
PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

Miss Antoinette Earle, Librarian, Davidson County Library, Lexington, presided at the business meeting of the Public Libraries Section in Greensboro on Friday afternoon, April 27, 1951. In the absence of Miss Tera Bailey, Secretary of the

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Section, Miss Mae Tucker, from the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, read the minutes of the Durham meeting in 1949, which were accepted with a slight revision and the minutes of the Lexington business meeting which were accepted as read. The agenda was made up largely of reports from committees which had been appointed at the business session of the Section in Lexington following the Public Library Workshop held in the Davidson County Library, May 17-19, 1950.

The Audio-Visual Committee report, made by Mrs. Barbara Heafner, Chairman, was accepted and the Committee was authorized to continue its plan of study and action designed to make informational films of interest to adults available through public libraries in the state. Through the schools films are already being provided for children and young people.

Miss Annette Shinn, Librarian, Shelby Public Library, brought the report of the Co-operative Committee which had been appointed to study the relationship of public libraries with other agencies, institutions and organizations serving in the communities of the state. The report which placed some emphasis on co-operation with public school libraries, Civil Defense organizations, and club and study groups, was accepted and the Committee continued.

The Personnel Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Marion Middleton Johnson, Librarian, Stanly County Library, Albemarle, presented reports from three subcommittees. In-service Training was discussed informally by Miss Mari-

anne Martin. Miss Nancy Gray brought in tentative recommendations for salary revisions in Proposed Personnel and Working Specifications for North Carolina Public Libraries in Cities and Counties with Population of 75,000 and less which had been approved by the Section in March, 1946, and Kathrine Fort reported on Recruiting. The combined report of the Personnel Committee was accepted and the committee continued.

A progress report submitted by the Regional Study Committee was read by Miss Charlesanna Fox, Chairman. It continued much significant data on the present status of North Carolina public libraries and a proposal for state-wide library planning for the next ten years. The report was adopted by the Section and the Committee was authorized to continue its study and planning.

Mrs. Elmina H. Surratt read a brief summary of the activities of the State Aid Committee before and during the meeting of the General Assembly in 1951. The report was accepted and the Committee continued under the Chairmanship of Antoinette Earle in order to study the general library laws of the state.

Through an oversight Mrs. Dorothy Evans Shue's report for the policies Committee was not read, but a copy has been incorporated in the official records of the Section.

New officers of the Public Libraries Section were elected and installed:

Chairman — Charlesanna Fox, Librarian, Randolph County Library, Asheboro.

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Vice-chairman—Alice Bryan, Librarian, McDowell Public Library, Marion.

Secretary—Kathrine Fort, Librarian, Scotland County Library, Laurinburg.

At the close of the session Miss Elizabeth House, Secretary and Director, N. C. Library Commission, spoke briefly on the current status of Social Security for libraries and Federal Library Legislation.