

NCLA SECTION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the half-way point between Conferences of the North Carolina Library Association the chairmen of sections and committees have been asked by the President to report to the membership. Some sections do not have activities outside of Conference programs and so do not have anything at this time. Some committees have been working, but are not ready to report. The following communications have been received:

Catalog Section

The activities of the Catalog Section began very soon after the Asheville meeting. The newly elected secretary-treasurer was not present and it was necessary for her to be informed of her election and to secure her acceptance of same; also, an introduction to the chairman was desired. Miss Mary Huff, Cataloger, Appalachian State Teachers College, agreeably surprised at her nomination and election, accepted the office by mail.

In February before the N. C. L. A. Executive Board meeting on March 20th, Miss Huff and your chairman traveled a total number of about 600 miles to meet in Greensboro. We reviewed together the past activities and the bank account of the Catalog Section. Miss Huff received the books of the minutes and the treasurer's account consisting of \$37.98 which had accrued from dues.

We felt that three items required attention for the Catalog Section to function properly:

1. A complete and up-to-date mailing list of the membership.
2. A revision of the Section Rules into By-laws.
3. A permanent file that would adequately take care of the agenda of the section.

Early in May six copies of the Official Rules of the Catalog Section were sent to Miss Jeanette Trotter upon her request for six copies of the section By-laws.

We have secured the names and addresses of the Catalogers of the colleges and universities and the Catalogers of Public Libraries in North Carolina. The challenging activity now confronting us is to secure the interest and membership in the Catalog Section of a greater per cent of the catalogers in the state.

At the Planning Meeting on March 20th in Greensboro the program for the Catalog Section for the 1955 N. C. L. A. Conference in Winston-Salem was discussed and plans for the committees were given attention. Present for the committee meeting of catalogers were: Miss Arabella Gore, Elon College; Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, now of the Salem College Library; Miss Mary Huff, Secretary-Treasurer of the Catalog Section, and your Chairman.

SOPHRONIA COOPER, *Chairman.*

College and University Section

The officers of the College and University Section would be pleased to have any suggestions or recommendations for the program at our next meeting. Suggestions as to the topic to be discussed or speakers you would like to have would be most welcome.

CHARLES M. ADAMS, *Chairman*
The Library,
Woman's College of the
University of North Carolina,
Greensboro.

Education For Librarianship Committee

I. A directory of the various institutions in the state offering library science instruction (Appalachian, Bennett, East Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne, North Carolina College, the University of North Carolina, Woman's College). For each institution the following material will be included:

1. The Library Science Program.
 - A. Scope and objectives of the particular programs of each school.
 - B. General required areas of instruction embodied in programs of each school.
 - C. Electives. Special requirements such as thesis, comprehensive examinations, etc.
2. Library Science Instructors in the Various Institutions.
3. Approximate College Expenses at Each Institution.
4. Scholarships Available to Students of Library Science.

We hope to have this directory ready for distribution by the Christmas holidays. It will be distributed to the various colleges in the state and at least one copy to each high school in the state.

II. Newsletters or Newsbriefs:

Material is being compiled for two future issues of a NEWSLETTER.

1. The January-February issue will be a symposium of methods and devices that outstanding teachers have found helpful in the various areas of library science instruction.
2. Anonymous reporting of graduates of library science for each institution concerning areas in which they have felt that they needed additional training. Forms were mailed in October to each institution to be distributed among a percentage of graduates for the past five years. (A number have already been returned.)

Tentative plans are for a one-day conference of library science instructors in each of the institutions in the state. This will be for late spring or early fall, however, and I believe that you wanted the activities for this year only.

ILA M. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Federal Relations Committee

The Committee on Federal Relations has no formal report to make. I can, however, state briefly what has been done. At the initial meeting of the Committee plans were made which were directed principally toward two objectives: (1) to devise some means of getting information about Federal activities not only to librarians but to interested and influential laymen, (2) to evoke greater interest among librarians themselves. It was hoped that these objectives might better be approached if each librarian would make a point of presenting important phases of Federal activity to laymen within his reach. The Committee felt that this might be better than trying to reach a mass of laymen directly. It was further hoped that libraries would subscribe more generally to *The Washington News Letter*. An effort was made to send sample copies with information about *The News Letter* and its objectives. Unfortunately the response of North Carolina Libraries was not noticeably enthusiastic. To what extent laymen have been reached is not easy to determine.

The Committee is expecting to renew its efforts before the opening of the new Congress.

CARLTON P. WEST, *Chairman.*

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Library Association has not had a committee meeting since March 1954, when all committees met in Greensboro.

The Legislative Committee has coordinated its efforts with those of the Development Committee of the Public Libraries Section of North Carolina Library Association.

The Committee, too, has been represented at the North Carolina State Legislative Council meetings, and the Chairman has attended meetings of the Study Committee from the Legislative Council.

The Committee anticipates close cooperation with the North Carolina Library Commission in its appeal to the General Assembly for increased State Aid to North Carolina Public Libraries.

ANTOINETTE EARLE, *Chairman*.

Public Libraries Section

The Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association is concentrating on plans for a workshop to be held in 1955. In March, they will assist the Trustee Section with a one-day workshop for library board members. Topics suggested by the trustees include: Library buildings and facilities; library laws and tax votes; library finance; and public relations from the trustee viewpoint. This workshop will be held at three or four locations across the state.

All the trained public librarians in the state will be invited to attend a three-day professional workshop in Winston-Salem, tentatively scheduled for April 20-22. Antoinette Earle is heading the workshop committee comprised of Evelyn Bishop, Elizabeth Plexico, Paul Ballance, and Vera Melton, chairmen, Adult Education, Audio-Visual, Personnel, and Public Relations Committees respectively. Each of these people is preparing approximately a two-hour program in the field of his interest. Registration fee for the workshop will be \$3.00 for first professional staff member attending from a library and \$1.00 for each additional professional librarian from the same library.

It is anticipated that these workshops will provide the springboard for another series of in-service training sessions for library staff members.

PHYLLIS SNYDER, *Secretary*.

Recruiting Committee

The Recruiting Committee has completed the writing of a recruiting bulletin and 20,000 copies should have been delivered by the printer by this time. To Miss Shirley Deal of Salisbury goes the sincere appreciation of the committee for the clever drawings in the bulletin. She did them at no cost to the Association. Miss Deal is now studying art at Pratt Institute. The plan is to mail a copy of the bulletin to each member of the Association, a copy to each college librarian, each public librarian and each high school librarian in the state. In addition, the committee plans to put copies in the hands of the counselors in high schools throughout North Carolina. It is the sincere hope of the committee that all N. C. L. A. members will like the bulletin and that it will prove helpful in the recruiting of young people into the profession.

In addition to the work on the bulletin, the committee has secured the services of

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one librarian in each of the six educational districts to serve as a coordinator to work with the Speakers' Bureau which is being set up by the Junior Members Roundtable. Each coordinator will have available pamphlets on librarianship which may be borrowed by anyone called on for a speech in the interest of recruiting. These materials are available from the following people on request:

WESTERN DISTRICT—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fortner, Librarian, Hall Fletcher Junior High School, Asheville.

NORTHWESTERN—Miss Marjorie Hood, Circulation Department, Library, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

NORTH CENTRAL—Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Librarian, Hugh Morson High School, Raleigh.

SOUTH PIEDMONT—Miss Aileen Aderholdt, Librarian, Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory.

SOUTHEASTERN—Mrs. Dorothy E. Shue, Librarian, Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville.

NORTHEASTERN—Mrs. Louella S. Posey, Librarian, Kinston Public Library, Kinston.

Also, the Recruiting Committee would like to call special attention to an article by Miss Lottie Hood, Catawba County, about a successful project which she planned and carried out last spring. The article will appear in *North Carolina Libraries*, *North Carolina Education*, and *School Libraries*.

MAE TUCKER
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Recruiting Committee.

Scholarship Loan Fund Committee

Two recommendations of the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee have been approved by the Executive Board, with the result that the maximum single loan now available to prospective library school students is \$500 instead of \$300 as formerly, and an improved application form is to be issued soon.

The rules now in effect for loans from the fund are as follows:

1. Application for loan shall be made to the Chairman of the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee.
2. Applicant must have been a resident of the state of North Carolina for at least two consecutive years before making application.
3. Applicant must have been accepted by a library school before loan can be made.
4. Applicant must be recommended by a member of the North Carolina Library Association.
5. The loan to any applicant shall not exceed \$500.00.
6. The recipient shall execute a promissory note for the principal amount borrowed to bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per year. Interest will be waived during the period recipient is in school.
7. Recipient shall begin repaying the loan as soon as employment is secured. A plan of repayment should be approved by the Treasurer of the North Carolina Library Association.