

N. C. L. A. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee has outlined the legislation to be supported by the North Carolina Library Association during the 1953 session of the Legislature as follows:

1. *Legislative Council*—By action of the Executive Board since the Association does not meet until October 1953, the Association has accepted the four items on the 1953 program of the Council which sponsors social legislation important to the state as a whole. The four items are (a) Improvement of school attendance and enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law; (b) Provision for Minimum Wage standards; (c) Clarification of legal procedures relating to personal guardianship of a minor; (d) Inclusion of children 16 years of age in the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

2. *Public Libraries Section*—The State Aid to Public Libraries request for the biennium 1953-1955 has been prepared by the North Carolina Library Commission, and incorporates recommendations made by the Development Committee of the Public Libraries Section in its Report covering a two-year study of Public library needs. A request of \$620,000 for each year of the biennium was made to the Advisory Budget Commission in September. The increase is based primarily on an urgent need for personnel, but other needs are recognized. The amount requested is \$250,000 more than is being received in the current biennium and is \$20,000 more than the request made to the last Legislature. A member of the Development Committee with a member of the Library Commission staff have met with most of the Public Library Boards in the state to discuss with them the Committee's report on personnel, income and service and the request to the Legislature.

3. *School and Children's Librarians Section*—Two items of legislation concerning personnel are part of the legislative planning of the section: recognition of the fifth year Library Science degree as a Master's degree in this state as it is in all other South-eastern states, and allotment of librarians or teacher-librarians to schools in addition to classroom teachers. Since these items are involved with the total budget of the Department of Public Instruction, the Section will present proposals for legislation to the Department. The N. C. L. A. at the 1949 meeting in Durham approved a resolution favoring the recognition of the fifth year Library Science degree as a Master's degree by the Department of Public Instruction.

—CHARLESANNA FOX, *Chairman*
Librarian, Randolph County Public Library,
Asheboro.

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Suggestions for officers for the next biennium will be welcomed by the Committee. The nominating committee for NCLA is composed of the following: Miss Evelyn Mullen, North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, Chairman; Miss Mary Roberts Seawell, Woman's College, Greensboro; Mr. Paul Ballance, Winston-Salem Public Library; Miss Emily Loftin, Durham High School Library, Durham; Miss Helen Rosser, Main Post Librarian, Fort Bragg; Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Mitchell-Avery-Yancey County Public Library, Celo.

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CORRECTION

"Proceedings" of the School and Children's Librarians' State-Wide Conference held in Chapel Hill on September 20th may be purchased for \$1.00 from the N. C. L. A. treasurer, Miss Marianna Long, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, and not from the Library Commission or the Office of the State School Library Adviser.