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HOOTS SITTING IN — The announcement I received from the President of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) stated that the Spring Workshop for the organization would be held on April 1 and 2 with committee meetings scheduled for early Saturday morning. I felt like an April fool when I discovered that the first day's meetings were for officers only. The president, Dr. Annette Phinazee (Dean of the Library School at North Carolina Central University in Durham and a very gracious lady) came to my rescue and invited me to attend the dinner meeting of the Executive Board as her guest. So I sat in on some very interesting discussions and learned, first-hand, how decisions with far-reaching effects are made.

Since the organization includes all kinds of librarians and has a membership numbering several thousand professional people, it is divided into sections along lines of specific interests. For example, there are

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our mother, Annie Copeland Hollowell, who passed away two years ago April 5, 1975. Death beckoned her with outstretched hand And whispered softly of "An Unknown Land" But she was not afraid to go For though the path she did not know, She took Death's hand without a fear, For He who safely brought her here Had told her He would lead the way into Eternity's Bright Day And so she did not go alone into the "Valley that's Unknown" She gently took death by the hand And journeyed to "The Promised Land" And there, with step so light and gay, she polishes the sun by day And lights the stars that shine at night And keeps the Moonbeams Silvery bright And in the Heavenly Home Above She waits to "Welcome" those she loved. Her Children

sections for college and university librarians, for junior college and technical school librarians, for school librarians, and, of course, for public librarians. My activities have been mostly connected with the public library section and thus have afforded me little opportunity to mingle with the "academic types".

The Spring Workshop in Durham was my first real chance to participate with all types of librarians in a small group setting. One of the most interesting items discussed was the Biennial Convention for 1977. Because of the size of the attendance, Winston-Salem's convention center has been the only location available in North Carolina for the last six years. This year's meeting is scheduled for October 5-8 and the program plans announced at the Executive Board meeting sounded great. But the exciting news was that a new location is now available for the following meeting, originally scheduled for 1979 but possibly changed to 1980. Charlotte has just opened a new Convention Center and hotel complex (The Radisson) which can accommodate the NCLA convention crowd and their invitation to play host for the next general meeting was accepted.

In addition to the formal meeting, I sat in on an even more interesting informal one. A "bull session" with State Librarian David McKay, a library school dean, three university librarians and several other public librarians was the best part of the two-day meeting.

SCREECHES BOWING OUT — The NCLA Bicentennial Committee, of which I was Co-Chairman, was the reason for my invitation to the Workshop. Our report covered the activities for the past two years and highlighted the successful forum series which was sponsored by the public libraries in 1976. A less-successful series was held in the community colleges this spring.

The report concluded with the recommendation that our committee be dissolved. We figured the Bicentennial celebration is a thing of the past now so it is time to get on with other things. Needless to say, our recommendation was accepted.

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