
MRS. FORD S. WORTHY

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There are many ways a citizen may serve his state. Among the nonremunerative opportunities is that of serving on state boards and commissions. Mrs. Ford S. Worthy of Washington, North Carolina, has served on the North Carolina Library Commission from April 1942 through December 1954. She was appointed to four terms by the North Carolina Library Association. She has been a faithful and conscientious member of the Commission. Since her appointment there have been thirty-six meetings of the Commission and during this thirteen-year span Mrs. Worthy was present for every regular meeting except three. Illness, a wedding, and a trip abroad prevented her attendance on those dates.

The North Carolina Library Association was late in making a new appointment and Mrs. Worthy graciously continued six months beyond her last term. Having served on the library board for the town of Washington and the B H M Region, Mrs. Worthy understands public library needs from both the local and state level.

As a result of her work as a library trustee, Mrs. Worthy was inspired to know more of the professional side of library operations. She enrolled in the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina and was awarded her degree in 1946. As a professional librarian she has been interim director of the B H M Region and currently is librarian of the Washington High School. All of this coupled with her contagious enthusiasm has enabled her to make an outstanding contribution on the Commission.

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