

TAR HEEL SLA CHAPTER RECOGNIZED

The North Carolina chapter of Special Libraries Association won runner-up honors in the 1967-68 membership contest sponsored by the Special Libraries Association headquarters office. Recognition of the Tar Heel chapter came at the annual SLA conference in Los Angeles early in June.

During the period April 30, 1967-April 30, 1968, the North Carolina chapter showed a 32.9 percentage increase in its membership. The chapter was organized in April, 1966 with 25 charter members. In May, 1967, membership had risen to 36. As of July 15, 1968, the chapter had 49 members. The chapter lost seven members between April, 1966 and July, 1968.

Warren Bird of Durham, membership chairman of the Tar Heel chapter, believes the increase is "indicative of a healthy growth rate, even though the numbers are small in an absolute sense."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the state chapter of SLA should write Mr. Bird at the Duke University Medical Center Library in Durham.

MICROFILM OF NCLA JOURNAL ALMOST READY

The first 25 volumes of *North Carolina Libraries* covering the period 1942-67 are expected to be available on microfilm from University Microfilms in Ann Arbor, Michigan, by the end of this year.

Mrs. Marlene Hurst of the UM Rights and Permissions Division, has advised editor Alva Stewart that xerographic copies of issues and volumes may be obtained at eight cents per page. Single articles are available at \$2.00 per article regardless of length.

Mrs. Hurst reports that she has received several inquiries regarding price information of the journal on microfilm. Librarians throughout the U. S. will be advised of the cost of *North Carolina Libraries* as soon as it becomes available on microfilm.

Editor Stewart signed an agreement with UM Library Services in November, 1967, authorizing the microfilming of *North Carolina Libraries*. Several libraries and library schools are expected to acquire the state library journal on microfilm to fill gaps in their collection.