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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

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With its twenty-fifth meeting at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem the North Carolina Library Association was able once again to conform to its regular schedule of biennial meetings. A record attendance of three hundred and eighty-five enthusiastic librarians, trustees, and interested friends contributed greatly to the success of the meeting.

Following registration Thursday afternoon these visitors were entertained by the Winston-Salem librarians at a tea in the Salem College Library. Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College, Mrs. Rondthaler, and the officers of the North Carolina Library Association received in the reading room. The library as a whole formed an appropriate and beautiful setting for this delightful affair.

Dr. Rondthaler officially welcomed the convention to Winston-Salem at the opening of the first general session in the ballroom of the Robert E. Lee Hotel Thursday evening. He also announced that the Moravian Archives, containing all records of the Moravians back to 1775, would be open all day Friday, and that Dr. Adelaide Fries, archivist, would welcome all visitors. The principal address of the evening was made by Dr. William M. Randall, director of libraries at the University of Georgia, his subject being "Library Construction." Dr. Randall's picture of the functional library building was both stimulating and challenging. The film, "Books and People—the Wealth Within," was shown prior to an informal talk by Mr. Hoyt Galvin, director of the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Public Library, on "Library Equipment."

The second day of the meeting began with a Bookmobile Section Breakfast, at which Miss Virginia Williamson presided. At each plate were copies of the "Manual of Suggestions and Procedures for Bookmobile Service" and statistical sheets presenting some of the findings from the North Carolina Bookmobile Survey. Miss Elizabeth House of the North Carolina Library Commission spoke on the subject, "Bookmobiles from Cherokee to Currituck."

Highlight of the second general session Friday morning was the announcement of the results of the election of officers, and a discussion of "The Southeastern States Cooperative Survey" by Mr.

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Marion A. Milczewski, director of the survey. The officers elected for the 1947-1949 biennium are: president, Miss Margaret Ligon, librarian, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville; first vice-president, Mr. Wendell W. Smiley, librarian, East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville; second vice-president, Mr. Charles M. Adams, librarian, Woman's College, Greensboro; secretary, Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian, Haywood County Public Library, Waynesville; treasurer, Miss Marianna Long, Law Library, Duke University, Durham; members at large, Miss Jane Wilson, supervisor, elementary school libraries, Durham, and Mr. George M. Stephens, Stephens Press, Asheville. Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, librarian, Duke University Library, Durham, was elected to serve as A. L. A. representative.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the 1946 meeting, other business was attended to in order. The Association voted to continue Miss Eloise Camp as its representative on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Library Association through the 1948 meeting; the President was authorized to appoint an expanded Constitution Committee to continue work on a revision of the constitution; the treasurer's report was read and accepted.

At the luncheon meeting of the Trustees Section at 12:30 in the Orangerie Room Mr. George M. Stephens, trustee of the Buncombe County Library, Asheville, spoke on "The Trustee, His Library and the Survey."

The afternoon was given over to section meetings. Miss Elizabeth Walker presided over the Catalogers' Section; Miss Page Ackerman talked on "The Personnel Situation in Relation to Catalogers," and Dr. Susan Grey Akers read a paper entitled "Do Your Cataloging and Classification Tools Fit Your Library?" Miss Margaret Johnston presided at the Public Librarians' Section; she presented Mr. Marion A. Milczewski, who spoke briefly on "The Survey and the Public Library": Miss Marjorie Beal presented a new map showing North Carolina library service with 89 counties participating in State Aid and only three counties with no public library service at all. At the College and University Librarians' Section, Miss Virginia Trumper, chairman, presented Dr. Randall, who conducted a symposium on proposed library buildings in North Carolina; the section adopted a report recommending a summer workshop. Miss Jane Hinson was in charge of the School and Children's Librarians' Section; she introduced Mrs. Mebane Holoman Burgwyn, author of "River Treasure," who made a most entertaining and inspiring talk on "Perspective." The Special Libraries Group, with Mrs. Helen Monahan presiding, voted to ask the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Library Association to organize a Special Libraries Section.

Among the most satisfying developments in the history of North Carolina libraries was the organization at this meeting of a high school pupil assistants state club. Mrs. Hallie Sykes Bacelli helped the ninety-five young people present in setting up their organiza-

tion, and Mrs. Burgwyn delighted them with a talk.

The Association dinner held in honor of three charter members of the North Carolina Library Association was an appropriate climax to the convention. Honorary Life memberships were presented to Mr. J. P. Breedlove, Librarian Emeritus, Duke University, who was present at the banquet, and to Dr. Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina, and Miss Annie Petty of Greensboro who were unable to attend. Special music was furnished by the R. J. Reynolds High School Girls Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Kate Detmold. Miss Camp, president, turned the meeting over to Mr. Harlan Brown, first vice-president, who acted as toastmaster. Mr. Brown recognized the special guests: Mr. Meade Willis, chairman of the Winston-Salem Library Commission; Mr. Milczewski, Miss Ackerman, Mrs. Wendell Smiley, Mrs. Harlan Brown, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Mrs. Mebane Holoman Burgwyn, and the new officers. Mr. Brown then introduced Mr. Richard Walser, assistant professor of English at State College, who gave a delightful address on "North Carolina Poetry." At the close of the dinner hour Mr. Brown expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. Charles Brockman, chairman of Exhibits, and to all of the exhibitors for their contribution to the success of the meeting. Miss Tera Bailey of the Charlotte Public Library conducted the drawing for the prizes which had been donated by the exhibitors.

Saturday morning activities began with a Junior Members Round Table breakfast at 8:30 in the Blue Room with Miss Tera Bailey presiding. Mr. Wendell W. Smiley led a round table discussion on "Education for Librarianship"; participating in this discussion were Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Miss Mildred Herring, Mrs. Mary D. Kline, and Miss Mae Tucker.

The final session convened at 10 o'clock in the ballroom. The following committee reports were given: Federal Relations, Mr. Hoyt Galvin; Legislative Committee, Miss Marjorie Beal; A. L. A. Membership, Miss Janie Allsbrook, who reported a total membership of 366; N. C. L. A. Membership, Mrs. Harlan Brown, who reported a new record of 444 members; Resolutions, Mrs. Lillian Buchanan; Education for Librarianship, Miss Mildred Herring. Following the committee reports Miss Beal presented the matter of A. L. A. regional meetings and announced that questionnaires will be sent out later. Miss Camp announced that the next meeting of the A. L. A. will be in Atlantic City and that of the Southeastern Library Association in Louisville.

The new president, Miss Margaret Ligon, was installed and declared the twenty-fifth meeting of the North Carolina Library Association adjourned.