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The embryo of KNOW YOUR LIBRARY PATTERN had its beginnings in North Carolina discussions of post-war planning needs, in the University of Chicago Graduate Library School Institute, Summer 1943, and in the North Carolina Library State-Aid Campaign.

Our sociologists and librarians have surveyed the southern libraries generally but no comprehensive study has been made of North Carolina libraries. Emphasis has been placed here on public libraries, the largest blacked out portion of the non statistical picture.

That the picture is not as black in North Carolina as in some of the other

southern states has been due not only to its state-wide public library planning but also to its integration of all library resources. This working together for a common purpose has been evident in the meetings of the North Carolina Library Association and now has been documented in this survey. The ready phrases, "Oh we loan books to the general public" or "Of course, we are ready to help the small public library," are proven to some extent in the statistical analysis of our survey questionnaires. The accuracy of this analysis is due to the high returns from a "tiresome" questionnaire and the obvious serious consideration of each question. May the editors take this means of thanking you for your prompt cooperation.

It is with a sense of loss that we are giving up our able Business Manager of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES. Miss Adkins has met the wartime printing difficulties with a stoic concentration that has resulted in adequate issuance of the journal.

With a half breath following the sense of loss we are indeed glad to welcome to the post Miss Lena Mae Williams, Assistant, Order Department, University of North Carolina Library.—E. G.