

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In a note from your editor in the Spring, 1966 issue you, the readers of *North Carolina Libraries*, were urged to write letters expressing your opinions regarding the contents of this journal and to suggest improvements in both contents and format. I have received only two or three letters in response to this appeal during the past fifteen months, and in each instance the writer was favorably impressed with my effort to produce a professional periodical which would make a useful contribution to the library profession. Since so few have taken the time to write, I assume that (1) only a small number of individuals who receive the journal read it with any degree of diligence, or (2) those who do examine each issue with care are satisfied with what they find. Whether you are pleased or displeased with the contents of your state journal, I would like to hear from you. Who will be the first to have a letter to the editor appear in the pages of *North Carolina Libraries*?

Your editor wishes to acknowledge an error of omission in the Spring issue of this periodical. The name of Miss Irene Hester, chief reference librarian, Greensboro Public Library, was inadvertently deleted as the guest editor of that issue, which featured new public libraries. Miss Hester's contribution to the issue was a major one and is herewith acknowledged.

The editor has mixed emotions about a change which you may have noted on the title page of this issue. It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Ardie L. Kelly, former Catawba College Librarian, as a member of this journal's Editorial Advisory Board. Since July 1 Kelly has served as director of the University of Richmond Library in Virginia's capital city. On the other hand, I am indeed pleased to introduce Miss Carroll Hicks, cataloger at the J. Murrey Atkins Library, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as Kelly's replacement on the board. A graduate of Meredith College and the University of North Carolina School of Library Science, Miss Hicks served as guest editor for this issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. In addition, she compiled the article index for the past eight issues of our journal. While at Meredith, she had editorial responsibilities as a part-time employee of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. She devoted the major portion of one summer to work as a research assistant for Dr. Burton F. Beers, historian and North Carolina State University faculty member, and author of the college-level textbook *The Far East*. We welcome her as a member of our board and anticipate a substantial contribution from her.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of *North Carolina Libraries*, and the Fall issue will commemorate that signal occasion. Articles describing developments in public, school, academic, and special libraries during the past quarter-century will be included in this issue, along with several photos of not-too-recent vintage. It will be a big issue, hopefully in quality as well as quantity.

Only three months remain before the biennial NCLA conference in Charlotte. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Mildred Councill, incoming president, a superior program has been planned, both for the general sessions and the section meetings. All exhibit space has been rented, and the number of registrants could easily exceed 1,250. All signs point toward an outstanding conference, so why not make your reservation early?