

—one for the unchanged entries in the 1954 *Checklist* and one for the new and revised entries.

The possibility of interfiling these cards alphabetically by machine was considered, but this would have meant a change from American Library Association filing order to a straight alphabetical order. It seemed desirable to maintain the ALA filing rules, but in order to do so, it was necessary to interfile the two sets of cards manually. This procedure involved hundreds of man-hours of work, but the list is now consistent with library practice and, we hope, easier to use than a strictly alphabetical list. By means of computer, sequential numbers were assigned to each title holdings statement, with a gap of 70 between each title, and a gap of 10 between each holdings statement. These gaps facilitate future revisions, as provisions has been made for the insertion of additional titles and holdings in proper order on the magnetic tape. A computer program for the final print-out was written by Mr. Thomas Della and Mr. Allen Brady of the N. C. State Computing Center.

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Planning is now going forward for continuous reporting by participating libraries so that supplements and revised editions can be issued frequently. A supplement is planned within a few months in order to bring the list up-to-date. Hopefully, the more rapid production of future editions and supplements will be a valuable aid to scientific research in that current scientific information will be more readily available to researchers in North Carolina.

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## Elaine von Oesen Named Acting State Librarian

Miss Elaine von Oesen was appointed Acting State Librarian by the North Carolina State Library Board and has been serving in this capacity since March 1 of this year. A native of Wilmington, N. C., she received a B.A. from Lenoir Rhyne College and both a B.S. in library science and an M.A. in history from the University of North Carolina. Since 1956, Miss von Oesen has been Extension Services Librarian of North Carolina State Library. Prior to that appointment, she served for four years as Field Librarian for the North Carolina Library Commission. Her other professional experience includes five years as Instructor and Assistant Professor in the School of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.