

**Library Notes**



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(Notes on the twenty-sixth biennial convention of the North Carolina Library Association.)

Several hundred librarians, library trustees, and many friends of libraries from all parts of North Carolina met in Durham, April 28 and 29, at the Hotel Washington Duke, for the biennial convention of North Carolina Library Association.

Inspiration and ideas were gleaned through speeches, talks, exhibits, and personal contact with friends and fellow librarians. The most inspirational speech, "Books and Shoes Have to Fit" was given at the Bookmobile Librarians' Breakfast by Mrs. Wendell Thomas, Librarian of Avery and Watauga counties. "Library Cooperation in England" was the subject of a fine address given by Miss Margaret Scofield, Exchange Librarian from England.

Mr. George H. Wright, attorney and Library Trustee of Asheville, gave a talk on "Libraries in the Future of North Carolina." Dr. Louis R. Wilson, of the University of North Carolina, paid tribute to Miss Marjorie Beal and the work of our North Carolina Library Commission in his address, "The Fortieth Anniversary of the North Carolina Library Commission."

At the Trustees Luncheon, Mr. Allen Langston, Attorney and Library Trustee of Raleigh, gave an entertaining and challenging address, "Trustees and the Library of the Future."

Miss Marianna Martin, Librarian of Rockingham County Library, Leakesville, told the public librarians about "Library Participation in the Community Fine Arts Festival" held in Rockingham county. Miss Josephine Niggli, noted au-

thor ("Mexican Village" and "Step Down Elder Brother") and lecturer of Chapel Hill, gave an address on "Books and the People Who Make Them". Miss Niggli described the labors which go into writing a book and getting it published. She emphasized the fact that an author must not only have imagination to write a book, but also do much physical work in putting it down on paper.

The High School Library Association held its meeting with the North Carolina Association. At the dinner meeting Miss Boots Black, high school student of Charlotte, was presented an engraved model as the first annual literary award of the literary contest sponsored by the High School Library Association. Miss Black won the award for her poem, "Charlotte."

**AMONG THE NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY:**

(For Adults)

"Aunt Bel" by Guy McCrone—"Aunt Bel" was described by her husband, a successful cheese merchant, as a "managing kind of body," an apt-description of this warm-hearted but slightly scheming lady who supervised the Moorhouses' discreet but steady rise in Glasgow social and financial circles.

"The Big Secret" by Merle Colby—Daniel Upstead, a young physics instructor at Bowdick College, Maine, comes to Washington to attend a scientific conference and finds himself up to his ears in a battle against a proposed Presidential order limiting research in science.

"The 1949 Information Please almanac" edited by John Kieran, and given to the Library by Mr. William Somers, is an excellent factbook, with up-to-minute information on world affairs, economics, history, sports, literature, music, art, movies and plays, science, commerce and industry.

The library appreciates the magazine and the books of fiction given by Miss Hattie Taylor, and also the books of fiction given by Mrs. Newman Comer.

(New books for children)

"Song of the Swallows" by Leo Politi—Story of the friendship between Juan, a little boy in the California town of Capistrano, and Julian, the old gardener and bell-ringer at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano. Colorful pictures show the Mission, the California coastline, and the swallow's return.

"The Bartlette of Box-B Ranch" by Camilla Campbell—The active, fascinating life on a big Texas cattle ranch is vividly pictured in the adventures of Glenn, Judy, and Phil Bartlette.

"The Purple Tide" by Leland Silliman—Story of high school sports.

"The Seventh Step" by Helen Girvan—Mystery of a pirate-ghost, apparently stealing figurines from "Cedarhead", Pamela Ward's aunt's old house in Bermuda, helps Pam forget her problems.

New registrations at the Library: Mrs. Newman Comer, Edwin S. Elliott, Billy Geouge, Travis Geouge, Dr. William Gladden, Jr., Nell Hall, Valree Jimison, Gwen Marler, Mrs. Winford Norman, Mrs. J. Leonard Swofford, Nancy Tilley, J. W. Wages, and Mrs. W. W. Wyke.

**TALL TALES**

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

Miss Ruth Lackey's bantam rooster is the proud foster papa of five chickens while his little "bannie" companion sits on her nest awaiting the arrival of her own little brood.

No offense—but the Cocker Spaniel has looked a little guilty since the mother of the five chickens disappeared recently. The orphans were lonely and the rooster missed his mate, so he cultivated a clucking sound and soon he was leading them around. He isn't much larger than his "frying size" brood, but he isn't self conscious. It's just one, big, happy family.

Bit of conversation overheard as two children were passing the court house last week:

"Sure I know what that big building is. It's the jail—don't you see all those people looking out the windows?"

Chatter gleaned from the tea table:

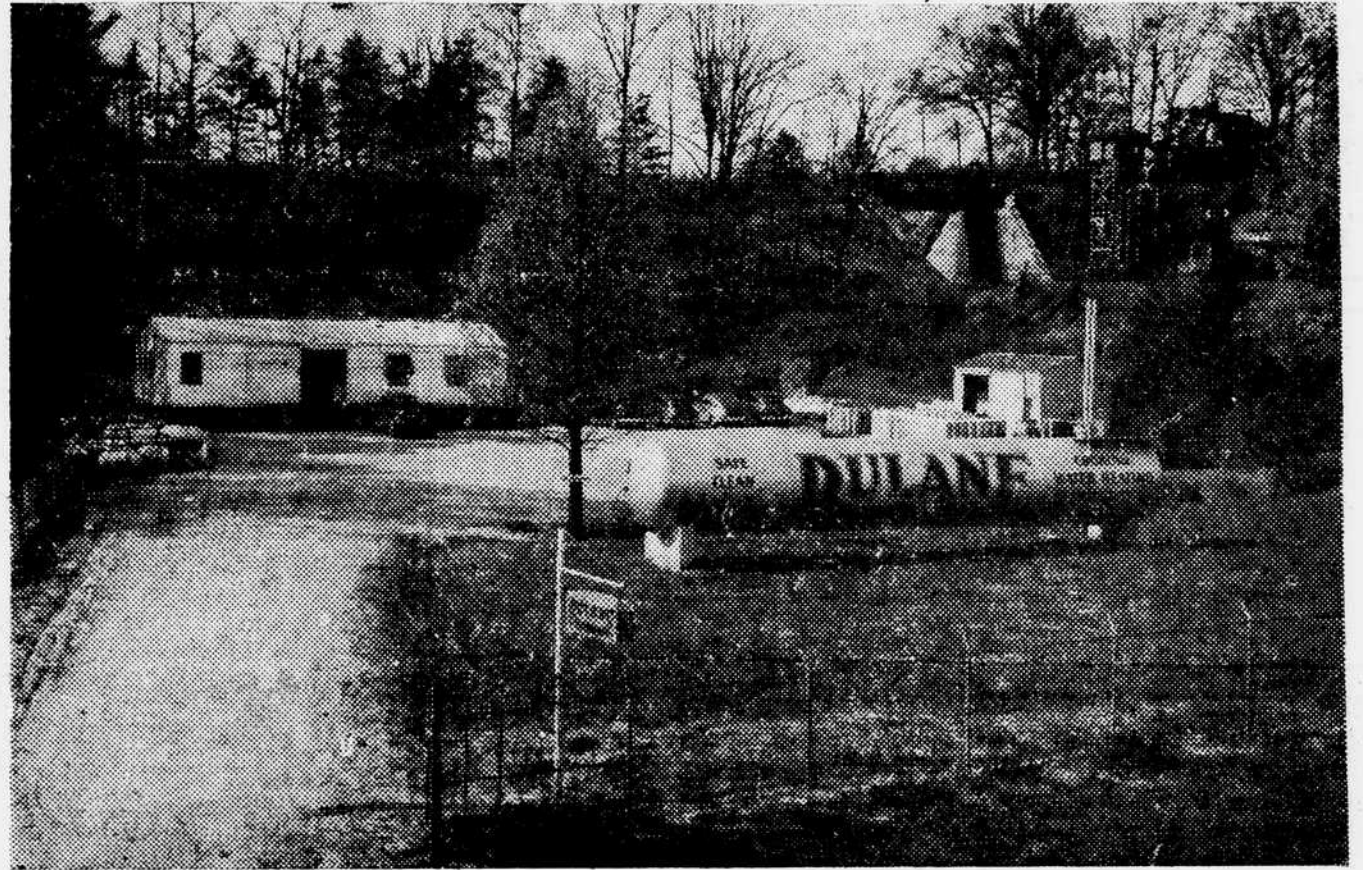
"I know you'll like her. She's just as neurotic as we are."

Farmers' production costs are likely to continue high this year, but prices for their products probably will show a decline. Tar Heel farmers need to plan their operations in order to maintain their present net income and standard of living.

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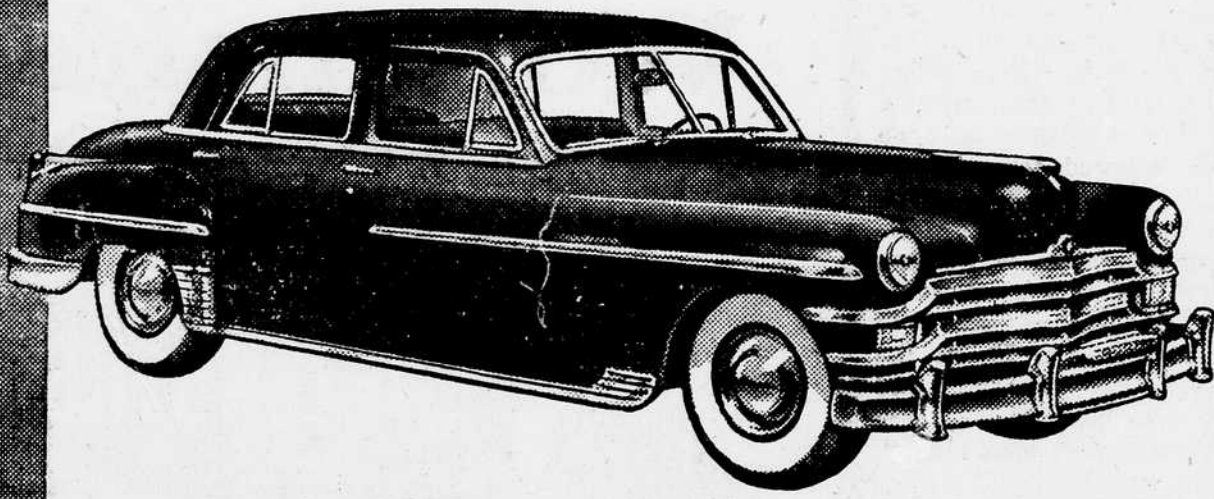
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