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North Carolina Library Association Twenty-sixth Meeting

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The Twenty-sixth biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association was held at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham on April 28, 29, 30, 1949. Three hundred and sixteen enthusiastic librarians, trustees and friends of libraries gathered for the three-day session.

On Thursday afternoon three sections held their meetings. Miss Madge Blalock presided at the Catalogers Section. Dr. Susan Grey Akers spoke on **Activities of the A. L. A. Division** and Miss Elizabeth Walker explained the **Activities of the Southeastern Regional Group of Catalogers**. Miss Elaine Von Oesen discussed **Cataloging Audio-Visual Materials**. At the newly-formed section of Special Libraries, Mrs. Helen Monahan presented Mr. Robert W. Christ, who spoke on **Words, Words, Words**. Miss Olivia B. Burwell, presided at the Public Librarians Section. Miss Margaret Scofield, Exchange Librarian from England spoke on **Library Co-operation in England**. Mrs. F. C. Wycoff, Rockingham County Library, told of the **Library Participation in the Community Fine Arts Festival**.

A tea, with Duke University and

the Duke University Library Staff organization, the Durham Public Library and the Durham Public School Libraries as hosts, was given at the Duke University House from 4 to 6 o'clock. Miss Jane Wilson and Miss Dixie Parker welcomed the guests. In the receiving line were Miss Margaret Ligon, president, Dr. Ben Powell, Mrs. L. B. Griggs, Miss Clara Crawford, Miss Margaret Johnston and Miss Marianna Long. The hospitality of the hostesses and the charm of the University House added together made it a delightful occasion and many lingered to talk and to meet new members.

The First General Session was held in the Main Ballroom Thursday evening at 8 o'clock with Miss Margaret Ligon, president, presiding. Dr. Ben Powell, Librarian, Duke University, welcomed the group in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, the citizens and librarians of Durham and Duke University. The president read greetings from Mr. Errett W. McDiarmid, President of the American Library Association, and Mr. John MacKenzie Cory, Ex. Secretary, also a letter from Mr. Clarence R. Graham,

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President of the Southeastern Library Association. The president introduced the speaker, Mr. George H. Wright, Attorney and Library Trustee from Asheville, who spoke on *Libraries in the Future of North Carolina*. Dr. Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina, presented an interesting paper on *The North Carolina Library Commission, 1909-49* in celebration of its fortieth anniversary.

The president introduced the following new officers:

President—Mr. Harlan C. Brown.

First Vice-President—Mr. Charles R. Brockmann.

Second Vice-President—Miss Hortense Boomer.

Secretary—Miss Margaret McIntyre.

Treasurer—Miss Marianna Long.

Executive Committee—Miss Marianne R. Martin, Miss Annie Graham Caldwell.

Mr. Charles M. Adams announced that the \$500.00 contributed to the Scholarship-Loan Fund by the Association is to be named in honor of Dr. Louis R. Wilson.

The Bookmobile Breakfast held at 8 A. M. on Friday morning opened the program for the second day. Miss Alice Bryan presided and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Wendell Thomas, Librarian, Avery and Watauga County Libraries, who used for her most interesting and inspiring talk the subject, *Books and Shoes Must Fit*.

The Second General Session was held on Friday morning. Mr. Charles E. Rush was asked to serve as parliamentarian. The minutes, financial and committee reports, which had

been distributed previously in mimeographed form, were approved. The name of Mr. J. F. Wilkes of Charlotte was added to the list of Honorary Members of the Association. Mrs. Hallie Sykes Bacelli gave a brief history of the North Carolina High School Library Association whose meeting was being held in conjunction with the N. C. L. A. Following the business session, Mr. Jack Dalton, Associate Librarian, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Chairman of the Activities Committee of the Southeastern Library Association, spoke on *The Role of the State Associations in the Southeastern Program*. Dr. Ben E. Powell presented a brief summary of the *Report of the Fourth Activities Committee of A. L. A.*

Miss Marjorie Beal, Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, announced that the Appropriations Bill passed at the North Carolina General Assembly carried \$350,436 for State Aid to Public Libraries for each year of the biennium, 1949-50, 1950-51. Miss Beal expressed her appreciation to all librarians and citizens for their interest and co-operation in support of the State Aid Bill.

Dr. Susan Grey Akers presented the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Miss Margaret Scoffield, Johnston County Exchange Librarian, from Leeds, England, was recognized. Greetings were sent to Miss Virginia Williamson, who is in England as an Exchange Librarian.

The Trustees at their Luncheon
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Meeting heard Mr. Allen Langston of Raleigh talk on **Trustees and the Library of the Future**. At the same time, the Junior Members Round Table were having a panel discussion on **Recruitment as a Serious Responsibility of the Junior Librarian**. Later in the afternoon, the School and Children's Librarians Section held a panel discussion on **Enriching the School Curriculum Through the Use of Audio-visual Materials** with Dr. Arnold Perry, Associate Professor of Education, University of North Carolina, as the leader.

The highlight of the meeting was the Banquet held Friday evening in the Ballroom at 6:30 with Miss Jane Wilson as toast mistress. The new and old officers were seated at the speakers' table together with special guests, Mr. J. P. Breedlove, Miss Annie F. Petty and Dr. Louis R. Wilson. Dr. Louis R. Wilson gave the invocation. Mr. Henry B. Clark, Reidsville, president of the Student Group, presented Miss "Boots" Black of Charlotte with an engraved medal for having won the First Annual Literary Contest sponsored by the High School Library Association. Miss Black read her winning poem, "Charlotte." The Triple Quartet of the Duke University Men's Glee Club sang several numbers. Miss Josephina Niggli, author and lecturer of Chapel Hill and guest speaker of the evening, talked on **Books and the People Who Make Them**. She described the course of the writing and publishing a book, using personal incidents to illustrate.

Mr. Charles M. Adams announced that the total received for the Scholarship-Loan Fund was \$1,009.44.

Miss Ligon turned the gavel over to Mr. Harlan C. Brown, the incoming president, who spoke briefly about the organization and declared the 1949 meeting adjourned.