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**CORRECT CATALOGING** — One of the most complicated problems in the art of librarianship is known as "bibliographic control." In order to make all of the materials contained in the library readily available to the users, systems for cataloging books have been evolved. Over the years, these have become more and more involved with the proliferation of published materials on an ever-widening range of subjects.

For one example of the magnitude of the possible problems, consider this: the current issue of BOOKS IN PRINT (BIP), which is published each year and contains the books listed by almost all the publishers in the United States, lists 325,000 author names. But that does not necessarily mean there are 325,000 authors whose books are currently in print and hence available. Some authors' names are listed in as many as four or five different forms — without taking pseudonyms into consideration.

The publisher of BIP, the R.R. Bowker Company, is considering publishing a listing of standardized author names as an aid to librarians, especially those involved in cataloging or purchasing but also for reference use. As a step in that direction, they are asking the opinions of selected librarians from various sized library systems. The usefulness of the book is readily apparent but, even with the computerized data from their publication of BIP, it will be an expensive volume to produce.

My major reaction to the questionnaire was to be more grateful than ever for the North Carolina State Processing Center. All our cataloging problems are solved by them with the help of their vast array of source materials. Printed lists of the books contained in the Library of Congress (the National Union Catalog) are supplemented by computer tapes of the latest books to be cataloged by our national library. In addition, the processing center is a member of the Ohio-based bibliographic service called OCLC which provides instantaneous access to a tremendous data-base by means of a computer terminal. Small library systems cannot possibly duplicate the quality of the cataloging done by the Processing Center.

National recognition has come to the work of North Carolina's Processing Center this year. The chief, Eunice Drum, is one of the featured speakers at the American Library Association convention in Detroit this month. Her expertise should prove most valuable to other state library agencies which have or are considering processing centers.

**SCREECHES**

**COMMERCIAL CATALOGING** — One of the other members of the panel with Eunice Drum will be former librarian Walter Curley who is now president of the Gaylord Company which sells commercial cataloging. I am very sorry I will be unable to hear this debate in person (I have decided to skip the national convention this year in the interest of economy) since I would love to put in my "two cents worth."

The quality of the commercial cataloging is not the only drawback to this seemingly less expensive method. The biggest problem is the limitation on available titles — they will only provide catalog cards for certain current books, a small percentage of any library's purchases. That leaves the problem of getting the remaining titles cataloged, requiring the services of a cataloger on each library's staff. The Processing Center, on the other hand, eliminates entirely the need of a technical services staff since they will catalog every book we acquire — even if we do not purchase it from them (a prerequisite of the commercial catalogers).

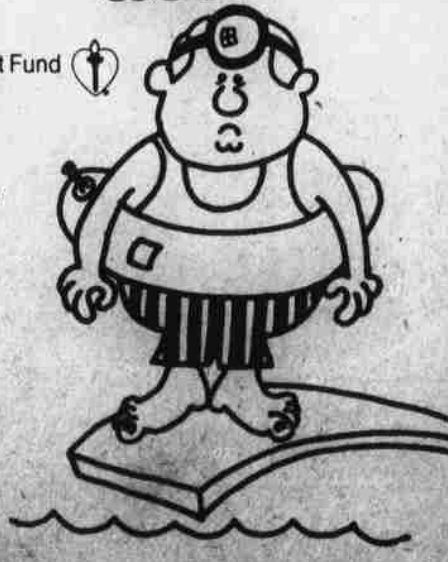


**ONLY IN PERQUIMANS** — Although the sunset has been the subject of countless poems, songs and romantic conversations, citizens in Perquimans County will agree that when the sun sets on the Perquimans River, it is indeed special. (Staff photo by Kathy Newbern)

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**Unemployment Qualifications**

Although federal statutes provide unemployment insurance coverage to school employees, most school workers without jobs this summer will be denied unemployment payments, according to the Employment Security Commission.

Both federal and State unemployment insurance laws deny benefits to school workers who have "reasonable assurance" that they will return to work at the end of the summer.

The law disqualifying school workers applies to non-professionals as well as teachers.

In Perquimans County, manager Alice W. Bond of the Edenton Employment Security Commission Job Service office says that school employees with written, oral, or implied contracts or agreements to return to school employment do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

North Carolina requires claimants to be unemployed through no fault of their own, be able to work, be available for work and actively seeking jobs to be eligible for unemployment payments.

Mrs. Bond says that employees who have agreements to return to work with schools after the summer is over do not meet these eligibility requirements.

The Special Unemployment Assistance Act, passed by Congress at the outset of the recession, extends unemployment insurance coverage to workers not covered by state laws. There's currently a bill before the General Assembly providing coverage for state and local government workers, but, if passed, it would not change the eligibility requirements to draw benefits, according to the ESC.

**State Fair Featured**

**RALEIGH.** — The North Carolina State Fair is featured in the current issue of Saga, a national magazine, as one of America's 16 best state fairs.

"There's something for everyone at a fair," says the article, "entertainment, excitement, education. And it's a vacation alternative that can be less costly than going to a place like Disneyland or one of the 'theme' amusement parks.

The 15 other fairs featured are in Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, California, Minnesota, Kansas, Massachusetts, California, Washington, New Mexico,

Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and Florida.

The North Carolina fair, which is operated under the auspices of the state Department of Agriculture, will be held this year October 14-22 at the state fairgrounds, in Raleigh.

The first known fair in America, according to the Saga article, was in 1686 at Perth Amboy, N.J., and was mostly an "exchange of livestock and other goods, and an enjoyment of horse racing."

An industry association says that there are now 2,800 annual state, county, and local fairs, most of which will be held in the summer and fall.

**Conferences Planned For School Officials**

Local public school administrators in Perquimans County will attend the State Superintendent's Conference for Central Office Personnel July 6-9 at the Great Smokies Hilton in Asheville. Nearly 500 superintendents, assistant superintendents, and supervisors are expected to attend the four-day meeting.

According to State Superintendent Craig Phillips, the annual conference provides an opportunity for the staff of the Department of Public Instruction to bring administrators up to date on the latest laws and policies affecting public schools, services available to local schools from the State agency, and national and statewide issues and trends in education.

The theme of this year's conference is "North Carolina and Education: 1977-78" and will focus on such topics as "The Future is Now," led by State Superintendent Phillips; "Elementary Education: Today and Tomorrow," led by Assistant State Superintendent for Instructional Services George Kahdy; and "Every Pupil and Competency Testing," conducted by Assistant Superintendent H.T. Conner. The administrators will be able to choose from approximately 18 different workshop topics.

The administrators will gather at the Wilmington Hilton for the State Superintendent's Conference July 11-14. They will be joining some 1200 of their colleagues from across the State.



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