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Asheville's New Branch Library

Another North Carolina first was chalked up on June 1, 1953, when Asheville opened its new Haywood Road Branch Library. This branch, so far as can be determined, is the first branch library in the state to open in a new building, erected for that specific purpose, and perhaps the first, also, to open with an electric charging machine in operation.

[Photograph: Interior view of the Haywood Road Branch Library, showing open shelving along the walls beneath large windows, reading tables and chairs in the center, and upholstered seating areas to the right. The room is brightly lit through floor-to-ceiling windows. Photo by Jane Glenn.]

Not only is this branch library a Tar Heel first but it is a spectacular one. An L-shaped building, housing a fire station in one wing and the Library in the other, it is architecturally as up-to-date as tomorrow's newspaper. Large expanses of glass have been used to gain a maximum of light with a minimum of glare; bright colors, light woods and a front porch furnished with appropriate furniture testify to the wisdom and foresight of the architects and administrative officials who were responsible for the planning.

In common with most new branch libraries, this one is the result of long-time dreaming. Years ago the west side of Asheville was a fairly remote section of the city reached by an old bridge across the French Broad River and by winding through one of the city's most congested business districts. But during the war years Asheville took this logical direction to mushroom in population; and the new Smoky Mountain Park highway and bridge opened a new and large territory which rapidly developed into acres of small homes and housing projects. Library service to the west end became a popular demand as well as a practical necessity and the city, ever responsive to the needs of its citizens, appropriated funds for the joint fire station and library which face in opposite directions and are connected only by the roof.

[Photograph: A second interior view of the Haywood Road Branch Library, showing patrons seated at reading tables and in chairs, with exposed ceiling beams, full-height windows on both sides, and shelving units throughout. Several adults and children are visible using the space. Photo by Jaunita Wilson.]

The coral pink front door proclaims the Library as contemporary as its young clientele, and as exciting as one new book, multiplied by the twenty-five hundred with which it opened for business. The library's one large room has windows from the three foot height of the round-the-wall shelving to the high ceiling.

The window walls face north, on the busy main street of West Asheville, and south to a magnificently framed view of Mount Pisgah and the famed Pisgah range of mountains. Both ends of the room are of exposed brick and all the woodwork including wall shelving, stacks, charging desk and catalog, is of waxed birch. Flush doors of birch wood were used to make tables for the functional reading room. The chairs are of Eames design, some in birch and others

in a contrasting and dramatic black finish. Occasional chairs are covered with plastic, some in the same coral pink as the front door and structural pillars, and others in a bright sunny yellow. These provide comfortable and inviting reading spots with wrought iron magazine racks and end tables at their sides.

The 2,500 new books ready for the opening proved immediately to be far from adequate. The first day's circulation was 352 and the first month showed a circulation of 4,369. Two S.O.S. messages were sent to the State Library Commission in the early weeks and 500 volumes were borrowed while the order department of Pack Memorial Library shifted into high gear to replenish the collection. As this article was written it appeared there would be a gain of 1,000 over the first month's circulation; and weekly story hours were bringing in an average of 75 children each Thursday afternoon.

Early expansion for accommodation of the children is now contemplated, and another room, on the basement level, will permit the library to expand to twice its present floor space. This room, below the street level on the front but level with the ground floor at the rear, also has large banks of windows facing the mountains and will provide quarters for the rapidly growing children's collection.

Parking for eight cars in front of the building is a popular feature of the new branch which is already dubbed "Asheville's undress-library" as its young patrons wander in barefooted and in play-clothes and its older ones in the informal dress of the neighborhood.

A report of a new venture as important and far-reaching as the opening of a branch library should unquestionably include something about the attitude of the community it serves. It is gross understatement to say the community is grateful, appreciative and enthusiastic, and accurate reporting of the response would be justifiably interpreted as sheer bragging. It can only be said that the community is now SO library conscious.

—Rosemary M. Ogden, Branch Librarian

Pack Memorial Annex

[Photograph: Interior of the Pack Memorial Library annex reading room, showing patrons seated at low reading tables with shelving units visible in the background. A large pillar is visible in the foreground. The space appears spacious and well-organized. Photo: Asheville Citizen Times, by Ewart Ball.]

As a part of the City of Asheville's expansion of public library facilities, patrons are now enjoying a new annex to the Pack Memorial Public Library, opened in November 1952. A long felt need for larger quarters was remedied last fall when the first floor and basement of an adjoining building were leased by the City and turned over to the library.

Mr. Anthony Lord, local architect and member of the library board, and Mr. Harold Shuttles, interior decorator, contributed their services as friends of the library. The result is an additional area of 3,000 square feet, on two levels, at an approximate cost of \$22,000.00.

The annex houses a reading-room with new Remington-Rand stacks which shelve art, history, biography, collected biography and has additional room for expansion. There is an adequate office for Miss Margaret Ligon, Head of the Asheville Libraries, and a smaller one for the library secretary, Miss E. Grace Miller. These can be used for meetings of such groups as the library board and the Friends of the Library.

Birch tables, Eames chairs and magazine racks painted steel gray to contrast with the Venetian red walls, furnish the reading-room which extends across the entire front of the annex. The

basement which is of equal dimensions, supplies for the first time, bookmobile headquarters with facilities for its stacks, files, and magazines and a convenient loading entrance. Also on this level are a sufficient number of stacks for storage of occasionally used reference books, and a wash room.

Additional alterations included reinforcement of the main floor and installation of an automatic fire door between the two buildings.

The new space reflects happily on the entire library. The circulation department can shelve books without crowding. The beautiful reading-room supplies adequate tables and chairs for the ever growing number of patrons.

The Reference book stock is being reshelfed and reworked and the old reading-room can be used to house a badly needed teen-age collection when sufficient bookstock is available.

Each day brings additional proof that the attractive new annex is fast becoming a workable, integral part of the library as a whole, enabling Pack Memorial to serve with competence and facility the people of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Special Convention Announcements

All hotel reservations in Asheville will be cancelled at 6:00 p.m. of the day reservation begins, unless the hotel is advised of late arrival *in advance*.

The tour to Biltmore House and gardens Thursday afternoon is dependent upon the advance reservation of at least ten persons. Notify the President, Jane B. Wilson, 822 Third Street, Durham, by October 15, if you wish to take this tour.

Exhibits at the Convention will open Thursday morning, October 22, at 10:30 a.m. They will close Friday night, October 23, at 10:30 p.m. Arrange to see them within this 48-hour period. The exhibits will be arranged in the East Ballroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel. Exhibitors will include:

- Baker and Taylor Company
- Bro-Dart Industries
- Christian Film Service
- P. F. Collier and Son
- F. E. Compton and Company
- Doubleday and Company
- Duplex Book Stand Company
- Encyclopaedia, Inc.
- Field Enterprises, Inc.
- Gaylord Brothers
- Gerstenslager Company
- Heckman Bindery
- J. B. Lippincott Company
- Macmillan Company
- Myrtle Desk Company
- New Method Book Bindery
- Remington Rand, Inc.
- Record Center
- Joseph Ruzicka, Library Bookbinder
- Slyd-In Shelving

- Washington News Company
- Albert Whitman and Company
- Wilcox and Follett Company
- World Book Encyclopedia

N.C.L.A. Biennial Conference

October 22, 23, and 24, 1953

George Vanderbilt Hotel and Battery Park Hotel
Asheville, North Carolina

Tentative Program

Wednesday, October 21, 1953

Setting up of exhibits.

6:30 p.m. Dinner, (Executive Board, Official Convention Assistants), Vanderbilt Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel*

8:30 p.m. Meeting, (Joint Committee Chairmen, Executive Board, Official Convention Assistants, Arrangements Committee, Hosts and Hostesses, Section Chairmen, Committee Chairmen, etc.), Tropical Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel*

Thursday, October 22, 1953

9:30 a.m. Registration, Lobby, near East Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel*

10:30 a.m. Formal Opening of Exhibits, East Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel*

12:30 p.m. Special Librarians Luncheon and Meeting, *Assembly Inn, Montreat, N.C.*, Host: Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr.

2:30 p.m. Catalogers Section, Coffee hour and meeting, Roof Lounge, *Battery Park Hotel*

2:30 p.m. Junior College Librarians, Tropical Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel*, Alice Welch Jones, Chairman

2:30 p.m. Tours: Asheville Libraries, Wolfe Home, Biltmore House (\$3.13 round trip and entrance fees)*

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Reception, West Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel*, Hosts: Asheville Librarians and Vanderbilt Hotel

8:00 p.m. First General Session, West Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel*, Speaker: David C. Mearns, "In the Presence of the Scholars"

Friday, October 23, 1953

8:00 a.m. "Breakfast with Miss Beust," Rhododendron Room, *Battery Park Hotel* (Price \$1.25 including tax and gratuity), Speaker: Miss Nora E. Beust

9:30 a.m. Second General Session, Ballroom, *Battery Park Hotel*, "Libraries Here and There," Mrs. Frances Neel Cheney, Jack Dalton, Robert B. Downs, Mrs. Alice L. Hicks, Louis S. Shores Business Session

Memorial Service

12:30 p.m. Public Libraries Section, Trustees Section Luncheon, Rhododendron Room, *Battery Park Hotel* (Price \$1.75 including tax and gratuity)

2:00 p.m. Schools and Children's Librarians Section, Ballroom, *Battery Park Hotel*, Margaret McIntyre, Chairman, Speaker: Mrs. Rachel De Angelo
2:30 p.m. Public Libraries Section Business Session, Rhododendron Room, *Battery Park Hotel*, Charlesanna Fox, Chairman
2:30 p.m. Trustees Section Business Session, Roof Lounge, *Battery Park Hotel*, W. Clary Holt, Chairman
2:30 p.m. College and Universities Section, Vanderbilt Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel*, William L. Eury, Chairman, Speaker: Dr. William A. Fitzgerald, "Book Burning: Censorship or Selection"
3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hospital and Medical Librarians, *Veterans Hospital Library, Oteen, N.C.*, Tea, reception and tour
6:30 p.m. Banquet, Third General Session, West Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel* (Price \$2.75 including tax and gratuity), Speaker: Carl Sandburg, Poet and Guitarist

Saturday, October 24, 1953

8:00 a.m. "Breakfast with Miss Beust," Rhododendron Room, *Battery Park Hotel* (Price \$1.25 including tax and gratuity), Speaker: Miss Nora E. Beust
8:00 a.m. Junior Members Breakfast, Vanderbilt Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel* (Price \$1.25 including tax and gratuity), Florence Blakely, Chairman
9:30 a.m. Fourth General Session. Business meeting, West Ballroom, *Vanderbilt Hotel*
Business: Intellectual Freedom, Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan; Study Committee, Carlton P. West; Merger Report, Miss Antoinette Earle; Constitution, Mrs. Alice L. Hicks; Resolutions, Miss Margaret Johnston; Announcements
1:00 p.m. Executive Boards Luncheon, Vanderbilt Room, *Vanderbilt Hotel*

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8:30 p.m. Meeting, Tropical Room, Vanderbilt Hotel (Joint Committee Chairmen, Executive Board, Convention Assistants, Arrangements Committee, Hosts and Hostesses, Section Chairmen, Committee Chairmen, and others invited)

Saturday, October 24, 1953

1:00 p.m. Luncheon, Vanderbilt Room, Vanderbilt Hotel (Executive Boards: Outgoing and Incoming)

Who's Who Among Conference Speakers

Nora E. Beust

Nora E. Beust, born in New Albany, Indiana, began her career in Wisconsin, as a reference librarian. She left this position to become children's librarian in the LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Public Library. In 1927, Miss Beust came to North Carolina as associate professor of library science at the University of North Carolina, remaining until 1938, when she took her present position as Library Specialist with the U.S. Government Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. North Carolinians share many close ties with Miss Beust, who returns to us frequently for a stay at Black Mountain.

Miss Beust attended library school at the University of Wisconsin and has studied at the University of Chicago. She holds an A.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin, and an M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina. She is a member of A.L.A., D.C.L.A., Delta Kappa Gamma, the American Association of University Women, and Altrusa. She is a frequent contributor to periodical literature. Her books include *A Graded List of Books for Children*; *500 Books for Children*; *School Library Administration, An Annotated Bibliography*; *Our Neighbor Republics*; *Professional Library Education*; and *Statistics of Public-School Libraries*. An authority in the field of children's literature, Nora E. Beust is in wide demand as a speaker. Her sensitive perception and her contagious charm make every contact with her a memorable experience.

—*Mary Frances Kennon, School Librarian, Charlotte, N.C.*

Mrs. Frances Neel Cheney

Frances Neel Cheney (Mrs. Brainard Cheney) who is assistant professor in the library school of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, is well-known in the library world for her editorship of "Current Reference Books" for the Wilson Library Bulletin.

Mrs. Cheney, a native of Washington, D.C., received her B.S. in L.S. from George Peabody College for Teachers and her M.S. from Columbia University. For a number of years she was reference librarian for the Joint University Libraries, Nashville. Mrs. Cheney worked for a year with the ALA-sponsored library school in Japan and returned to her present position in Nashville in the fall of 1952.

—*Madge Blalock, Librarian, North Carolina Library Commission*

Jack Dalton

Jack Dalton, who will be one of our panel speakers at the Friday morning meeting, October 23, is well-known to most N.C.L.A. members as the librarian of the University of Virginia, a position he has held since July 1950. Prior to his appointment as librarian, he was successively assistant reference librarian, reference librarian and associate librarian at Virginia (not to mention his tour of duty as a student assistant while he was an undergraduate). Jack's library career has been continuous since his student assistant days except for four years right after earning his B.A. when he was an English instructor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Since his graduation from the University of Michigan Department of Library Science, Jack has been extremely active in professional associations. It would be impossible in this brief sketch to enumerate all of his activities with and for ALA, ACRL, SELA, VLA, and N.C.L.A. From 1941 to 1946 he was president of the Virginia Library Association, and since 1950, he has been the very active (and effective) chairman of ALA's Board of Education for Librarianship, our professional accrediting body which has had to formulate accrediting standards and procedures for all of the new post-war library school programs. In 1952, Jack was one of a group of American librarians invited by the State Department to visit libraries in Germany.

Jack is widely-known for his geniality, friendliness, and good humor. These qualities, plus his knowledge and understanding of library problems, and his tested ability as a speaker make him particularly well-qualified to take part in the panel discussion.

—*Carlyle Fraisey, Assistant Librarian, Duke University*

Robert B. Downs

Robert Bingham Downs, latest past-president of the American Library Association is a native Tar Heel. He was born in Lenoir, attended high school in Trinity, and was graduated from the University at Chapel Hill. He received the B.S. degree in library science and the M.S. degree from Columbia University.

After serving as librarian and professor of bibliography at Colby College, in Maine, for two years, Mr. Downs returned to the University of North Carolina in 1931 as Assistant Librarian. He became Librarian two years later and served the state university in that capacity until 1938.

Current Biography (1952, p. 159) summarizes his contributions there as follows:

"Under his direction strong collections in such fields as Negro history and State documents were built up; passage of a law requiring deposit of twenty-five copies of all State documents in the university library was obtained; and a system of extensive duplicate exchange was developed. He was also concerned with library service to undergraduate students, and the present general college library was created while he was university librarian. Along with his administrative work, he conducted courses in reference, bibliography, and the history of books and libraries in the School of Library Science, and he was chairman of the administrative board of the library and library school for several years. He participated in preparing and implementing a program of cooperation between the University of North Carolina and Duke University "

Mr. Downs was Director of the libraries at New York University from 1938 to 1943. Since 1943 he has been director of the University of Illinois Library and Library School. In 1948 he assisted in the organization of the National Diet Library in Japan; and two years later surveyed the possibilities of establishing the Japan Library School. He is the author of many periodical articles, pamphlets, and several books surveying library resources.

Robert Downs was the recipient of an honorary Litt. D. degree from Colby College in 1944, and an honorary LL.D. from the University of North Carolina in 1949.

Dr. William A. FitzGerald

Dr. William A. FitzGerald holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Boston University and the Ph.D. from Fordham University. He received his library school training at the School of Library Service at Columbia University. In 1928 Dr. FitzGerald became librarian and master at Brooklyn Preparatory School, and taught for several summers at Georgetown, Villanova and other universities. He has travelled extensively both at home and abroad. He was President of the Catholic Library Association from 1939-41, and is a member of the American Catholic Historical Association. Dr. FitzGerald became Director of the Peabody Library School in 1947, and continues in that position. He is a contributor to professional and educational periodicals.

—*William L. Eury, Librarian, Appalachian State Teachers College*

Mrs. Alice L. Hicks

Among the glittering array of visiting celebrities who will speak at various meetings at the Conference, N.C.L.A. has one of its own. Mrs. Hicks needs no introduction to her colleagues around the state. However, here are some background facts.

Born Alice Laidlaw in Birmingham, Pennsylvania, she was graduated from Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh with a major in sociology and the social sciences. She came to Raleigh as Y.W.C.A. secretary around 1930 from a similar position in Pittsburgh. From 1932

until her marriage in 1934 she was State Director of Women's Work for The Emergency Relief Administration.

Since 1937 when she received the B.A. in Library Science degree from The University of North Carolina Mrs. Hicks has been Reference Librarian of the Woman's College Library of Duke University and an active member of N.C.L.A. Her latest contribution is a conscientious two years as Chairman of the Committee to write a new constitution.

David Chambers Mearns

The speaker at the Thursday night session (October 22) of the North Carolina Library Association will be David Chambers Mearns, assistant librarian of the Library of Congress. Mr. Mearns is a native of Washington, D.C., and has always lived in the Washington area. He has been a member of the staff of the Library of Congress since 1918, having joined it that year as a reference assistant. He has served successively as reference assistant, stack inspector, special assistant and chief assistant in the reading rooms, superintendent of the reading rooms, chief reference librarian, director of the reference department and, since 1949, assistant librarian. Mr. Mearns has also been active in library affairs outside the Library of Congress. He has served on the council of the American Library Association and as president of the District of Columbia Library Association. In addition he is a writer and a Lincoln scholar of note. His publications include *The Lincoln Cathedral Copy*; *The Constitution of the United States, An Account of its Travels*; *The Lincoln Collection in the Library of Congress*; *The Lincoln Papers*; *Magna Carta: The Lincoln Collection* (with Verner Clapp); and *The Story Up To Now, A History of the Library of Congress*. Mr. Mearns is widely known and highly regarded as a talented writer and a librarian of extraordinary stature. The North Carolina Library Association is fortunate to have him as one of its key speakers.

—*Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian, Duke University*

Carl Sandburg

Carl Sandburg, our Conference banquet speaker, is too famous as an American poet to need an introduction to librarians. Born in Galesburg, Illinois, the son of Swedish immigrants (see *Always the Young Strangers*) Sandburg still sings of the wonders of his native state, and Chicago will always be described in his words as "hog butcher to the world, tool maker, stacker of wheat."

Despite nine years residence at Flat Rock, North Carolina, Mr. Sandburg's heart remains in Illinois and we cannot claim him as a Tar Heel. But we can "claim kin" because we have in common with him a belief of the freedom of the individual to think for himself. In a television interview shortly after his seventy-fifth birthday last January the poet and biographer of Lincoln made a "telling defense of academic freedom and the independent mind."

Winner of the 1951 Pulitzer Prize for his "Complete Poems," made a Commander of the Order of the Northern Star by King Gustav Adolphus VI, of Sweden, and recipient of the Poetry Society of America's "gold medal for distinguished achievement" Mr. Sandburg has been honored beyond our ability to add. But we shall be proud to have him with us in Asheville.

Louis S. Shores

Dean, Doctor, Major, President, Associate Editor, and Fulbright Scholar are a few of the titles that may be used correctly in addressing Louis Shores, a distinguished guest and speaker at the forthcoming Conference of the North Carolina Library Association.

His office and home may be found at Florida State University, Tallahassee, where Dr. Shores is the Dean of the School of Library Training and Service.

Columbia University School of Library Service can claim Dean Shores as a graduate, and George Peabody College awarded him the Ph.D. in 1934. He served as the Director of the Peabody Library School from 1933 to 1946.

Major Shores entered the Service in 1942 as a First Lieutenant in the Air Forces. Being advanced to Major, he was awarded the Legion of Merit before his discharge in 1945.

As Associate Editor of the Collier's Encyclopedia, the experienced hand of Dr. Shores can be seen in making this fine new Encyclopedia a most useful reference tool in the school, the home and the library. As an author, the name of Louis Shores first appears in the Readers' Guide in 1929 where it has appeared regularly since. Author Shores' first book, *Origins of the American College Library*, appeared in 1935 with other books since rolling from his typewriter including the valued *Basic Reference Books*.

President Shores' activities in state, regional and national library associations are too numerous to attempt listing, but we know him best as the immediate past President of the Southeastern Library Association.

As a Fulbright Scholar in 1951, Dr. Shores studied library service and practice in England, and has made both countries better for his studies. His willingness to share his experiences and studies is evident in his being a speaker at our N.C.L.A. Conference in Asheville on Friday, October 23, 1953.

—Hoyt Galvin, Librarian, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

New N.C.L.A. Officers

Officers for 1953-1955 elected in the voting August 15—September 16, 1953 are as follows:

- **President:** Charlesanna Fox, Librarian, Randolph County Public Library, Asheboro, North Carolina.
- **1st Vice-President:** Mrs. Marion M. Johnson, Librarian, Stanly County Library, Albemarle, North Carolina.
- **2nd Vice-President:** Elizabeth Williams, Elementary School Librarian, Myers Park and Plaza Road Schools, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- **Secretary:** Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli, School Library Supervisor, Guilford County Schools, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- **Treasurer:** Marianna Long, Law Librarian, Duke University Law Library, Durham, North Carolina.
- **Directors:** Katherine McDiarmid, Textiles Librarian, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina; Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian, Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina.

Nominating Committee, N.C.L.A.

- Paul Ballance
- Emily L. Loftin

- Helen Rosser
- Mary Robert Seawell
- Mrs. Dorothy Thomas
- Evelyn Day Mullen, Chairman

Report on New N.C.L.A. Constitution

During the latter part of August you received a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the North Carolina Library Association and in the parallel column, for comparison, the present Constitution.

The Constitution Committee, Dr. Susan G. Akers, Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, Miss Margaret Ligon, Miss Jane Wilson (ex-officio) and Mrs. Spears Hicks began work in the autumn of 1951 by making a study of the Constitutions of the Library Associations of the States comprising the Southeastern Library Association. In February 1952 the Committee met and prepared the first draft of the proposed Constitution. Since that time a number of individuals and institutions have suggested changes and made corrections, all of which have been carefully considered. Finally the proposed Constitution has been studied by the Executive Board and approved for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Library Association in Asheville, October 22-24, 1953 when a session will be devoted to it.

Among the items that will probably be discussed on the floor of the Conference are: the Article about Members (Article III); the Article about the appointment of members to the North Carolina Library Commission—shall the Executive Board appoint the representatives to the Commission from the membership of N.C.L.A. or may the Executive Board appoint representatives either from N.C.L.A. or from library minded citizens at large? (Article V. Item 9); and in the event that the First Vice-President is the President-elect, shall he serve six years on the Executive Board, two as First Vice-President, two as President and two as Past President, or shall he serve for only four years? (Article V. Item 1.)

The Committee is most appreciative of the suggestions made and the interest evidenced in the proposed Constitution, and looks forward to a lively Constitution session at Asheville.

—*Mrs. Alice L. Hicks, Reference Librarian, Woman's College Library, Duke University*

Reservation Blank

Since all pre-registration will facilitate the work of the Conference Committees and all early payment of fees and placing of reservations will allay much confusion, won't you fill in the blanks below and send this sheet to: Miss Marianna Long, Treasurer, 403 Watts Street, Durham, North Carolina.

(See tentative program for prices and dates and hours.)

I am planning to attend the Biennial Conference in Asheville _____.
I should like to make a reservation for the Special Librarians Luncheon _____; for the Public Librarians-Trustees Luncheon _____;
for the Friday night banquet _____;
for the Junior Members Breakfast _____; for the Breakfast with Miss Beust on Friday morning _____; on Saturday morning _____.

I shall be on hand for the reception Thursday afternoon _____.
I shall wish to take the tour to the Wolfe Home _____;
to Biltmore _____; to the Asheville libraries _____.
I am enclosing my check to cover the 50-cent registration fee _____.
The remainder of the amount in my check covers the reservations checked _____.
I will pay at the registration desk Thursday morning when I register _____.

Signed: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____

Memorial Fund Project

North Carolina has lost through death three men whose lives were closely linked with the libraries of this state. Their names were George Bentley of the University of North Carolina, Robert Christ of Duke University, and Vernon Ruzicka of the Ruzicka Bookbindery in Greensboro.

Each of these men had done much to promote the welfare of librarians and the progress of libraries. They always responded wholeheartedly when called upon for service on all matters connected with the library field. The value of their combined contributions is beyond estimation. To honor these men the North Carolina Library Association has decided to perpetuate their memory in the Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Memorial—a sum of money to be contributed by the members of this Association and its friends—which will be added to the present Scholarship Loan Fund.

Members of the Association are finishing plans for the launching of this solicitation, and members of the Committee are: Miss Marianna Long, Miss Margaret Ligon, Miss Jane Wilson, and Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre. Other committee members will be appointed as soon as the preliminary plans have been developed.

—C. Merle Bachtell, Chairman, Bentley-Christ-Ruzicka Memorial

Suggestions for Honorary Membership

Send recommendations for honorary membership in N.C.L.A. to Harlan Brown, Librarian, N.C. State College, Raleigh. Honorary memberships are usually given to persons who have made some contribution to libraries and librarianship in the State.

Funds Available for Adult Education Projects

“Films are an important source of information and should be available through the public library which is a community information center” is a simple statement of the basic purpose of the Adult Film Project in North Carolina public libraries.

North Carolina Libraries have an opportunity to secure financial aid to begin or develop adult education activities. The Fund for Adult Education, an independent organization established by the Ford Foundation, has made a grant of \$100,000 to the American Library Association for the

purpose of "stimulating the initiation and development of adult education services to adult, and young adult, community groups through libraries."

Sub-grants will be made to individual libraries presenting accepted plans of adult education programs. Funds so received may be used for materials, extra personnel needed, administrative costs, and promotion.

Full details may be found in the *ALA Bulletin*, September 1953. But hurry! The deadline for applications is October 15, 1953.

American Heritage Project

North Carolina received a renewal grant of \$6,666 from the American Library Association for the continuation of the American Heritage Project in the state in 1953-54, and the second annual schedule of the project opened with a training conference in the Public Library of Winston-Salem, September 17-20. Mr. R. E. Dooley, Training Director of the national project, and Mr. Leonard Freedman, a member of the ALA American Heritage Project staff, led the session. Membership of the conference was made up of discussion leaders and sponsoring public librarians of the American Heritage Discussion Groups throughout the state.

—Gladys Johnson, Director, *American Heritage Project in North Carolina*

Invitation from VA Hospital

Hospital and Medical Librarians attending the Asheville meeting, and any other librarians interested in this type of work, are invited to visit the libraries at the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Oteen and to have tea with the staff on Friday afternoon, October twenty-third, from three-thirty to five.

The Patients' Library at Oteen is the largest hospital library in North Carolina and gives bedside library service to nearly one thousand patients. Miss Della R. Shapleigh is Chief Librarian.

—Nita Gahagan, Assistant Librarian, *Veterans' Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina*

Information About Asheville

- **Hotels:** George Vanderbilt (Convention headquarters); Battery Park; Auditorium Hotel Court; Asheville-Biltmore
- **Parking:** Each hotel has its own parking facilities. There are city parking lots just beyond the Battery Park and just back of the Battery Park. Cost is 25¢ per day. If you want overnight car storage, Harry's Motor Inn is next to the George Vanderbilt Hotel.
- **Eating:** S & W Cafeteria, 56 Patton Avenue; White House, 91 Broadway; Jimmy's Waffle Shop, 76 Haywood; Paradise (Chinese and American), 19 Broadway; Gay Nineties, 60 Ravenscroft (Lunches only); Drive-In Restaurant beyond the tunnel on Highway 70; Hotel Dining Rooms
- **Supper Clubs:** Sky Club, Beaucatcher Mountain; Chez Paul, 951 Merrimon Avenue; Patio, Old Black Mountain Highway
- **Tours:** Biltmore House, \$3.13 (must have at least 10 people); Thomas Wolfe Home, 48 Spruce Street \$.30; Richmond Hill, \$1.20. Open 2-7 p.m.; Smoky Mountain Tours Co. offer ten tours covering Western North Carolina. Office in George Vanderbilt Hotel.

- **Galleries:** Art Museum, 324 Charlotte Street; Little Art Gallery, 10 Wall Street; Pack Library Exhibition Room

—Elizabeth Wood, Cataloger, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville

Attention Conference Program Chairmen

It will be the responsibility of the chairman and secretary of each division of N.C.L.A. to see that a copy of each talk and the minutes of sectional meetings are handed in for the “Proceedings” of the Conference in case publication is authorized by the Association. This material may be given to Elaine von Oesen, Convention Assistant to the Executive Board, who will give it to the editor.

Winston-Salem's New Public Library

[Photograph: Exterior view of the Winston-Salem Public Library on West Fifth Street. The building is a low, modern structure with a flat roof, faced in light limestone. A tall, narrow recessed entryway with a dark surround serves as the main entrance, with steps leading up from the sidewalk. Bare trees flank the building. Caption: Front Entrance On West Fifth Street.]

The newspaper story carried in the Winston-Salem Journal of March 27, stated that a “beautiful dream came true yesterday.” A handsome new public library representing the fulfillment of the hopes and dreams of a handful of Twin-City civic leaders was presented to the people of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Truly it was presented to the people of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County by a few public spirited individuals and organizations, through the untiring efforts of Mr. Ralph P. Hanes, the Library Board Chairman.

Everyone who came on the day of the dedication, March 26, and everyone who has visited the library since, expresses surprise with what they see and are well pleased, after they enter this new library building. The credit for the expansiveness and open functional features of the reading rooms goes to Mr. Charles M. Mohrhardt, associate librarian, Detroit Public Library, who was the Library Consultant, and the local firm of Northup and O'Brien, who were the architects. The building was constructed at a cost of \$532,520.00, or a unit cost of \$16.04 per square foot, and \$1.09 per cubic foot.

The building is located about three blocks from the center of town, on a lot 300 by 210 feet, which was a gift some years ago of Mr. Richard J. Reynolds. The building plan takes advantages of the sloping contour of the lot. The main entrance to the main floor on West Fifth Street which faces north, is on the sidewalk level, while the entrance on 4½ Street which faces south, is on the ground floor level.

The building is 182 feet long by 92 feet deep, and contains 33,200 square feet of floor space, including the two floors, the basement or boiler room, and the penthouse, where mechanical equipment is housed. The exterior of the building is finished with Indiana Oolite limestone, with chat-sawed finish. Both entrances are trimmed with polished Minnesota Granite. The windows are large full length, in the reading room on the north and west sides. The windows in the Children's Department and work areas are of smaller type. All windows are double-glazed. The building is a good example of modular type construction, where the strength of the building is in the exterior walls and interior pillars, well spaced. All interior walls are of hollow cinder block, and are painted. The walls in the stairwell leading from the main floor to the ground floor are

plastered, except for a five foot wainscot, which is covered with a Vinyl plastic material. The walls in the rest rooms are plastered above a tile wainscot.

The building is completely air conditioned which is a necessary feature for comfort during the summer months with the temperature ranges in the upper Piedmont section of North Carolina, where Winston-Salem is located. It is heated with two gas-fired hot water heating boilers, connected and valved so that either one or both can serve the system. Fin tube radiators are provided under all window areas to act as boosters in extreme weather. Hot air is distributed through ceiling louvres when heat is needed, and cold air is distributed from these same louvres in hot weather.

The principal library activities are contained on the main floor, with the whole area to the right of the main entrance in the main reading room. This room is approximately 110 by 90 feet. In this room are installed steel free-standing stacks on the south side, which will house about 40,000 volumes. At the far end of the stacks at the west end are located four individual study rooms, made by "Mobile-steel" walls, each equipped with a desk and shelves. These rooms may be assigned to persons doing research and the rooms may be locked. The center area in this room is equipped with round and rectangular reading tables, and other items of miscellaneous furniture. The Reference and Information Desk is located at the end toward the entrance just in front of the stacks and near the public catalog. Wood shelves are arranged on the west wall and in the areas between the north windows. The area on the north side of the reading room is divided into three alcoves for popular reading materials, by counter-height shelves, backed with periodical racks containing the library's current periodicals.

There are two areas, one at each end of the reading room arranged with comfortable, overstuffed furniture for the person who is browsing or reading for pleasure. The reading room has an overall seating capacity of about 100. The main Circulation Desk is located directly in front of the main entrance and at the extreme south end of the reading room.

The Children's Department is to the left upon entering the building and is separated from the adult area by a glass partition. This room will accommodate 25-30 children, seated. Wood shelves are arranged around the walls and several sections of free standing wood shelves are in the southwest corner of this room. The Children's Department is equipped with a listening table for records similar to the one in the main reading room for adults. Directly back of the Main Circulation Desk are two offices, one is the workroom for Circulation Desk personnel and the Children's Librarian and the other for Audio-Visual materials, records, films, film strip, etc. Beyond the Circulation Desk from the main entrance to the left, is the Business Office and Technical Processing Department. All of the business activities of the library are conducted here, as well as book ordering and cataloging.

The ground floor has an entrance on 4½ Street, and may also be reached by a stairway from the main floor. To the left upon entering the lobby at this entrance, is an exhibit room. Off this room, are two small meeting rooms equipped with sliding doors. One room will accommodate about 20 persons and the other about 25 persons. At the far end of the exhibit room is the entrance to the auditorium, with a seating capacity of approximately 135 persons. This room has a small stage. Each of the rooms in this entire area is equipped with portable spotlights for spotting art works. The walls in this area are treated with "Fab-ri-cona," a burlap type material, mounted on ¼-inch plywood, so that hangings may be fastened to the walls without marring them. At the rear of the auditorium is an exit hall, on the opposite side is a large storage room and a powder room, and rest room. The largest room on the ground floor is the main stack room. Stacks are installed in this room that have a possible capacity of 65,000 volumes with space available for installing

additional stacks which will more than double this capacity. At the extreme east end of the building opening on the ground level is the garage, with a loading dock or platform, a feature of the garage is a ramp so that book trucks may be rolled down to the bookmobile. There are two rooms off the garage, one is the Extension Department headquarters. In this room is a large built-in work counter with a sink and cupboards under and above the counter. This area is used for making posters, photographing books and library materials and other jobs of such a nature. The other room opening off the garage is the receiving and shipping room, with accommodations for the janitorial staff. Opening off the Extension room is a hall leading to staff quarters. Staff rest rooms, a staff lounge with combined kitchenette and a small dining room are found in this area. There is a stairway leading up into the Business Office area from this hall. At the end of the hall is the Audio-Visual workroom, where film may be previewed as well as other work performed on the film.

[Photograph: Interior view of the Winston-Salem Public Library main reading room, showing a spacious open floor plan with round and rectangular reading tables, upholstered lounge chairs, and rows of shelving along the walls. The ceiling features a recessed grid of fluorescent lighting panels. Several patrons are visible at tables in the background.]

The Winston-Salem public is very enthusiastic over its new library and it has every right to be proud of this new building which will give better and more complete library service to the residents of the community.

—Excerpted from an article by Paul S. Ballance, Director, Public Library of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Public Library Film Workshop

Winston-Salem, July 30–31, 1953

“Films are an important source of information and should be available through the public library which is a community information center” is a simple statement of the basic purpose of the Adult Film Project in North Carolina public libraries.

The project was conceived and planned by the Audio-Visual Committee of N.C.L.A. Public Libraries Section under the chairmanship first of Mrs. Barbara Heafner, Librarian, Gaston County Library, and more recently of Hoyt Galvin, Director, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The Committee continues to serve in the capacity of sponsor to the project.

Early in 1952 ten county libraries in the state arranged a cooperative relationship with the North Carolina Library Commission and the Bureau of Visual Education of the University of North Carolina by which they could provide a collection of films for their own regular use and at the same time make films available to other public libraries in the state for special brief booking. These libraries were located in Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cherokee, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Haywood, Scotland, and Wake Counties. The following year other county libraries in Alamance, Cumberland, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Person, Rowan, Surry, and Wake entered the cooperative relationship.

As sponsor of the Adult Film Project the Audio-Visual Committee arranged a two-day workshop in Winston-Salem, July 30–31, to study and discuss how films may be used to increase the educational services of local libraries. Thirty-eight librarians registered from 28 North Carolina

counties. The state-wide nature of the Adult Film Project was pointed up by the fact that eleven registrants came from eight non-participating counties.

Highlights of the Film Workshop were films and discussions on conducting discussion groups and film forums. In business sessions plans were made for distributing films throughout the state and developing film services in local communities. A condensation of a talk by Charlesanna Fox on "Community Film Service" has been mimeographed and distributed to public libraries in the state by the Library Commission. A few extra copies are available.

Funds for the continuation of the Adult Film Project in 1954 have already been allocated by the North Carolina Library Commission, and the Audio-Visual Committee continues its planning for and sponsorship of the use of films in the public libraries of the state.

—*Gladys Johnson, Librarian, North Carolina Library Commission*

Tar Heel Librarians

ANNE ANDREWS, former Extension Librarian of the Greensboro Public Library, became librarian of the Onslow County Library, Jacksonville, August 1.

RUTH BARNARD became librarian at the Waynesville High School September 1. She was former librarian of the Transylvania County Library, Brevard.

MARJORIE BEAL, former Secretary and Director of the Library Commission, has returned to North Carolina and plans to greet her many friends at the October meeting. Her address is Box 8, Waynesville, North Carolina.

PEGGY BURN (FSU) joined the staff, as cataloger, of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County on September 1.

BESSIE CARTWRIGHT (UNC) has been appointed head of the county department of the Greensboro Public Library. The purchase of a new county bookmobile has been approved by the County Commissioners.

VIOLET CAUDLE (A.S.T.C.) has accepted the position of assistant librarian of the Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia.

The Library Commission has announced the appointment of **MRS. SUSAN G. GRAY** as Field Librarian. Mrs. Gray assumed her duties on September 15.

LORANE GROTKE (N.Y.S.T.C.) has been the assistant librarian, Lee County Library, Sanford, since July 1.

DORIS P. KELLEY (N.Y.S.T.C.) began work July 6 as extension librarian for the May Memorial Library, Burlington.

MARIANNA LONG, Treasurer of N.C.L.A., has returned to her position in the Duke University Law Library. While on leave in Statesville for the past year Miss Long served as librarian of the Iredell County Library.

EDGAR LYNCH (UNC) was appointed assistant librarian of the May Memorial Library, Burlington, in June.

ADELAIDE McLARTY (UNC) became extension librarian in the Wilson County Public Library, Wilson, July 1.

BETTY McREYNOLDS (UNC) became assistant librarian of the Concord Public Library late in July.

MRS. VERA B. MELTON has been librarian of the Caldwell County Library, Lenoir, since June 1. As this issue goes to press friends of the Caldwell County Library are in the midst of a campaign for a tax levy for library service to be voted on October 3. The Editors are sure they

express the wish of the North Carolina Library Association membership for a successful election!

EVELYN DAY MULLEN returned September 10 from a summer tour of France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and Scotland.

MARION L. ROBERTSON (UNC) became librarian of the Hendersonville Public Library on August 1. She succeeds Mrs. Elizabeth Howe.

MRS. MABEL SCHLAFFER is cataloger of the Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. She came to North Carolina from the catalog department of the University of Arkansas Library.

JANE WOODRUFF (UNC) became assistant librarian of the Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, in April.

EVELYN HANSEN has taken up her new duties as music cataloger and reference assistant in the Woman's College Library of Duke University. She comes from the Dartmouth College Library.

MRS. LOWELL W. NIELSON (UNC) has accepted a position in the catalog department at State College.

MRS. LOUISE MOORE PLYBON is the new librarian of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs.

DON WILSON (UNC) is the new Reference Librarian at North Carolina State College.

Interim Editorial Board

[Photograph: Group photograph of the Interim Editorial Board, taken at their last meeting. Three people stand in the back row (left to right: Merle Bachtell, Virginia Trumper, and Joseph Ruzicka) and three are seated in front (left to right: Elaine von Oesen, Hallie S. Bacelli, and Jane B. Wilson). The group is gathered around a table. Caption reads: INTERIM EDITORIAL BOARD.]

The above picture was taken at the last meeting of the Editorial Board which produced volumes 10 and 11 of North Carolina Libraries. The publication of these eight issues and the present number was made possible by Joseph Ruzicka Bookbindery. Left to right standing: Merle Bachtell, Virginia Trumper and Joseph Ruzicka; seated: Elaine von Oesen, Hallie S. Bacelli (Editor) and Jane B. Wilson. The late George F. Bentley was a valued member of the board.

Greensboro City Schools Library Changes

MRS. MARY D. GRANT resigned as director of Greensboro City School Libraries July 1. On August 15 **SARA JAFFERIAN**, formerly of Quincy, Massachusetts, became director of Libraries. **MRS. ELIZABETH (WHARTON) NEWLAND** (UNC), formerly of the Woman's College of UNC library staff, is now cataloger for the city schools. **MAUDE TALLY** (UNC) is librarian of three elementary schools. **DORIS WAUGH** (A.S.T.C.) is librarian at McIver Elementary School. **CATHERINE WEIR** will be librarian of Central Junior High School and Elementary School, with **MRS. ROSALIE RIVES DOWDY** as assistant. **MRS. RUTH JOHNSON DAVIS**, formerly at Central, will return to Lindley Elementary School. **MRS. B. G. GENTRY** will serve as librarian at Lindley Junior High School for one year, while **JANE HOWELL** is on leave of absence to study for the M.A. degree at A.S.T.C. **CHARLES BRINKLEY** will be assistant librarian at Greensboro Senior High School with **MILDRED**

HERRING. MRS. DOROTHY BONDANELLA, G' Irving Park School, attended summer school at the Library School of Syracuse for special work in story-telling. **MARGARET DUPUY**, Proximity School, and **JANE HOWELL** cataloged the professional library of Superintendent B. L. Smith during the summer.

State Library Trophy

[Photograph: Group photograph of members of the Durham High School Library Club gathered around a table, examining their prize-winning scrapbook. Three students are seated (Jonnie Adams, Margaret Weeks, and Nancy Rigsbee) and six others stand behind them (left to right: Wilma Capps, Anne Baker, Betsy May, Miss Emily Loftin, Carol Nichols, and Carol Bloomfield). Lois Johnson, standing at far right, holds the trophy awarded for the best scrapbook in the state. Photo by Charles H. Cooper.]

Members of the Durham High School Library Club are shown at the school looking over their scrapbook, which won the award for the best in the State. Left to right, seated, are Jonnie Adams, Margaret Weeks, and Nancy Rigsbee. Standing, left to right, are Wilma Capps, Anne Baker, Betsy May, Miss Emily Loftin (Durham High Librarian), Carol Nichols, Carol Bloomfield, and Lois Johnson who is holding the trophy presented the club for having the best scrapbook. The award was presented over the week-end during the annual meeting at Chapel Hill of the North Carolina High School Library Association.

—Photo by Charles H. Cooper.

Our Candidate for State's Youngest Librarian

No one will be surprised that the youngest lady to open a library is a resident of Chapel Hill where the unexpected usually happens. She is Adair Douglass who is nine years old. When the Mary Bayley Pratt Library at the elementary school closed in August, Adair decided that something should be done and did it. The following advertisement appeared in the August 14 issue of the *Chapel Hill Weekly*:

Miss Adair Douglass, age nine, wishes to announce the opening of a free Children's Library at 225 Vance Street.

Collecting her own books and those of her five-year-old brother, Earl, Adair put them on her front porch and in two weeks the circulation passed fifty. She invented her own card system which may be an improvement on many now in use. (Note to Library School: What about a visit by this year's class?)

It is reported that the hours were cut down when school started, but that expansion of services to include recordings is planned. Good luck little colleague!

(Note to Recruitment Committee: Send your best member, Adair plans to be a nurse!)

New Library Commissioners

The 1953 General Assembly enlarged the membership of the North Carolina Library Association from three to six regular members. There was no change in the ex-officio membership of the

State Librarian, Miss Carrie Broughton; and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Charles F. Carroll.

Four Commissioners are now appointed by N.C.L.A. New appointees are John Harden of Greensboro, 1953-1957; Paul Ballance of Winston-Salem, 1953-1956; and Dr. Roy B. McKnight of Charlotte, 1953-1955. The fourth N.C.L.A. appointee is Mrs. Ford S. Worthy whose term expires in 1954.

Under the new law the Governor now appoints two Library Commissioners. Governor Umstead has announced the appointment of the Reverend George F. Hill of Elizabeth City for 1953-1957. The other gubernatorial appointee is Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn of Waynesville whose term expires in 1955.

Scholarship Available for Children's Librarians

1953-1954 library school students, planning to specialize in children's work, will be glad to know that the Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship for children's librarians has been made national in scope. Applicants now need not be residents of New England to qualify for it.

The Scholarship was founded in 1926 as a tribute by librarians and friends to one of the great pioneers of American librarianship, in special recognition of her creative work for children. The fund yields approximately \$250 annually. Candidates for the 1954 award should submit applications and credentials not later than February 1, 1954, to Magnus K. Kristoffersen, Librarian of the Hartford Public Library and Chairman of the Committee on the Award.

School Librarians' Workshop

A workshop for trained school librarians was held the end of July at Appalachian State Teacher's College in Boone. About twenty-five librarians from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida attended the sessions.

Mrs. Eloise Camp Melton directed the work conference and Beatrice Holbrook served as general secretary. Chairmen of committees of the workshop were: Ila Taylor, publication; Edith Stafford, resolutions; and Elizabeth Councill, evaluation.

Business Bibliography for High Schools

A suggestive 88-page bibliography of business materials for high school libraries is available at a cost of 75 cents. Write Mr. Theodore LaMonte, New York City Schools, 12-20 27th Avenue, New York 2, New York, and ask for *The High School Business Library*.

A.A.U.W. Award for North Carolina Author of Best Juvenile

The State Literary and Historical Association has completed plans for the annual recognition of the best book in the field of juvenile literature written by a North Carolinian. The award will be a Cup given by the North Carolina division of the American Association of University Women. The Cup will be inscribed with the name of the writer and his book; and will be awarded for the first time, with the Mayflower and Sir Walter Raleigh Cups, in December, 1953. A plaque with

the names of authors and titles so awarded will be placed in the Hall of History in Raleigh; and the Cup will be displayed in a niche with the Sir Walter Raleigh and Mayflower Cups.

To be eligible, a person must have maintained residence in North Carolina for a period of three years. Judging points are: "excellence of style, universality of appeal, extent to which the book will enhance its author as a writer of significance, and extent to which the book will take its place in the permanent literature of North Carolina and her people." Judges will be the same as those for the Mayflower and Raleigh awards.

It is hoped that, in addition to recognizing excellence, the award will stimulate the writing of juvenile books in North Carolina.

N.C. English Teachers Association Resolutions

Resolution I

Resolved:

That the North Carolina English Teachers Association express its gratitude for the generous and enthusiastic cooperation of the North Carolina Library Association and the University of North Carolina Library staff in the preparation and publication of *North Carolina Authors: A Selective Handbook*. Without their expert professional aid and advice the collecting and assembling of material would have been a laborious and difficult process.

Publication and distribution of the *Handbook* by the Extension Department of the University of North Carolina Library was a fortunate arrangement, for which the two sponsoring groups are deeply indebted to the courage and foresight of Librarian Charles Everett Rush.

To Miss Nellie Roberson, recently retired from the position of director of the Extension Department of the University Library, we wish to pay special tribute for the valuable service which she rendered in her position, and more particularly for her cheerful and untiring assistance in the preparation for the press and distribution of the *Handbook*.

We wish also to express our grateful appreciation of the personal interest and energetic efforts of Miss Jane Wilson, president of the North Carolina Library Association, and her colleagues on the Joint Committee for Compilation of the *Handbook*, as well as to our own Richard Walser, the chairman of the Joint Committee. (A separate resolution pays tribute to the indispensable contribution of the late George F. Bentley.)

August 8, 1953.

Resolution II

Whereas, in the untimely and tragic death of Mr. George F. Bentley, of Chapel Hill, the North Carolina English Teachers Association has lost a valiant friend; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bentley was head of the Circulation Department of the Library of the University of North Carolina, 1947–1951; and was promoted to Assistant to the Librarian in 1951, which position he held at the time of his tragic death; and,

Whereas, as a representative of the North Carolina Library Association, George Bentley was most cooperative with the North Carolina English Teachers Association in the successful production of both our literary map of North Carolina and our handbook of *North Carolina Authors*; and,

Whereas, the members of this association are painfully aware of their great and irretrievable loss in the death of Mr. George Bentley, they wish to express their deep and sincere grief:

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That in the passing of George F. Bentley the North Carolina English Teachers Association has lost an invaluable friend and co-worker. We cannot forget him; and,
2. That we extend our sincere sympathy to the family of George F. Bentley; and,
3. That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the North Carolina English Teachers Association.

August 8, 1953.

Joint Committee on North Carolina Literature and Bibliography

With *North Carolina Authors: A Handbook* now happily and successfully published, the joint committee of the North Carolina Library Association and the North Carolina English Teachers Association has been expanded to twice its size in order to investigate new projects in the same general field. The official name of the new group is the Committee on North Carolina Literature and Bibliography. It plans to begin work in the fall.

Present plans are twofold:

First, the committee has been instructed to continue the recording of voices of living North Carolina writers for deposit in appropriate archives. Whether these recordings can be made available commercially to schools and libraries will demand considerable deliberation, primarily because of the expense involved in the reproduction of the tape recordings and duplication of records which can be sold at a reasonable price. The committee would need to know, initially, how many schools and libraries would be interested in subscribing for such records. Preliminary investigations reveal that recordings cannot be economically manufactured unless several hundred subscribers can be signed up. Even so, the matter of recording voices for posterity will definitely be undertaken.

Second, the committee will get research under way leading to the eventual publication of a List of North Carolina Books for School Reading. While the *Handbook* provided considerable data on the writers themselves, there was little information on the books they wrote or on whether those books were suitable for reading in schools. The List will likely take the form of the *Library Journal's* "Recommended Children's Books," but sufficiently enlarged to include a good many books generally considered on the adult level. The members of the committee do not plan themselves to do all the writing of the annotations. They envision, for example, each member of the associations contributing an annotation for at least one entry. However, before the reading of books and the writing of annotations can be started, there will necessarily be a rather lengthy period of research to determine which books are to be included on the list.

Librarians on the new joint committee are Carlyle J. Frarey, Duke University Library; Mildred C. Herring, Greensboro High School Library; William S. Powell, University of North Carolina Library; Mae Tucker, Charlotte Public Library; Elaine von Oesen, North Carolina Library Commission; and Jane B. Wilson, Durham City Schools. English teachers are Grace S. Dalton, Garner; E. H. Hartsell, University of North Carolina; Cathleen Pike, Albemarle; Lou Rogers, Fayetteville; Mary Tom Sphangos, Smithfield; and Richard Walser, North Carolina State College.

Each association has earmarked \$250 apiece for the work of the committee, though it is not anticipated that the amount will be wholly used.

—Richard Walser, Committee Chairman

Canton to Get New Public Library Building

The Champion Paper and Fiber Company has announced the gift of a lot and a \$40,000 building to the Canton Public Library. The company's manufacturing plant is in Canton (20 miles west of Asheville), and the executive offices are in Hamilton, Ohio, where the plans were drawn. Sketches and floor plans have not been made public, but it is reported that the new library will contain an assembly hall and auditorium.

President's Corner

Dear Folks:

Before long we shall be together in Asheville concluding another biennium of our Association. The past two years have offered many opportunities to you as individuals and to the Association as a whole for active participation in our profession. Those of us whom you chose to carry on the details of this organization are pleased with our joint successes and are disappointed over our failures, but in our successes we have felt keenly your encouragement and your support.

During the summer months the Executive Board and the Local Arrangements Committee in Asheville have been working to further and mature plans for a good conference which will begin with the formal opening of exhibits at 10:30, Thursday morning, at the Vanderbilt Hotel, on October 22nd. The conference will close its three days of varied features and pleasures Saturday morning, October 24th, at 9:30 a.m., at the Vanderbilt, with a business session. Make your plans to come early and to stay late!

While we worked on plans for the conference, other items of business were duly carried out in the appointing of representatives to serve with the North Carolina Library Commission; the forming of a Memorial Fund Committee with Merle Bachtell as chairman, to conduct the project of honoring our recent dead; the finishing up of the proposed Constitution and its subsequent placement in your hands; the mailing of the ballot from which you selected the new officers for the coming biennium.

A new section—the College Library Assistants Round Table—has been created and Miss Elizabeth Walker of East Carolina College Library is chairman; a new committee—the Committee for Intellectual Freedom—with Mrs. Lilian B. Buchanan, Western Carolina Teachers College Library, has been established. Also for the first time, the Junior College Librarians, meeting as a group, will convene with our Association. Miss Alice Welch Jones, of Peace College, is directing their plans.

The Association was invited to attend the commissioning of the new poet-laureate for North Carolina in Raleigh, August 4th. After a short expression of appreciation for the action of Governor William B. Umstead and for the life and works of James Larkin Pearson, copies of the *NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORS: A SELECTIVE HANDBOOK* were presented to both the Governor and Mr. Pearson, and several other state officials.

There were, of course, other matters of equal importance that took our time and our interest, but sooner or later you will be acquainted with them all.

Thank you again for your kindness and for your help; for your continuous, congenial support; for your understanding and forbearance. And don't forget to meet me for a late cup of coffee and a scrambled egg at the Rathskeller!

With all best wishes to each of you for a happy fall and a pleasant Conference!

Cordially, Jane B. Wilson, President

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