

NCLA PLANS BIENNIUM ACTIVITIES

The several committees and sections of NCLA got off to a flying start with meetings at the University Library in Chapel Hill on March 24, 1956. Here are the reports from some of them:

Conservation of Newspaper Resources Committee:

This committee was created during the last biennium and held a meeting on March 19, 1955 at which it formulated a three-phase, long-range program as follows: (1) to make an exhaustive list, with locations, of all newspapers published in North Carolina prior to 1820; (2) to compile a selective list of newspapers issued between 1820 and 1870; (3) to work towards the preservation, on film, of the more significant newspapers published since 1870.

The present committee is of the opinion that we should concentrate, during the next two years, upon the third phase of this program. It will, however, seek the assistance of the deans of the Schools of Journalism and Library Science of the University of North Carolina with the hope of assigning the first phase to one or more graduate students as a research project.

The first step toward the preservation of North Carolina newspapers published since 1870 is to identify the papers. We have divided the towns of the state among the members of the committee and will attempt just to produce a fairly complete list of the newspapers which have been issued since the advent of wood pulp paper. When this list has been prepared, the press association of the state will be asked to give its advice and blessing to the project. With the assistance of its members, we hope to determine where files, outside the usual repositories, are held and whether or not the owners would be willing to have them filmed. The information gained at this stage will enable us to estimate the cost of a statewide filming project. For this project an appropriation from the state legislature might be sought—perhaps in 1957.

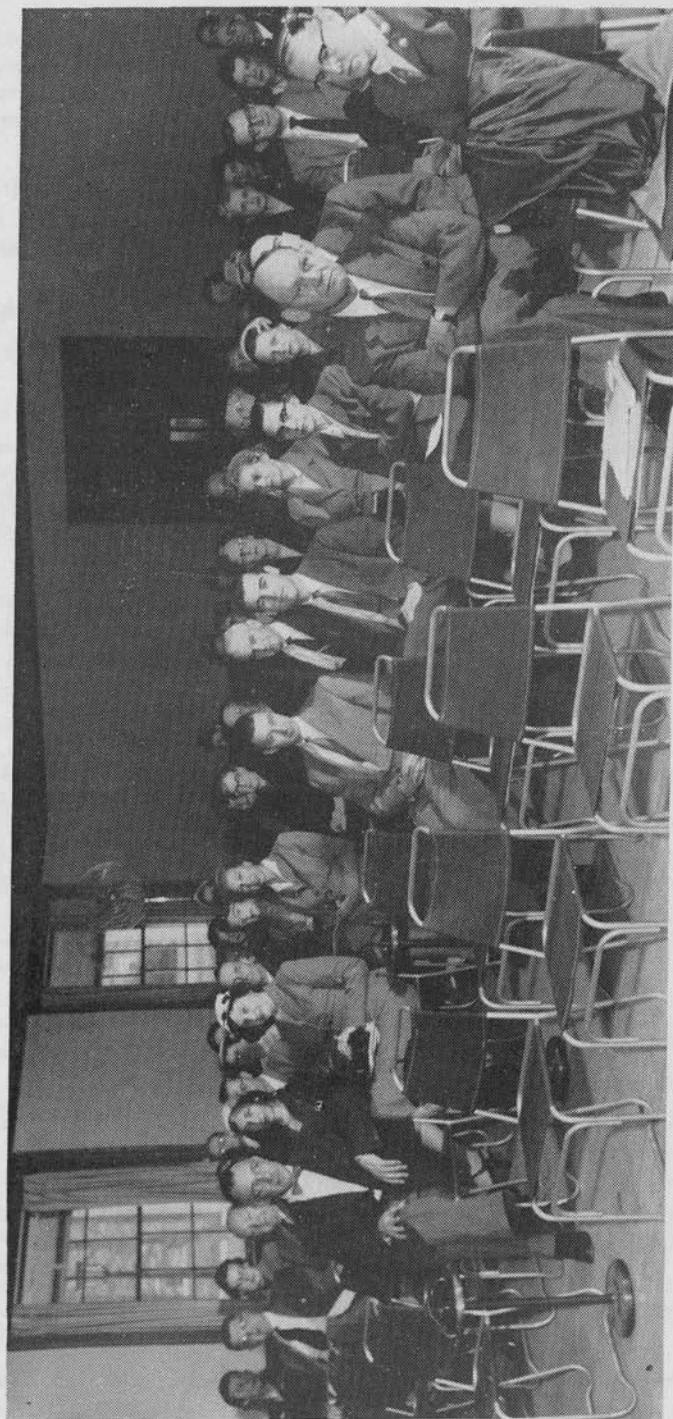
The members of the Committee present were: Edwin J. Hix, William S. Powell, B. E. Powell, Chairman.

Committee on Education for Librarianship:

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee the other members present held an impromptu discussion of some problems in libraries and in library schools regarding education for librarianship.

Public libraries have a problem in filling staff positions, which are open, because more applicants for positions seem to be interested in recently glamorized positions in the specialties of public relations, adult education, readers' advisers, and audio-visual aids than in behind-the-scenes professional work, such as cataloging, circulation and reference. The former are unquestionably valuable, but fundamental positions are going begging for applicants. The Committee would like to recommend that faculties of schools and departments of library science re-emphasize the value and satisfactions of serving in the latter types of positions.

School librarians are disturbed because all too few teachers make use of the library as a basic part of their instructional work. A suggested solution is that the college program for teacher preparation should include experience in interpreting the use of the



NCLA Officials Make Biennium Plans

Shown above are some of the executive board, committee members and section officers who met in the Assembly Room of the Louis R. Wilson Library in Chapel Hill on March 24, 1956 to set goals and procedures for the 1955-57 Biennium. Reports of the meetings are given in this issue.

library into instruction. The Committee recognizes the fact that this would involve changes in curricula for teacher preparation rather than in library science curricula, but it would like to suggest the problem for consideration by the School and Children's Section of NCLA who might wish to make recommendations to the State Department of Public Instruction.

A suggested activity for this Committee is to cooperate with representatives of the schools of library science and the departments of library science in the colleges and universities of North Carolina to take action toward clarifying the transfer of credits in library science from one college or university to another.

Members of the Committee present were: Olivia Burwell, Jean Freeman, D. Eric Moore, and Elizabeth Walker, Acting Secretary.

Federal Relations Committee:

The Federal Relations Committee, Mr. Paul Ballance, Chairman, met at 11:00 a.m. in the Southern Historical Research Room of the University of North Carolina Library on March 24, 1956. Other members of the Committee are: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey, Mrs. W. M. Grimes, Sara Jaffarian, and Miles C. Horton, Jr., who served as secretary.

Mr. Ballance reviewed briefly the aims and objectives of the committee, and it was agreed that we should endeavor, as in the past, to keep up with all Federal Legislation affecting libraries and librarians and spread the news to appropriate people throughout the state through the use of various media.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hughey offered the use of the North Carolina Library Commission *News Letter* as a means of getting out news items.

Mr. Ballance suggested that he would prepare a letter describing aims and objectives to be mailed to a select list of lay people, and at the same time send a self-addressed card on which each person would be asked to let us know their willingness to serve. From the returned cards, a new list would be made. Using this new list, letters will be mailed from time to time concerning pending legislation. Thus informed, these selected people will be expected to act as a liaison with members of Congress.

It was agreed that more effort should be made to get news items in newspapers and on radio and television news programs.

Membership Committee:

Present at the Membership Committee Meeting, Chapel Hill, N. C., March 24, were: Mrs. R. M. Ray, Mrs. Barbara Heafner, Mrs. Constance Marteena, and Katharine McDiarmid.

The meeting began with a brief review of what had been done in the past. This was filled in by Mrs. Heafner, former Chairman. As Mr. Cook had stressed an enlarged Association for the biennium, the committee made the following plans:

1. All lists of librarians in the state (public, school, special, university) and of trustee chairmen are to be secured by the chairman of the Membership Committee.
2. These lists will be forwarded to Mrs. Marteena who will check them against membership files under Miss Hood's direction.

3. Letters will be mimeographed by the chairman and sent to committee members to be mailed out to
 - a. Trustee chairmen, requesting that they give application forms to all their board members.
 - b. College and university librarians, public librarians requesting that they do the same for their staff members.
 - c. School librarians.
 - d. Special librarians.
4. Letters were drafted and approved by the members present.
5. It was suggested that for the campaign for new members "every member get a member" be the slogan and that Miss von Oesen be asked to give this publicity in *North Carolina Libraries*.

Recruiting Committee:

On Saturday, March 24, 1956, at the spring meeting of NCLA, the Recruiting Committee met for the purpose of planning its activities for the coming year. Mr. I. T. Littleton, the chairman, presided and the following members were in attendance: Miss Cora Paul Bomar, Miss Lottie Hood, Mr. Robert A. Miller, Miss Evelyn B. Pope and Miss Helen Stroupe.

The Committee decided that its main project for the coming year would be the production and distribution of a detailed statement on the library profession, the opportunities it offers, and the training programs offered by various North Carolina colleges. The statement is intended to supplement the committee's recruitment pamphlet entitled "Interesting Careers!" which was published last year. A sub-committee was appointed to carry this project through to completion and consists of the following members: Miss Bomar, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Miller and Miss Pope. It was tentatively decided to distribute the material through the following agencies: (1) High School vocational counselors, (2) School Library Supervisors (through the "Newsletter" distributed by Miss Bomar's office in the State Department of Public Instruction), (3) High School principals, (4) the two state organizations of school library clubs, (5) High School supervisors, (5) Librarians of North Carolina colleges and universities, (7) Circulation librarians in North Carolina colleges and universities, (8) College deans who are in charge of the first two years of undergraduate study, (9) Vocational testing centers in the state, (10) Public librarians, and (11) NCLA members.

It was decided to compile and distribute a list of "resource people" who could be called upon to provide material, to make speeches, and to give information about librarianship on the local level for such activities as high school career days. The coordinators and speakers who have been participating in the Speaker's Bureau will be included on this list. Additional suggestions for names to be included in this list will be sought from the committee chairman of each NCLA section. The Junior Members Round Table will be asked to participate in this plan by providing speakers. This list will receive the same distribution as indicated for the information above.

The following miscellaneous topics were discussed:

Spot announcements from radio stations in the state concerning librarianship as a career. Miss Bomar and Mr. Littleton will investigate and report at a later meeting.

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Material, either original or taken from professional literature, on positive professional attitudes and approaches for the librarian, to be prepared and distributed from time to time in the "newsletter" from the office of the State Library Supervisor. Ella Stephens Barrett, State Supervisor of Guidance Services, has indicated a willingness to work with this committee. She has offered to include information on librarianship in "Guidance Briefs," a publication of her office which is sent to all high schools in the state.

Mr. Littleton and several other members of the committee indicated that they plan to attend the North Carolina High School Libraries Conference to be held in Hendersonville on April 13-14. Miss Hood agreed to have a recruiting exhibit prepared and displayed at the conference.