

### Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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changes rather thoroughly before they are made a mandatory requirement. We all agreed that changes should be made only if they were improvements, not just for the sake of change.

**SCREECHES**  
**HECTIC MONTH**—This March is setting some kind of a record for scheduling conferences, it seems, since my calendar includes a trip each week this month. Two weeks ago it was a Children's Literature Conference in New Bern, last week the Regional Directors' Meeting in Burlington, this week is the Young Adult Conference at Quail Roost (near Durham) and the last week in the month contains the annual Trustee-Librarian Conference in Chapel Hill as well as our own Staff Meeting in Columbia.

Louise Darby, Chowan County Librarian at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, is broadening our horizons and providing representation for the Region at the Conference for Art Councils this week (I hope I have that name right). So we'll both be burning the midnight oil and working week-ends, probably, to stay caught up on the regular activities.

The most exciting extra activity has been the preparation for the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the Bicentennial Barge Foundation. We invited as guests a large group of people who have been interested and helpful in the early stages of the feasibility study now under way. The generous help of the Weyerhaeuser Company has made the planning for this meeting a genuine pleasure and I'd like to thank especially Keith Lamb, Jeffrey Dick, Sonny McLawhorn, Flora Brown, Peggy Modlin and Bailey Phelps for their valuable assistance. Also, this is a good time to acknowledge the consistent encouragement and very necessary legal aid of my co-incorporator, Bob Hutchins, and his most efficient office staff.

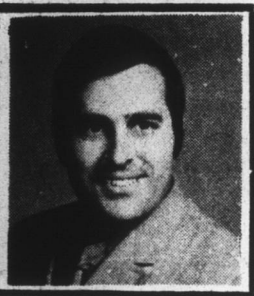


**HOOTS**

**BUOYED IN BURLINGTON**—My spirits were given a considerable boost by the recent meeting in Burlington of the Regional Library Directors. There are only fifteen of us in the state, but we represent almost half the counties (47 out of 100) so our opinions seem to carry a bit of weight. Our quarterly meetings are always productive since the group is so compatible, our problems are so similar, and our desire to be mutually beneficial is so universal.

The subjects for this meeting included a thorough discussion of the implications of the new Library Law and we had the author of the bill, Joe Farrell of the Institute of Government, as the very helpful expert to guide us. In addition, two representatives of the State's Local Government Commission in Raleigh explained the changes in accounting methods which are indicated by our new status as a "Public Authority". Thanks to the excellent guidance of the Assistant State Librarian, Elaine von Oesen, and the State Library Auditor, Ryland Johnson, the ensuing discussion resulted in an agreement to investigate these

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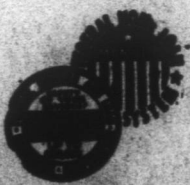
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