

A CHECKLIST OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLICATIONS

Librarians in the field of state documents are continually faced with the problem of ascertaining what has been published. Official North Carolina publications are generally distributed by the issuing agencies rather than through a single distribution center. Consequently, the system and policies determining the distribution of this material are as varied as the number of agencies. Many of the publications are inexpensive or free upon request and would be valuable additions to a library, if only the librarian had some bibliographic tool to show what has been issued.

The Library of Congress' MONTHLY CHECKLIST OF STATE PUBLICATIONS lists only those items from the states and territories received by the Exchange and Gift Division. Therefore, although it is an indispensable tool in the documents field, it is not a complete list of state publications. It is difficult enough for a person within a state to keep abreast of the publication of the various agencies of that state, so we can hardly expect the Library of Congress to list all state publications. Some states—there were nineteen in April, 1951—have met the problem by issuing checklists of their official publications.

In 1940 the Documents Department of the University of North Carolina Library attempted to meet the problem in this state by issuing, in mimeographed form, the MONTHLY CHECKLIST OF OFFICIAL NORTH CAROLINA PUBLICATIONS. This list was compiled from the printing folders in the files of the State Division of Purchase and Contracts in Raleigh. All these folders were kept together and the list therefore was easily compiled at one central point. But, in 1947 the Division of Purchase and Contracts adopted a new filing system in which the printing folders were dispersed throughout its files. Since the Checklist could no longer be compiled from these folders, it was discontinued with the last issue of 1946.

Since the discontinuance of this publication, a great need for such a bibliographic tool has been felt. Therefore, in November the Documents Department of the University of North Carolina Library issued the first of a bi-monthly CHECKLIST OF OFFICIAL NORTH CAROLINA PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY. Since this library is making every effort to obtain all State publications for its North Carolina Collection, this list should be almost as complete as its predecessor.

Any library wishing to receive this checklist should address a request to: Documents Librarian, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill.

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