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## Tentative Plans

### *27th Biennial Conference N.C.L.A.*

Greensboro, April 26-28

As this issue goes to press plans are shaping up nicely for the 27th Biennial Conference N. C. L. A. to be held at Greensboro, April 26-28 with headquarters at O. Henry Hotel. Paul S. Ballance, Librarian, Greensboro Public Library, is General Chairman for local arrangements and Charles M. Adams, Librarian, Woman's College of University of North Carolina, is Vice Chairman.

Tentative plans call for a general meeting on Thursday evening at the Woman's College to be followed with a reception by the Greensboro Library Club in the new library building of that institution. An inspection of this splendid library building alone is worth a trip to Greensboro from any point in North Carolina, not to speak of the attractive program being arranged for the opening session of the conference.

A second general session will be held Friday evening with an address upon a timely subject by an authoritative speaker. Group meetings will probably be held Thursday afternoon and during the day Friday.

Costs to those attending the conference will be reduced by the elimination of some or all of the usual breakfast, luncheon and dinner meetings—substituting therefor more fruitful meetings unhampered by the clatter of dishes and waiter intrusions.

Among the distinguished guests will be Keyes D. Metcalf, Director Harvard University Library, and Harry Miller Lydenberg, former Director New York City Public Library, who now makes his home in Greensboro. Opportunities will be given for guided tours through new library buildings at Woman's College, Greensboro College and Guilford College. Reservations at O. Henry Hotel are now in order. Single rooms \$3.50; double \$5.



## IMPORTANT NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY

THE WOMAN'S COLLECTION,  
"a bibliography of material in all  
matters pertaining to women's in-  
terests added to the Woman's Col-  
lege Library of the University of  
North Carolina, 1944-1949," com-  
piled by Minnie Middleton Hussey.

This is one of the most valuable  
tools published in many months. It  
is a well annotated bibliography  
covering every possible subject con-  
cerning women: The child, the fam-  
ily, the home, costume, women's  
work in various jobs, women in his-  
tory and periodicals in the field. It  
seems that the Bibliography will  
prove useful in two particular ways.  
First, because it is so well anno-  
tated, it should serve as a good buy-  
ing guide for libraries trying to  
round out their own collections in  
the various subjects considered.  
Secondly, Mr. Charles Adams, Li-  
brarian of the Woman's College,  
states in his Introduction, "by publi-  
cation of the bibliography it is  
hoped that the usefulness of the  
materials may be extended beyond  
the campus to alumnae, to citizens  
of the State of North Carolina..."  
Thus, it seems libraries throughout  
the State will be able to borrow  
from the collection. This, then, is  
an excellent guide to the holdings  
of the College in this field.

—T.A.B.

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## WANTED

One copy of Vol. 3, No. 2 (prob-  
ably published Spring, 1944) **North  
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Dear Miss Clyde Smith:

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At a recent meeting of the Li-  
braries Committee I was directed to  
express to you the Committee's ap-  
preciation for the most beautiful col-  
lection of Memorial Books which  
have been received from the North  
Carolina Libraries Association Fund.  
The books have been on display to  
the public in the Council Offices,  
and everyone who has seen them  
has expressed the opinion that they  
are a most fitting memorial to such  
a charming personality as Miss Wil-  
liamson.

On behalf of the citizens and  
members of the Aireborough Urban  
District Council, I wish to thank  
you and to express the hope that  
the books will maintain a close link  
between the Johnston County and  
the Aireborough Urban District  
Council for many years to come.

Yours faithfully,

(s) RALPH H. HULME,  
Clerk of the Council.

Miss Clyde Smith, Olivia Raney Li-  
brary, Raleigh, North Carolina.



## LIBRARY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

With some of the restrictions on building lifted North Carolina libraries of all types have acquired more adequate quarters in new buildings, renovations and additions surpassing any like period in the state's history. Others have buildings under construction, and still others expect to build if the present emergency allows.

In the public library field those with new buildings are Scotland County, Benson, Biscoe and Swanquarter. The Scotland County Memorial Library, Laurinburg, honors the men and women of Scotland County who served in World War II. It has been a county-wide project, the building fund having been raised through the joint efforts of the American Legion and other civic organizations, and many of the furnishings given by clubs and individuals.

The Benson Library is housed in the municipal building completed in June, 1950 with new furnishings, many of which are gifts of citizens of the town. The Swanquarter Library is also a part of a new community center, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. George of Bradford, Pennsylvania, who are winter residents of Hyde County. The Douglas W. Brooks Library, Biscoe, is the gift of Mr. Brooks and his sisters, Mrs. Margaret B. Wynn, Greenville, Mississippi, and Mrs. R. J. Whitfield, Scarsdale, New York, owners of the Biscoe mill.

Additions to the Southern Pines Public Library and the Smithfield Public Library have given much needed book space as well as room

for other library activities. The new wing of the Southern Pines Library is a North Carolina wing given by the family of the late James Boyd, and is furnished in a style representative of the North Carolina days of which the author wrote. The hallway connecting the wing with the older part of the building is arranged for exhibits and the shelving of rare books.

The Smithfield Library doubled its space through an addition, and outside renovation and landscaping give this library an improved exterior to match the newly decorated and enlarged interior.

Among the libraries with buildings or additions now under construction or consideration are the Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, Warren County Memorial Library, Warrenton, H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library, Henderson, Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville, and the Winston-Salem Carnegie Library. The Rowan Public Library has been presented with a building lot and \$75,000 toward a new building by the family of the late Burton Craig of Winston-Salem, and the site for the new Winston-Salem Carnegie Library is a gift from Richard J. Reynolds of that city. Mrs. Charles B. Gary, former resident of Henderson, has given \$10,000 toward an addition to the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library.

At Hickory the foundations were laid in the fall of 1950 for a new library building. The new building will be known as the Elbert Ivey Memorial Building and will house the Worth Elliott Carnegie Library.



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It was planned by architects Clemmer and Horton of Hickory and the style is conservative contemporary. Work is going forward as rapidly as possible and the contractors hold out the hope that it will be finished by summer, 1951. The approximate cost is \$125,000. Besides the above building under construction, a new branch library for the colored residents of Hickory called the Ridgeview Public Library has just been completed and was formally opened to the public on January 31, 1951, with an afternoon of "Open House" at which several hundred persons, both white and colored, came to express their interest in the \$10,000 building. This project was sponsored for several years by the Altrusa Club of Hickory. The building is of red brick, Colonial in type, was privately planned and is most attractive.

New or renovated quarters have improved the facilities of three other public libraries. In Northampton County, a three-room, 119-year-old building was restored for the Northampton County Memorial Library. This restoration is a memorial to the citizens of the county who participated in World War II.

The Richard B. Harrison Library, Raleigh, did an excellent job of renovating and converting an old home into an attractive and functional library. The help of interested citizens through money, materials and labor has been instrumental in helping the town of Robersonville procure more adequate and redecorated quarters in the Hargrove Building of that town.

In the North Carolina College and University Library field the prog-

ress has been even more remarkable.

### Duke University Library

The new building was completed in the spring of 1949, and is an addition to a building originally constructed in 1930. The style is collegiate gothic and the donor was Mrs. Mary Duke Biddle. About half of the addition is devoted to stacks and half to reading rooms, working and office space. The new stacks will house between 500,000 and 600,000 volumes and will bring the total capacity of the General Library building to about 950,000 volumes. The seating capacity of the building now stands at 900, about double the original capacity.

### Guilford College Library

An addition to the Guilford College Library was completed in November, 1950. Without modifying the basic architecture, stack capacity has been doubled, a new periodical room, a special room for the Quaker Collection and records, two seminar rooms, two study rooms, new offices, work rooms and rest rooms are provided. The approximate cost was \$100,000. Architect: Albert C. Woodroof of Greensboro.

### Greensboro College Library

Greensboro College students and faculty since January 3, 1951, have been served by a new library building—the James Addison Jones Library Building, memorializing the late James Addison Jones of Charlotte, who, with the J. A. Jones Construction Company, gave most of the cost of construction.

The new library is a three-story colonial structure with four tiers of stacks to accommodate approximate-



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ly 75,000 volumes. The central lobby is flanked by large reading and reference rooms. The building also contains librarian's office, cataloging room, twelve carrels, audio-visual facilities, including projection, listening, recording and broadcasting rooms. The top floor provides studios, exhibition room, lockers and other equipment for the Art Department. Architectural services were provided by Taylor and Fisher, Baltimore. Construction was by the J. A. Jones Construction Company and approximate cost \$215,000.

### Woman's College of University of North Carolina Library

One of the outstanding new library buildings of the South, this building was begun in October, 1948, and the work completed March, 1950. The library was moved in June and occupied during the 1950 summer session. The total cost of the new library was \$1,232,118. This sum includes all of the furniture, the cost of moving old furniture, and installation, as well as the cost of moving books. This sum amounted to approximately \$12.40 per square foot of the total gross area or \$1.11 per cubic foot.

The architectural design of the building is Modified Georgian faced with brick and trimmed with white Georgia marble. The center portion is four stories and the north and south areas three stories. There is a basement area separate from the library part of the building which is taken up by heating and other utilities as well as a machine room. The architects were Northrup and O'Brien of Winston-Salem. The stacks and furniture were supervised and installed by the Library Bureau

Division of Remington Rand Company. Further details on this impressive building may be found in the December 15, 1948 issue of Library Journal, and an article on the furniture and interior design which appeared in the September-October, 1950 issue of the "Pioneer," Remington Rand house organ.

### University of North Carolina Library Addition

Late in 1949 construction work began on the \$1,615,000 addition to the Main Library Building of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The addition will match the cubic content of the original building, treble its stack capacity, double reader space and increase carrels from 162 to 550, as well as provide quarters for special collections and other exceptional facilities for research. Total capacity of the enlarged building will be 1,300,000 volumes. Some reconstruction of the old (1929 Classic) building, and the air conditioning of the entire stack and other inside rooms are included in the contract, let by the state from its special building appropriation. Architects were H. Raymond Weeks, Inc., of Durham; Arthur C. Nash, Washington, adviser; Alfred M. Githens of New York, consultant; J. R. Bailey, Orange, Virginia, consultant.

### State College Library

A new library building for State College of University of North Carolina, Raleigh, has been definitely authorized to cost, with equipment, something like \$1,500,000. Architects are Northrup and O'Brien of Winston-Salem. The plans are now

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Ratification of the newly adopted constitution of the Southeastern Library Association will be an important item of business at the Biennial Conference to be held in Greensboro April 26-28. Please read the constitution and be prepared to vote at Greensboro.

### Article I. Name

The name of this association shall be the Southeastern Library Association. The area included shall consist of the following states in the region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia; and such other southern states as may petition and be admitted by a majority vote of members present at a general meeting.

### Article II. Objectives

The objectives of the Southeastern Library Association shall be: to promote library interests and services; to co-operate with regional and national agencies with related interests; and to stimulate research in library and related problems in the region.

### Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any person engaged in library work and others interested in the objectives of the Association. They shall become members upon payment of dues as set up in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Any library, club, agency, organization or other association interested in library development in the region may become an

institutional member by payment of dues as set up in the By-Laws and be entitled to send one delegate with full powers of membership.

### Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, who shall be President-Elect, and Treasurer; and such other officers as provided for in the By-Laws. The Executive Secretary shall act as secretary.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers, and one member from each state elected by the Southeastern Library Association members of that state.

### Article V. Meetings

There shall be meetings of the Association at such a time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board. There should be at least one every two years.

### Article VI. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment be sent to each member of the Association at least 60 days before its presentation for adoption.

### Article VII. Adoption of Constitution

This constitution, after its adoption by this conference,\* shall be referred to the various Southeastern

\*S.E.L.A. Conference, Atlanta, Ga., 1950.

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## A.L.A. CELEBRATES ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

(A Statement by Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth, Chairman of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee of the American Library Association.)

This coming year the American Library Association will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary. Organizations, like individuals, who have lived as long as seventy-five years, prefer to celebrate their past by looking toward their future, perhaps with uneasy glances over their shoulders now and then.

Thus during the coming year, A.L.A. will concentrate its effort on the one task that, if accomplished successfully, might make an immediate and important contribution to the general welfare of books and ideas and readers in this time of world wide crisis.

Because it is a time of crisis and uncertainty, it is normal to see worried citizens grasping at line of hope, and to find selfish pressure groups exploiting the general state of confusion for their own ends. In such a time, intellectual and professional groups are expected to exert a steadying influence.

Today the super-patriotic and chauvinistic organizations are campaigning vigorously to sell the idea that if we will only study our history and our heritage, we will find it possible to answer the questions that worry us, but when one looks behind their words, one finds that many of their leaders and spokesmen have a selfish motive and a damaging reactionary message to sell, which is not representative of the rank and file. Chauvinistic attitudes show themselves among all kinds of groups in American society. To a large extent they are a result of misunderstanding rather than bad

intent. It is the obligation of men of good will, men of character, and honest men, as leaders, to eliminate insofar as that is possible the misunderstandings that exist in the minds of such people.

But the educational, professional and learned societies are not stepping forward with the kind of reinterpretation of the American heritage that would give the citizen real, honest and helpful facts or judgments. And this is what the A.L.A. will attempt to do.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee has been given a grant from Gardner Cowles, Editor of Look Magazine, to finance a series of projects all aimed at helping the librarian do an increasingly effective job of aiding citizens who wish to read and study.

First, Gerald W. Johnson is writing a book which will show how an honest re-examination of the American heritage can help a citizen understand the nature and implications of a half dozen of the big, inescapable problems he faces. This book will be published by Harpers in October and will be distributed widely. Look Magazine will run an excerpt from it in July. The American Library Association hopes to persuade many national organizations, such as the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to interest their members in studying the ideas Johnson will discuss.

Second, Dr. Henry Steele Commager of Columbia University will edit a large "source" book which will include the basic statements that



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a group or individual will need to follow up the ideas Johnson presents. This too, will be published by Harpers and will be ready in the Fall.

Third, the A.L.A. will announce a contest-with-prizes for librarians for outstanding statements of illustrations of the power of books to influence the lives of men and women.

Fourth, at its convention to be held in Chicago, July 8-14, the A. L. A. will bring six important speakers who will emphasize the significance of the problems that will be explored in the Johnson and Commager books.

Fifth, the officers of A.L.A. hope to use the impetus gained from this celebration as the beginning of a long-range program to help librarians make the reading of books a normal part of the daily lives of an increasingly larger proportion of our people.

(Reprinted from that very fine publication **Stechert - Hafner Book News**, 31 E. 10th St., New York, Feb., 1951.)

### PROGRESSIVE LIBRARIAN

Time magazine gave space in the January 8th issue to laud librarian, John C. Settlemyer, for adapting progressive methods of modern merchandising to the operation of the Atlanta Public Library. The patrons, admitted by the electric-eye controlled door are enchanted by the beauty of the canary yellow and lime green, soothed by the soft recorded music, and jackets on the books which can be quickly checked

out by Recordak. All these factors have been the reason for the increased circulation and popular acceptance by the public. All libraries can be modern and beautiful; Is yours? Canary yellow and lime green cost no more than institutional yellow and barracks green. It just takes a progressive librarian.

(Reprinted from **Show-Me Libraries**, February, 1951. Published by the staff of Missouri State Library.)

### NEW MEMBERS\*

Officers and older members of N.C.L.A. welcome a number of new members received into the association since our roster was published in the Spring of 1950, including:

Ayers, Mrs. C. E., In., Washington Co. P. L., Plymouth, N. C.

Boyd, Miss Margaret, In., Waynesville Dis. Ele. Sch. L., Waynesville, N. C.

Brister, Miss Mabel, In., Appalachian H. Sch., Boone, N. C.

Kramer, Mrs. Paul J., Sub. Cat. Div., Duke U. L., Durham, N. C.

Lanier Library, Tryon, N. C.

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Pfeiffer Jr. Coll L., Misenheimer, N. C.

Quick, Mrs. Helen B., In., Lee Co. L., Sanford, N. C.

Turner, Mrs. Cora Neil, In., Tarboro H. Sch. L., 210 Johnston St., Tarboro, N. C.

White, Mrs. Nell Chilton, Woman's Coll. U.N.C. L., Greensboro, N. C.

\*The Editor will be glad to send a copy of membership roster of N.C.L.A. to new members on request.



## THROUGH BRITISH EYES

From Miss Margaret E. Scoffield, British Exchange Librarian, who spent a year in North Carolina, comes a copy of the annual report of the Aireborough Public Libraries of which she is librarian. An accompanying note reads, in part, "On the wall of my office I have two vacationists maps of North Carolina and on dull, gray days I look at them, think of your bright blue skies and all the nice people I knew there and hope I may return on a visit some day."

Without asking permission we reprint herewith the "Foreword" of her 1950 Readers' News, the official name of the annual report:

"It had been hoped that the bulletin for this year would, like last year's, have contained a letter from America, but unhappily that was not to be. It is just another loss due to Miss Williamson's tragic death, so deeply regretted by all who knew her here.

Through the generosity of her friends we have been able to send 171 books to the Johnston County Library—books chosen to display every aspect of English life; and by their varied illustrations, we hope they will attract visitors to Britain, particularly during the Festival year. A list of books sent is included in this bulletin for the benefit of those who contributed, but were unable to get to the exhibition of the books.

I came back from America impressed by certain features of American libraries, though assured that our service has its own particular qualities.

First I found that even the smallest town of 2,000 or so population expects a full-time library service, and frequently the voluntary efforts of the Women's Club and Rotary Club help to provide a building.

The town residents expect their library to contain a worth-while collection of up-to-date reference books, together with magazines and pamphlets, which will supply last-minute facts on any subject they have in hand. Speakers would so often come to find material for their talks, though they had an unfortunate tendency to leave this until the last moment, making it difficult for the librarians to sort out references in time.

The children's library provides a larger supply of books for younger children than we normally do. There are more well-illustrated books for younger children than we can buy here, though English publishers are now improving this side of their business.

School libraries are usually larger and better equipped than is general here; in many cases they are in charge of trained, full-time librarians. Children are taught the fundamentals of work with reference books.

Collections of records, films and film strips are much more common than here. Numerous magazines are bought and filed in the effort to provide up-to-date reference material.

In most cases libraries are equipped with comfortable chairs to make book-browsing a pleasure.

The main complaint of American librarians was of inadequate and



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over-crowded buildings. That, of course, is so often true here, but there, plans and blueprints of a new library were so often on hand, or new buildings were in progress. Here such things are a dream of a distant future.

As an English visitor I was shown much kindness and hospitality, and I was also expected to speak to every kind of group, whether men, women or children. It is a responsibility trying to interpret one's own country to so many different people, but I found them keen and eager listeners and I enjoyed their comments.

MARGARET E. SCOFFIELD."

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in the hands of the North Carolina Budget Bureau where final review is being made before advertising for bids. Harlan Brown, President of North Carolina Library Association and Librarian State College, has been responsible for much of the planning for the new building.

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state associations at their regular state association meetings for ratification and shall become effective when five state associations now members have so ratified it.

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## NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES

Members of N. C. L. A., who have not yet sent in their dues for the current biennium are urged to do so before the Greensboro Conference in April. Dues are \$3 biennially and the Treasurer is Miss Marianna Long, Law Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

The North Carolina High School Library Association will hold its 1951 annual meeting in Charlotte, March 30-31. The newest unit to be formed in this growing organization is the Catawba County Students Library Association which was formed February 10. The officers of the Catawba County unit are President, Ann Huffman, Balls Creek; Vice President, Lorena Moody of St. Stephens.

The F. E. Compton Company presented the North Carolina Library Association with a set of the new 1951 Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia to be given to the Aireborough Libraries and shipped it direct to England for the Association. A nice gesture indeed!

Membership rolls for the new and revitalized Southeastern Library Association are now open. Dues are \$2 per year to members of N. C. L. A. or A. L. A., \$3 to librarians who are members of neither association. Officials will be much encouraged by receipt of your dues with full name, address and position occupied. Address Mrs. J. H. Crossland, Chairman, Georgia Institute of Technology Library, Atlanta, Georgia.

The proper status of professional librarians in colleges and universities was one of the subjects discussed at the 1950 conference of the Texas Library Association. Out of this discussion came an interesting statement entitled "Administrative and Faculty Status of College Librarians in Texas." Ask for a copy of this statement for your files from Mr. W. L. Williamson, Chairman College Library Division, Texas Library Association, Box 307, B. U. Station, Waco, Texas.

The John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards will be presented at the A. L. A. Conference in 1951 to those libraries submitting scrapbooks indicative of outstanding publicity during the past year. Entry blanks and materials, must be mailed by April 10. Entry blanks are available from A. L. A. Headquarters, and from John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contests, care of Wilson Library Bulletin, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, New York.

Through the new CARE-UNESCO Children's Book Fund, book packages for children all over the world may now be ordered conveniently. Ask for the booklet "Libraries in Need" from CARE, 20 Broad St., New York 5, New York.

The jury on Citation of Library Trustees wishes to receive nominations of outstanding trustees for the 1951 citations for distinguished service awarded by the A. L. A. Nominations, with full record of candidates' achievements, should be



mailed to the Jury on Citation of Trustees, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, not later than March 15, 1951.

Miss Jessica Vann Graham, Head of Extension Department, Charlotte Public Library, has succeeded Miss Lucille Simcoe as Chairman, Junior Members Round Table, N. C. L. A. Miss Simcoe is now with Virginia State Library, Richmond.

Miss Olivia Burwell has resigned her position as Librarian, H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library, Henderson, N. C. and is now with Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N. C.

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### A.L.A. ANNIVERSARY PRIZE CONTEST ANNOUNCED

A thousand dollars in prizes is offered by the 75th Anniversary Committee, A.L.A. For the best statements in 2,000 words or less that illustrate the power of books to influence the lives of men and women six prizes are offered: \$200 each for the two best statements from librarians who are 1951 A.L.A. members; \$100 each for the two best statements from librarians not A.L.A. members, but who join when submitting their statements. Tips: frank, personal human interest statements are wanted telling what books—fact or fiction influenced the people you know. Who were they? Did the influence extend to the community?

In addition, two other prizes are offered for the best statements in 2,000 words or less on the topic

“What problems worry the citizen enough to make him come to the library for help?”

For the two best statements, \$100 each will be given to librarians who are A.L.A. members or who join when submitting their entries.

All statements must be postmarked on or before midnight May 31, 1951, and addressed to American Library Association Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill. On the envelope write “A.L.A. Anniversary Celebration.”

Statements must be typewritten and must carry the author's name and address. All statements become the property of the A.L.A. 75th Anniversary Committee who are the judges. Winners will be officially announced at the July A.L.A. Conference but the lucky contestants will be notified in advance.

A gift from Gardner Cowles, editor, Look Magazine, makes possible these contest awards.

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The *Library Journal* is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mrs. Helen E. Wessells to succeed Mr. Karl Brown whose resignation as Editor becomes effective June 1. Internationally known, because of seven years association with the State Department's Information Library program in various countries, Mrs. Wessells brings to her new position a happy combination of experience, ability and personality. She is fortunate that a position for which she is so well fitted became available among as congenial a group as those who compose the *Library Journal* and *Publishers' Weekly* staffs.