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Foreword

This history, compiled by Miss Carrie B. Wilson, first Historian of the N. C. State Division AAUW, from scattered branch and state records, has one purpose—to give the membership a simple and factual account of the State Division from its inception in 1927.

Of course "Our task is to go from Today, not Yesterday", but yesterday is the background for today, and plays its part in the vision and resourcefulness with which we meet the ever changing and uncertain tomorrows.

Knowing that there is a real need for this information, and that it will be of interest and value to every Tar Heel member of AAUW this booklet goes to press February 15, 1948.

Emily H. Herring

8th President
N. C. State Division A. A. U. W.

Explanations and Acknowledgments

To the Membership of the A. A. U. W. in North Carolina:

Your historian has approached the task of writing a history of the North Carolina Division of the American Association of University Women knowing the limited possibilities for an undertaking which merits much more time, careful study, and research, than could be given to the task.

Collecting narrative reports and gathering statistical data have not been easy, but the general spirit of cooperation shown by local, state, regional, and national officers facilitated the work from the beginning.

The activities of the AAUW cannot be lightly treated for they have been many and varied and of far reaching consequence in the social and economic life of the state, pointing always toward a higher cultural and intellectual level.

Much of our history has been preserved through the Minutes kept by careful Secretaries throughout the years, in the Committee Reports, in the State Division Bulletin, and in the national Journal of the AAUW.

The preliminary foundation for this volume was laid in 1945 at the request of state president, Mrs. R. A. Herring, with the expectation of publishing the history late in 1946 or early in 1947. However, unavoidable circumstances have delayed publication until this date.

In view of the fact that we are celebrating our twenty-first anniversary with the State Convention in Greensboro next April, it may be wise that release of the history coincides with the attainment of our adulthood.

From the material which has come from far and near, the writer has attempted a logical arrangement in an effort to give an over-all view of what the AAUW *is* and *does*, has *done* and will *do*. While no index is provided, the table of contents should serve to locate the various phases of the history set up under three headings.

Part One, "How We Grew" is a running narrative giving the sequential history of the State Division from its formation in Greensboro, March 17, 1927, through the State Board meeting in Greenville, November 25, 1947, with some additional information to further explain the AAUW and its work.

Part Two, "Statistics—Past and Present" is chiefly statistical information gathered from whatever source possible.

Part Three, "Branch Histories", contributions from the home

base, should make us more keenly aware of what the fifteen branches with their more than 1000 members are accomplishing.

Thanks are due not only to those of you who have served in the near-past, but also to those stalwart leaders of our early days who, after establishing branches of the Southern Association of College Women, provided for these to later become charter members of the AAUW. Much praise and credit should be given to the late Elizabeth Avery Colton, Dr. Catherine Allen, Dr. Alice Baldwin, Mrs. Henry A. White, and the late Dr. Harriet Elliott. We should hold high and keep trimmed and brightly burning the candles they lighted.

The insistent prodding of Mrs. Herring who dreamed of a printed record as one of the accomplishments of her four-year term as our public servant (sans pay) has been accompanied all along the way by her sincere interest and invaluable assistance in reading and checking the manuscript.

Mrs. Robert Lee Humber, our new president, has sponsored the work wholeheartedly and has aided in many ways.

Grace Sharpe (now Mrs. Harold M. Draper, Jr.) of Greensboro, and Miss Catherine Dennis of Raleigh, who gathered information for me regarding the Southern Association of College Women, gave a much appreciated service.

Mrs. Blake Thompson of High Point, state secretary for 1944-47, rendered assistance without parallel by loaning the state records and helping in other ways. Our thanks are due also to Mrs. D. S. Spain of Greenville, our present secretary, for the loan of the minutes of the Greenville meeting October 25, 1947, and for other help.

Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter of Charlotte and Mrs. S. D. Foster of Asheville, the two most recent editors of our Division Bulletin, deserve especial thanks for the information they have furnished. Our Regional Vice-presidents, past and present, and our National Director have helped in clarifying records.

Dr. Lucille Delano of Charlotte and Mary L. Cobb and Louise Dalton of Chapel Hill gave helpful information in regard to Fellowships and the AAUW Fellows in North Carolina.

Without the sympathetic interest and support of all who have helped there would be no history to print; and without the action of the Executive Committee on the morning of the State Board Meeting in Greenville October 25, 1947, and later approved by the general session, there would be no printing of the history. For it was in this meeting that the green light of authoritative approval

and inclusion in the budget made it possible to proceed with the financial aspects of bringing the book off the press. The Executive Committee is composed of Mrs. Humber, president; Mrs. Herring, immediate past-president; Mrs. J. W. Moore, vice-president; Mrs. D. S. Spain, secretary, and Miss Sarah Nooe, treasurer.

In submitting this history to the North Carolina membership of the AAUW, the writer confesses a feeling of pride in being asked to do something she has enjoyed doing, even though it had to be done at odd moments snatched in the evenings after busy days in an exacting full-time position.

As a parting word, may I ask that you trip lightly over the shortcomings of this history, and take joy in furthering the work of the AAUW so that we may really live up to our 1947-48 slogan, "We Earn The Future".

February 20, 1948

The Author

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Part One—How We Grew

CHAPTER I—THE BEGINNING

More than three-score years ago the seeds were sown for what is now the American Association of University Women when a group of seventeen young college graduates irked by the restrictions against the learnings and doings of women, met in Boston in the fall of 1881 to form a national alumnae association which they called the "Association of Collegiate Alumnae". At the first annual meeting held in January, 1882, a constitution was formed by the group of sixty-six women present, representing Boston University, Cornell, Oberlin, Smith, Vassar, Wellesley, and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin.

The purpose as expressed by that group is the bedrock of our association today: "The object of this association shall be to unite . . . for practical, educational work".

From that beginning in which representatives of eight colleges met in 1882 for a first national meeting we have grown to a national association of 1016 branches and nearly 90,000 members drawn from 272 approved colleges, with an International Federation spanning the world.

The North Carolina State Division of AAUW is only six years younger than the national organization of the AAUW. Both stem from the Association of Collegiate Alumnae organized in 1881 and the Southern Association of College Women organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1903. These merged at a meeting held in Washington April, 1921, to become the American Association of University Women.

This was a change chiefly in name only as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (which had been chartered as a national organization) were passed on to the AAUW.

Records in the Library of Woman's College, Greensboro, reveal the work of the Southern Association of College Women for the years 1912-1921. A report of the merger of SACW with the ACA includes names of charter members of the branches then in existence.

Elizabeth Avery Colton of Meredith College, Raleigh, was secretary of the SACW 1912-1913, president 1914-1919 and first vice-president 1919-1921.

The Raleigh branch of the AAUW appears to be the oldest

branch in the state, having become officially a member of the Southern Association of College Women in 1909.

Only two other branches of the South Atlantic Region can claim priority over Raleigh, for according to the records, Atlanta and Richmond (both organized in 1905) are the only branches that pre-date Raleigh's organization.

When the AAUW was formed in 1921, North Carolina had more branches than any state in the South Atlantic Region. National records show that the District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, and South Carolina had only one branch each, Georgia had two, and Virginia four, while North Carolina had six branches. West Virginia, the only other state in the group, had not organized a branch. This gave North Carolina more than one-third of the total branches of the Region.

At that time, North Carolina did not have a college on the approved list for membership.

What is now Duke University was approved late in 1921. The others followed in this order: Meredith College 1924, North Carolina College for Women (now Woman's College) 1927, Salem College 1932, The University of North Carolina 1946. The state University was not approved for the B.S. and A.B. degrees until 1946 but it had been approved for the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees along with other state universities prior to 1931.

CHAPTER II—ORGANIZATION 1927

On a March day twenty-one years ago a lusty youngster who has grown apace with the years, was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, to spread culture and justice and to fight for better things for the people of this state. Whether March 17, 1927, was blustery or fair, the record does not tell, but we do know that whatever the weather, this infant soon had a name and was placed for its first two years under the fostering care of Miss Catherine Allen, a member of the faculty of Meredith College, Raleigh, who together with a succession of other foster mothers helped to develop this infant into a woman now fully grown, able to cope with mighty problems and to take her stand for all that is finest and best.

Proceeding under the name of "The North Carolina State Division of the American Association of University Women", our baby of yesteryear has quite an interesting biography.

From the minutes written by Miss Catherine Wright, first secretary of the North Carolina Division of the AAUW, we quote the following notes of the initial organization:

"At the invitation of the Greensboro branch of the American Association of University Women, on the morning of March 17th, 1927, about forty representatives from seven of the eight branches in North Carolina, met at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro to discuss the possibility of perfecting a state organization of the Association".

From later mention of branches by name, we know that Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem were represented in this meeting, and were therefore charter members of the North Carolina State Division. Asheville evidently was also a charter member even though not represented at the time.

"The morning meeting was called to order by the president of the Greensboro branch who presided at the election of Miss Catherine Allen of Raleigh as the temporary chairman. The meeting was then thrown open for the discussion of the desirability of organization. Miss Alice Baldwin of Durham, representing National Headquarters, urged such action as a step in completing the national policy of delegating more power to state and local groups. She also outlined the field of work in which such an organization in the state would be advantageous to the branches themselves, suggesting for their attention a survey of the work, professional and otherwise, open to women in the state, the study of college standards in the state, and the provision of funds for scholarships.

"At the close of this discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried, that the group would proceed with definite organization plans. Two committees were appointed by the chairman: a Nominating Committee, made up of Miss Mary V. Long, Greensboro, Chairman; Mrs. Franklin Smith, Durham; and Mrs. Wheeler, Chapel Hill: a Committee of Constitution and By-Laws, made up of Miss Alice Baldwin, Durham, Chairman; Miss Helen Law, Raleigh; and Mrs. White, High Point. At this point the morning session was adjourned for meeting of the committees and for luncheon."

Constitution is Adopted

"The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted a report calling for the adoption of the model constitution and by-laws sent out by the Washington office, with the following alterations to be made:

In Article III, Section 2 of the by-laws, dealing with the duties of the vice-president, the statement, *She shall make an annual re-*

port to the sectional director and to the national secretary to be omitted.

Article IV, Section I, of the by-laws to read: *The executive committee shall consist of the state officers, the retiring president, ex-officio (rather than the past president) and the chairman of the standing committees.*

Article VII, Section 3, dealing with the representation of general members to read: *Fifteen members*, instead of twenty-five members.

Article IX, Section 2, dealing with dues, to read: *Each branch shall, through its treasurer, pay annual dues of ten cents per member. General members shall pay fifty cents* (instead of ten cents) *to the state treasurer.*

"The report was accepted as read.

"The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and the following officers thereby elected:

President, Miss Catherine Allen, Raleigh;

Vice-President, Miss Bessie Pfohl, Winston-Salem;

Secretary, Miss Catherine Wright, Greensboro;

Treasurer, Miss Helen Lethco, Charlotte.

"After these matters of business were finished the meeting was again opened for discussion of general problems. Attention was centered upon the purpose of the organization and its fields of activity. The general feeling of the group was that there should be a more careful statement of the aims and purposes, with specific objectives outlined. No definite action was taken on this matter.

"The delegation from Chapel Hill requested the President to send a letter from the state association to the Committee on Recognitions at the National Convention, meeting in Washington within a few days, urging that the University of North Carolina be continued on the starred list until certain requirements of the Association could be met.

"The meeting was then adjourned, *sine die*."

Signed—E. Catherine Wright, Secretary.

March 18, 1927.

CHAPTER III—THE FIRST YEAR—1927-28

Again we quote from the very enlightening minutes of Miss Wright, under date of May 19, 1928, slightly more than one year later, and giving a report of the first annual convention which was held in Chapel Hill in conjunction with the South Atlantic Region's second biennial meeting:

"On May 19, 1928, at 11 A.M. in the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill, N. C., there was begun the first regular meeting of the North Carolina State Division of the American Association of University Women. Miss Catherine Allen, State President, was in the chair . . .

"The acting Treasurer reported that \$26.10 had been received from the branches in the state . . .

"In a brief presidential address, Miss Allen spoke of the advantages of state organization in furthering the work of the national organization. She explained salient features in the national program and emphasized particularly the international features. She paid tributes to the late Elizabeth Avery Colton and Penelope McDuffy.

"Reports of the local branches followed, reports being given from Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, High Point, Greensboro, Durham, and Chapel Hill. News came in of a new branch in Statesville, with approximately 20 members.

"Dr. Esther Caukins, International Relations Secretary of the AAUW, spoke on the million dollar fellowship fund and urged the cooperation of the states and branches . . . A committee was appointed to consider fellowship funds with Mrs. Holmes of Chapel Hill as chairman . . . "

From the foregoing we catch a glimpse of what has made the North Carolina Division a growing, potent force in the state.

Not only did the presidents help things along through the years, but efficient secretaries kept the records straight. While the minutes of every meeting cannot be quoted, we continue with excerpts from the early years before going into a more general historical overview and statistical summary.

CHAPTER IV—THE SECOND YEAR—1928-29

From the minutes of Miss Wright dated April 26, 1929, we quote as follows:

"The second annual conference of the North Carolina Division of the AAUW was held at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro, N. C., on April 19, 1929. The delegates were called to order at 11 A.M. by the State President, Miss Catherine Allen . . .

"Miss Allen, in a brief presidential talk, told of some of the high lights of the National Convention in New Orleans and commented on the inspiration received from Dr. Wooley, National President of the AAUW, and from Dr. Gleditch of Oslo, President of the International Federation of University Women . . . She said that all of the *nine* North Carolina branches had ex-

pressed themselves as being in sympathy with the Fellowship movement and desirous of making contributions to the fund, and that North Carolina had been called the banner state of the South Atlantic Section with respect to this . . .

"Miss Allen urged that the state had three important objectives for the following year—more effective publicity work, educational work, and united efforts on the Fellowship campaign. She emphasized the importance of working with the State Legislature in connection with the Education Bill . . .

"Forty-nine people were present for luncheon. The speaker was Miss Harriet Elliott of the Political Science Department of N. C. C. W. She discussed progress in international peace in 1928-29 . . .

"The first speaker of the afternoon was Miss Belle Rankin, Executive Secretary at National Headquarters in Washington . . .

"Then followed branch reports of their fellowship campaign work. All made some report except Statesville and Asheville. All were working and were trying to reconcile the Fellowship fund drive with their other obligations. Miss Allen had brought a message from the Sectional Director, Mrs. Harmer, who had urged the states to work steadily and earnestly this year for the fund and give as encouraging a report as possible by the Regional meeting of 1930 at Williamsburg. At that time she hoped the section would assume the responsibility of endowing one Fellowship.

"A Japanese student at Duke University spoke briefly on what the holding of a fellowship meant to her. Mrs. Mosher, Fellowship Chairman for North Carolina, gave interesting statistics in connection with AAUW fellowships obtained by Southern women. She mentioned a North Carolina woman, Dr. Mary Sherrill, working in Belgium at present on an AAUW fellowship.

"Mrs. Mosher urged enthusiasm in the fellowship campaign and was in favor of a quota for the state. Chapel Hill Branch said it would give \$25.00 a year to the fund; Charlotte promised \$100.00 this year. Winston-Salem thought it could give \$25.00 a year; and Greensboro reported plans which would probably raise considerable sums this year. Durham promised \$1.00 per member per year, and Raleigh \$1.50 per member per year . . .

"The Nominating Committee suggested the following names:

President, Mrs. E. R. Mosher of Chapel Hill;

Vice-President, Miss Helen Garrett of Greensboro;

Secretary, Miss Sara Rowe of Durham;

Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Powell of High Point.

"The report was unanimously adopted.

"The Resolutions Committee suggested endorsement of the eight months school term, expressed thanks to Greensboro Branch for arrangements for the meeting and for prospective tea, and gratitude to the retiring officers. These suggestions were unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned.

"Registration by Branches was as follows: Chapel Hill 9, Charlotte 3, Durham 2, Greensboro 20, High Point 4, Raleigh 2, Winston-Salem 4, Visitors 2, total 46. Asheville and Statesville were not represented."

Signed—E. Catherine Wright, Secretary.

CHAPTER V—THE THIRD YEAR—1929-30

We find from the minutes of the state meeting held in Charlotte February 7-8, 1930, and written by Secretary Sara Rowe of Durham, that Mrs. E. R. Mosher of Chapel Hill, state president, pointed out the weaknesses and the strong points of the branches she had observed through visits and from their reports.

We quote the following from the minutes of Miss Rowe:

"Mrs. Mosher said she thought that all the branches in the state ought to adhere to the big project of national and international fellowships. Her challenge to every officer was first to read the proceedings of the last National Convention; second, to read the Journal for the past two years; third, to read the material sent in from headquarters; fourth, to know who the national officers are and their policies . . .

"The ten branches of the state were all represented at the meeting and a five-minute report was given by a delegate from each branch . . .

"Miss Catherine Allen gave a fifteen minute report of her visit to the Geneva Conference. Miss Allen said the 1929 meeting was the most international of all the conventions that she had attended. Thirty-five countries were represented. The language question was a heated one. French, English, and German were the languages spoken by the greatest number. It was finally decided that each could speak in her native tongue but she must have an interpreter.

"Miss Allen thinks that European women are in advance of American women in entering professions that men have been active in for years. Representatives of the League of Nations and the International Bureau of Labor spoke at the Conference and visits were made by the delegates to each of these organizations. The climax to Miss Allen's speech was her emphasis on the Million Dollar Fellowship Fund, telling as she did, most interesting stories

of a better understanding of nations coming about through women holding fellowships in foreign countries . . .

"During lunch, Mrs. B. B. Swift spoke for a few minutes on the bills concerning child labor in North Carolina, which are coming up before the Legislature in 1931. Mrs. Mosher then introduced Mrs. Harvey W. Harmer, Director of the South Atlantic Section.

"Mrs. Harmer's subject was the Million Dollar Fellowship Fund. She brought out the fact that investment in a fellowship was a much surer one in its return than investment in a scholarship, for women applying for fellowships in graduate work are those who already have proved their worth . . .

"Mrs. Harmer wanted the money to be a free will offering from university women. For convenience, she suggested that the South Atlantic Section, which has 30 branches, assume the sum of \$30,000.00.

"At the conclusion of the luncheon address, Mrs. White, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the names of Mrs. Francis Clarkson for vice-president, and Miss Maurine Bledsoe for treasurer. The report was unanimously adopted . . ."

Branch representation was reported as follows:

Asheville 4, Chapel Hill 9, Charlotte 11, Durham 3, Greensboro 4, Greenville 4 (new), High Point 5, Raleigh 2, Statesville 6, Winston-Salem 4.

It was noted in the minutes of this convention that attention was called to Article VIII, Section 2, of the by-laws which reads: "At the first regular meeting of the State Division the president and secretary shall be elected for a term of two years, and the vice-president and treasurer for one year. Thereafter the officers shall be elected regularly for a term of two years". This then established the custom of staggering officers to prevent an entire new slate in any one year.

CHAPTER VI—FIRST BOARD MEETING 1930

The first Executive Board Meeting was held in the home of Mrs. E. R. Mosher, Chapel Hill, November 15, 1930. The minutes say that the Board met "for the purpose of outlining the work for the year, defining the policies for the year, and suggesting means of procedure in accomplishing results."

These minutes also state: "The date of the State Convention was fixed as April 24-25, 1931, and the meeting place as Durham."

State Dues Increased at the Convention of 1931.

When the Executive Board met on the first day of the Convention it agreed to "recommend to the Association a per capita fee of twenty-five cents instead of ten cents as now provided in the constitution. This change is recommended in order to meet the increased expenditure necessary to the needs of the growing association that it may keep up with the activities recommended by the national AAUW and the local opportunities to serve."

The minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the State Division held in Durham, April 24-25, 1931, explain that, "The theme of the president's message was better state organization. In reviewing the four years' work, she said that the first two years were given to organization and articulation with sectional and national units; that the third year was spent strengthening the branches and launching the Fellowship drive; and that the fourth year was devoted to making the state organization more effective."

From these and preceding minutes we find that Miss Alice Baldwin of Duke University had helped to launch the State Division on the project of Vocational Guidance for girls in secondary and college preparatory schools, which as a common interest had served to unify the branches.

In this meeting the state president suggested the creation of a State Board of Directors to consist of the branch presidents together with the general state officers to meet each fall.

It was reported that the following delegates had attended the fiftieth anniversary of the AAUW in Boston: Dr. Alice E. Baldwin, Durham; Mrs. Clyde Milner, Greensboro; Miss Catherine Allen, Raleigh; Miss Dorothy Knox, Winston-Salem; and Miss Sara Rowe of Durham and Boston.

Dr. Kathryn McHale, national executive secretary commented on the progress made by the N. C. Division under Mrs. Mosher's leadership and stated that, "Among presidents of state associations she not only measures up, but stands without a peer."

There was much discussion in this meeting of the need for vocational guidance.

Various delegates reported on progress made in assisting girls in certain localities.

Luncheon speaker was Prof. Winfred Cullis, president of the International Federation of University Women, head of the Department of Physiology of the Woman's Medical College, University of London, England.

Mrs. Mosher was elected president for a third year and Mar-

guerite Herr who had filled out the unexpired term of Sara Rowe was renamed as secretary.

CHAPTER VII—THE YEARS 1931-33

The second Executive Board Meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 24, 1931, in High Point. The state president urged that all branches get better acquainted with the national organization and that facts in the Bulletin be brought to the attention of the clubs at each meeting.

Winston-Salem was decided upon as the place of meeting for the State Convention, April, 1932.

Quotation from minutes: "The president recommended that all branches get a copy of the survey of college curricula made by the Durham branch to help girls find a college best adapted to their needs."

1932—The State Convention of April 15-16, 1932, held at The Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, was opened by a meeting of the Board of Directors which revealed the following in regard to membership and attendance of the local branches:

Study clubs aroused interest and increased attendance for Asheville.

High Point had begun the year with a banquet to which all college women in the city had been invited.

Durham had added 50 new members through outstanding programs.

Charlotte had created interest by presenting a lecture course by Miss Harriet Elliott of Woman's College, Greensboro, and by sponsoring a library school and the distribution of library books.

Chapel Hill through varied programs had been able to hold remarkable attendance.

The Raleigh branch had raised its membership and attendance through a drama study group and a program on national and international problems.

The branches reported various ways of raising money for the Fellowship Fund, but they *got the cash*.

Plans were laid for the next meeting of the Board of Directors in Greensboro in the fall and the annual Convention to meet in Raleigh the next spring.

The Elon branch, the newest branch, was recognized and welcomed by the state president in the general session of April 16, 1932. This later became the Alamance branch.

Mrs. Mosher stated that the Board of Directors' Meeting held

the previous fall was the "most profitable activity" of her experience in office.

During this meeting, according to the minutes read by Miss Herr, "Miss Alice Meserve, Professor of Language at Peace Institute, Raleigh, read the history of the AAUW in N. C. which was most interestingly compiled from branch reports and was a real contribution to state records." (But where are these records now? They were not found in the official files.)

Registration showed 116 delegates present, representing 42 colleges.

Guest speakers for the banquet were Miss Mary Kiver, a Chinese student at the University of North Carolina, who spoke on "Higher Education of Women in China"; and Dr. J. Fred Rippy of Duke University, who discussed the question, "What Interest has the United States in the present difficulties in China and Japan?"

Board Meeting 1932.

The annual Board of Directors Meeting was held at Guilford College, November 5, 1932, with Mrs. Clyde Milner of the Greensboro branch as hostess.

Mrs. Mosher had recently left the State, and so Miss Alice Meserve, Vice President presided. In the absence of Miss Marguerite Herr, secretary, Mrs. W. N. Hicks served as secretary pro-tem.

The treasurer, Miss Maurine Bledsoe, reported a satisfactory balance as of July 2, 1932.

Miss Meserve was elected president to succeed Mrs. Mosher.

Branch presidents reported for Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Greensboro, Greenville, High Point, Winston-Salem. There were no reports from Asheville, Charlotte, Elon, and Statesville.

The Fellowship Fund chairman, Miss Florence Schaeffer, reported that contributions had dropped more than fifty percent from the year before.

Convention 1933.

The Convention opened as usual with an Executive Board Meeting at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh April 21, 1933. The Board proposed the publication of an official state bulletin for the fall of 1933, this bulletin to contain a list of state and local officers and committee chairmen. The Board recommended that this proposal be presented to the delegates in the convention proper, together with the resolution that a second bulletin containing a list of publications by members of the AAUW, also be published for distribution.

In regular session next day, both resolutions were approved.

The Executive Board members were guests of Miss Ellen Brewer, home economics teacher of Meredith College, and her students, at a luncheon served in the college dining hall.

Miss Alice Meserve, President, presided over the meetings.

The motion, "That branch constitutions be amended to allow the election of officers before the state meeting in the spring", was passed.

Appearing as a special speaker was Miss Catherine Allen, first state president, who had been The North Carolina delegate to the International Federation of University Women in Edinburgh, Scotland, the preceding year.

The convention voted to name the \$30,000 Fellowship Fund of the South Atlantic Section, the "Elizabeth Avery Colton Fellowship" in honor of Miss Colton then teaching at Meredith College.

Invitation of the Asheville branch was accepted for the 1934 convention and of the Greenville branch for the annual Board meeting in the fall of 1933.

Mrs. Clyde Milner of Guilford College, member of the Greensboro branch, was elected president and Mrs. Edwin P. Davidson, of Charlotte was elected secretary.

CHAPTER VIII—HIGHLIGHTS OF 1933-35

The annual Board meeting was held at East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, October 14, 1933.

In this meeting, a motion was passed "that the State Division join the Federated Council of Women's Clubs, an organization representing the majority of women's clubs and constituting a women's legislative committee to further legislation favorable to women and children", with annual dues of \$10.00.

Miss Florence Schaeffer, Fellowship Chairman, reported that the total contribution of the state branches to the fellowship fund up to May, 1933 amounted to \$2002.77.

A revision of the State Division By-Laws, incorporating a uniform method of electing branch officers was submitted to the Board with the request that this be sent to the branches for approval.

The Board voted to make Miss Catherine Allen an honorary member of the Board of Directors "in recognition of the work she has done in forwarding a State Division."

Again there was talk of the state-wide vocational survey, but funds were not available, it seemed, to push this forward. Atten-

tion was given to adult education and branches were instructed to endeavor to get a member on every city council to work toward the elimination of illiteracy.

Attention was also given to the status of schools as a result of recent legislative action drastically reducing the school budget and removing all local taxes for schools.

1934.

The State Convention was held in Asheville at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, April 20-21, 1934. Mrs. Milner presided throughout the sessions. Preceding the general sessions The Executive Board held its annual business meeting.

That finances were getting in better shape was shown by the Treasurer's report of a very favorable balance.

Fellowship contributions had amounted to \$170.91 for 1933-34 with a grand total of \$2212.88 contributed to date.

Membership chairman, Miss Elizabeth Anderson of Durham, reported 433 members for 1933-34, and 463 the previous year, with the High Point branch inactive. She also reported that a permanent card index file of women eligible for membership, living in N. C. had been made up, to which will be added new names and information as obtained. Sixteen southern and eastern colleges had been approached for alumnae lists.

During the business session a favorable report was given on the proposed changes in the by-laws and these changes were adopted as proposed in the fall meeting of the Executive Board.

Miss Jeannette Kelly, Vice-President of the South Atlantic Region, was present and advised the convention in several important matters, noteworthy among which was her warning that the national by-laws require the outgoing branch presidents to see that new officers are listed with National Headquarters, with the Regional Director, and with the State President.

The convention voted \$10.00 this year (thus doubling the amount voted the year before) to the prize fund of the State Art Society in its contest for school children.

Other highlights reported included these items:

1. Various branches had assisted in night school work.
2. A guidance program for elementary and secondary school students was being worked out with the Guidance Department of State College.
3. The branches had distributed 4500 questionnaires designed to obtain opinions from principals, teachers, and parents as to the effect of recent legislation on our public schools,—the data from

these questionnaires to be compiled and used as a basis for formulating new curricula and policies, and for publicity to bring pressure on the next legislature. (This was the year of the great school cut from \$42,000,000 to \$16,000,000.)

4. The Winston-Salem branch had already compiled much of its local data and had presented this to the school board who had given it serious attention.

5. A report was approved and accepted from Dr. Elizabeth Blair of Queens-Chicora College, and member of the State Committee on Curricula, recommending that we put more emphasis upon the raising and maintaining of the standards of higher education for women.

6. In order to use up part of that huge balance in the treasury, it was decided to prepare and publish a biographical pamphlet on Elizabeth Avery Colton.

7. The Secretary was requested to find out from national headquarters about having some state letter-head stationery printed for the use of officers and chairmen. (And so after seven years the State Division was getting rich enough to pay for some letter-head stationery! Evidently all correspondence prior to this had been on the individual's own note paper.)

8. A committee was appointed to report in the fall on the desirability of issuing a state bulletin for information of the branches.

9. Registration showed 23 delegates and 41 visitors representing 42 colleges located in 17 states and four foreign countries. *Board Meeting 1934.*

At the Board meeting held in Winston-Salem, Saturday, October 27, 1934, Mrs. Milner presided.

The Board decided to have a "reasonable amount of stationery printed.

Mrs. Ivan D. Jones was appointed to work with Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, who had been previously appointed on the project of compiling the pamphlet on the life and work of Elizabeth Avery Colton.

The matter of paying an increased fee (\$25.00 instead of \$10.00) for membership in the State Legislative Council was left to the decision of the president, secretary and treasurer.

State Bulletin Becomes a Reality.

The Board decided to issue two bulletins yearly, one for the fall and one for the spring with the publicity chairman in charge of publication.

1935.

The Board meeting with nine branch presidents in attendance, opened the annual Convention in Chapel Hill April 26-27, 1935.

All state chairmen made interesting reports, among which we note that membership was 467, (larger by *one* than any year preceding) with a goal of 500 set for 1935-36. Five branches reported increases, and Durham stepped up from 53 to 81 while three branches had suffered losses.

Fellowship contributions for the year were \$446.00 compared with \$187.00 the previous year. Raleigh alone had raised \$210.00 for the fund. Total contributions to date amounted to \$2674.97.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Wingate Johnson, publicity chairman, who had issued the State Bulletin in January, (planned as a fall edition), there was no bulletin issued during the spring.

Mrs. Ivan Jones reported the issuance of the Elizabeth Avery Colton pamphlet and its distribution to every branch in the South Atlantic Section, to national officers, and to certain persons who had given generously to the Fellowship Fund.

Again \$5.00 was voted to aid the state art contest.

The Board instructed Mrs. Ivan Jones to send a telegram to legislators of the counties having AAUW branches, asking that \$22,000,000.00 be the minimum appropriation for schools for 1935-36.

The slate of officers nominated included the names of Elizabeth Anderson for president, Mrs. B. Y. Tyner for Vice-President, and Mrs. G. T. Schwenning for Secretary. These were unanimously elected.

CHAPTER IX—FURTHER PROGRESS—1935-39

Miss Anderson presided over the fall meeting of the Board of Directors at Duke University, November 9, 1935.

Dr. Lucille Delano, Fellowship Chairman, reported N. C. as tenth among 41 states contributing to the fund, although only eight of the ten branches had made contributions.

In this meeting nine branch presidents made excellent reports of their work and various state chairmen also had splendid reports.

In this as well as in several previous meetings the matter of getting the University of North Carolina on the approved list was discussed but the application for admission had still not been accepted.

In this meeting it was agreed that the Executive Committee (more often called The Executive Board) and the Board of Directors should be more carefully defined in the by-laws, and so

a motion was approved to submit the proposed changes to the branches.

The Executive Committee had been defined by National as consisting of the "state officers, chairmen of standing committees and the retiring president", but in North Carolina this committee had also included branch presidents.

The change would limit the Executive Committee to state officers only, but the Board of Directors would include the state officers, chairman of standing committees, the branch presidents, and the retiring state president.

It was also recommended that Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution which reads, "The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year", be changed to read: "The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year to arrange for the carrying out by the branches of the state and national programs"; and a new section be added to read, "The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president".

1936.

The annual convention of 1936 was held at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro April 17-18 with Miss Anderson presiding. As usual the Board of Directors met on Friday with an evening banquet, with the business session on Saturday followed by the annual luncheon.

The Board endorsed a resolution on emergency education which included a request for the state's re-instatement of nursery schools, and for permanent provision for these and for adult education classes, to be presented to the Legislature of 1937.

It was decided that the State Division would not be a member of the State Legislative Council this year, and that a committee be appointed to investigate the Council and report findings.

From the minutes we find that this meeting was much concerned with means of attracting more members. Branch reports were not presented since they had already been printed in the Bulletin.

The Chapel Hill branch reported that the formal application of the University of North Carolina for admission to the approved list of colleges had been sent to national headquarters.

Mrs. B. Y. Tyner was elected vice-president and Mrs. Luigi Zande was elected treasurer.

The meeting adjourned with plans to have the State Board of Directors meet in the fall at Burlington, and the convention to meet in Charlotte in the spring.

1936-37.

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Alamance Hotel in Burlington, October 24, 1936 with Miss Anderson presiding.

The report on re-joining the Legislative Council was so inconclusive that a motion was approved to "defer action" on rejoining until further information on its activities might be obtained.

The State Convention was held in Charlotte April 16-17 with Miss Anderson presiding. The Board of Directors met on the 16th at Hotel Charlotte.

Membership report revealed that the Statesville club had disbanded.

The Legislative report showed that the AAUW in North Carolina had concerned itself exclusively with state legislation, and had sponsored increased expenditures for schools and bigger appropriations for libraries.

Fellowship chairman reported 100% branch participation in the South Atlantic Fellowship Fund, and that the 1936 contribution was the largest since 1929.

Again the Bulletin was reported as a means of publicising branch reports, and a motion was approved that in the future the reading of branch reports in full be omitted at the Saturday morning business session.

Membership chairman reported Statesville and High Point still inactive, but that High Point would be reorganized for the coming year. Membership for the state had reached 513 with a goal of 10% increase for the next year.

Mrs. C. T. Wanzer of Charlotte was elected president and Mrs. G. T. Schmenning of Chapel Hill was re-elected secretary.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Raleigh in the fall and in Durham for the spring.

1937-38.

The autumn meeting with Mrs. Wanzer presiding, was held at the Woman's Club in Raleigh, with 37 members present.

Mrs. Wanzer pointed out the work of the AAUW in starting movements and then passing on to still greater work. For example, the AAUW initiated literacy classes, now a government activity; it had pioneered in the prevention and cure of juvenile delinquency which work has now been taken over by other agencies and organizations; that our drama groups had developed into the "little theater" movement; that the AAUW was a "selfstarter, pioneering and initiating, but willingly turning over the tasks to others to carry on."

It was in this meeting that the State Division became concerned about an Arts chairman. Heretofore the standing committees had not included the arts.

The membership chairman reported a gain of 28 members in spite of the loss of High Point and Statesville.

The time was ripe to stimulate thinking, and the president's message as well as the reports from chairman of state committees and from the branch presidents, seemed to be perhaps a little more definite with objectives more clearly defined than in some of the preceding years.

The minutes of this meeting constitute a vital part of our history. Certainly if the record as set forth isn't absolutely typical, it is a splendid example of a stimulating meeting. Mrs. Schwenning's report is a credit to the North Carolina Division.

Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, Vice-President of the South Atlantic Section was present and discussed the legislative program and the legislative functions of the AAUW. She warned of the danger of dissipating our strength by going into the legislative field instead of confining our efforts more largely to education.

In this meeting Mrs. E. B. Hunter of Charlotte, state publicity chairman, discussed the matter of a printed bulletin. (The bulletin had been mimeographed heretofore.) The Board authorized the publication of a four-page printed bulletin to be issued twice a year.

State Convention 1938.

The State Meeting was held at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham April 29-30, 1938.

Fellowship Fund contributions were reported from every branch, with a total of \$542.02 collected. Dr. Delano, Fellowship chairman, reported that the South Atlantic Section had already raised \$25,000.00 of the requested \$30,000.00 to endow a sectional Fellowship.

Durham reported the opening of a nursery school sponsored and supported by the local branch, and also reported a drama group.

Under the stimulus of the Education Chairman, Mrs. Rosenthal, the Division laid plans for a survey of the high school curriculum to find out how schools are meeting or failing to meet the needs of pupils, through questionnaires and a study of the records of high school graduates for the past five years, classified under the three topics: (1) Those in colleges outside of N. C., (2) those in colleges within the state, (3) those not in college.

This project was to be undertaken as a fact-finding one only.

Charlotte reported the maintenance of a day-nursery for white children and plans for the establishment of one for Negro children for the next year.

Greensboro branch had for some time been conducting a toyerie but felt that now the educational work had been done the project could be turned over to another organization. They had brought one play, *The River*, to a Greensboro theater.

Greenville reported the putting on of displays of play equipment in cooperation with a local store, and the sponsoring of a highly educational contest in home-made play equipment for young children. The Winston-Salem branch had cooperated with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in putting on a drive to get votes for a new public library.

Western North Carolina Branch (Asheville) reported an art exhibit and an art lecture featuring Renoir's paintings. Interest created by this had led to a second exhibit, with an entrance fee of fifteen cents to help raise money for the Fellowship Fund.

Membership report showed 535 members with an expected additional 48 from proposed new branches. High Point branch had been revived, and invited the Board of Directors to meet there for the fall meeting.

Mrs. Charles Milner was elected vice-president and Miss Alma Wyche of Durham, treasurer.

Chief speaker was Dr. Harriet Elliott of Woman's College who discussed the perplexities of the AAUW's legislative program, and gave much food for thought as to where we should begin and end when it comes to promoting certain legislation. She pointed out that the "machinery for lobbying is the State Legislative Council, and the state legislative chairman for the AAUW should be a member of this council, for branch resolutions through this representative can be translated into action."

The meeting went on record as opposed to any attempt to militarize boys of high school age; approved the state's proposed plan for a twelve-year public school program; endorsed the four point program of the N. C. Education Association for: (1) retirement plan for teachers and tenure guaranteed after a probationary period; (2) the strengthening of certification laws and recognition for the master's degree; (3) the allotment of teachers based on enrollment, and a reduction of the teacher load by ten per cent; (4) the appointment by the State Department of Public Instruction of a Physical Education Director to coordinate the work in the public schools.

Resolutions were passed to encourage nursery schools, kindergartens and special classes for ungraded and atypical pupils; to support the State Board of Health in its fight against venereal disease.

1938-39.

The autumn meeting of the Board of Directors held in High Point October 1, 1938, was characterized by a large gathering with emphasis on plans for the legislative campaign to be waged in favor of more money for schools.

The membership chairman reported 553 members with hopes for 650. She reported 30,000 women in the state eligible for membership in the Association.

The Shelby branch was recognized as a new branch.
State Convention 1939.

The State Division met in its annual convention at Duke University March 31-April 1, 1939 in connection with the Women's Symposium being held there.

Mrs. Wanzer presided and discussed in the Board Meeting the results from the use of the little booklet entitled "North Carolina's Children" which she had issued and sent to the branches as a means of checking in their own communities on the provisions for caring for children.

The meeting approved a motion to contribute \$50.00 to the expense of the Women's Symposium with permission to hear all the Symposium speakers without charge and thus save on the usual expenses of speakers.

The Nominating Committee proposed Mrs. Wanzer for reelection as president and Miss Virginia Bryan as secretary. Both were unanimously elected.

CHAPTER X—THE YEARS 1939-1941

The autumn Board of Directors meeting was held in Winston-Salem October 7, 1939 with Mrs. Wanzer presiding.

The Board voted to have all branches study "Federal Aid for free tax-supported public education, including libraries" and to study the Retirement Plan for Teachers, and also voted to provide the necessary funds for promoting the State Educational project which consisted of a questionnaire to be used in the various high schools of the state as a survey on curriculum.

February 17, 1940, the Executive Committee met in special session at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham, for the purpose of making plans for the State Convention to be held in Raleigh April 26-27.

Convention.

At the State Convention held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh April 26-27, 1940, the business session of the Executive Board was much concerned with the probable dissolution of the Winston-Salem branch.

Nominated and elected were Mrs. L. B. Tannenbaum as vice-president and Mrs. J. E. Winslow as treasurer.

The following is quoted from the minutes: "The presidents of individual branches then reported the progress and plans of each. Attention should be called to the Dramatic Arts Work of the Alamance Branch, the Clinic Work of the Greenville branch, the Fellowship report of \$126.00 from the Raleigh branch, and the Library Project and Bookmobile Drive of the Western N. C. branch." Programs had centered around 'The South' in Charlotte, 'Woman's Place' in Greensboro, 'International Problems' in Greenville and Durham."

Membership was reported as 656.

Dr. Lucille Delano, Fellowship Chairman, reported \$470.00 raised during the year and explained that the \$30,000.00 sectional fellowship was already assured and that the North Carolina State Division must decide soon if it would undertake a state fellowship or continue to help with the sectional funds.

Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, regional vice-president, appeared as general counsellor at the business meeting on Saturday morning.

Legislative report included support of the retirement and tenure plan for teachers, better enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law, the addition of the 12th grade, a nine months school term, and the allotment of teachers on an attendance rather than enrollment basis.

The study of high schools now underway was to be continued.

A vote of approval was given for rejoining the State Legislative Council. A very strong resolution endorsing Federal Aid to education was approved. Warrenton was reported as a new branch.

The Convention adjourned to meet in Asheville the next spring. The Board of Directors accepted Burlington's invitation to meet there in the fall.

1940-41.

Special guest speaker at the Board meeting held in Burlington, October 5, 1940, was Mrs. Harriett Houdlette of the national headquarters staff.

The chairman of social studies distributed a booklet on educational findings issued by the Chapel Hill branch as a state project.

Mrs. Wanzer proposed three questions for consideration for the year as follows:

1. How may we guard against unwise school economy under the guise of emergency?
2. How can we protect the consumer against profiteering?
3. Must we sacrifice individualism and independence to meet this emergency?

The Asheville branch reported that a check for \$1000.00 had been sent to National Headquarters for use in the program of war relief abroad.

The annual Convention met in Asheville April 25-26, 1941.

Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter of Charlotte, publicity chairman, was instructed to have the booklet, "Our North Carolina Children" revised and reprinted and distributed to branches.

In the business meeting on Saturday all branches were represented with a total of 37 delegates. Membership was reported as 730.

Excellent branch reports included Asheville's Refugee Shop which had cleared more than \$2000.00; Alamance's sending six underprivileged girls to camp for two weeks from money cleared on Clare Tree Major productions presented during the past two years as a dramatic arts contribution to Burlington school children; Charlotte's survey of 5000 women in the national project of finding abilities of women for war work; Chapel Hill's addition of \$900 to their continuing loan fund project for women students at the University of North Carolina; Durham's work with the social agencies in Durham, and emphasis on interior decoration with displays in an uptown furniture store; Greenville's presentation of the Clare Tree Major Children's Theater; High Point's work with Girl Scouts; Shelby's cooperation with the men's civic clubs in providing high school band uniforms and public playground.

Reidsville, one of the youngest branches, reported entertaining the girls of the high school graduating class and giving them information on the AAUW.

Richard Tewkesbury, refugee explorer and school teacher, was chief speaker at the banquet. Dr. Katherine Gallagher of the Headquarters staff was luncheon speaker.

Legislative Council membership was again given approval and approval was also given to the Council's program which included raising the compulsory school law from 14 to 16 years, state supported nine months school term, a uniform work week for

women of 48 hours instead of the present 55-hour schedule, establishment of a training school for delinquent Negro girls, providing institutional care and treatment of mentally ill and defective children of both races.

International Relations chairman reported that National had sent more than \$20,000.00 as aid to foreign countries devastated by war.

The group agreed to continue to send its Fellowship collections to the Sectional fund rather than establish a state fund.

Mrs. Clarence Blackstock of Asheville was elected president, Mrs. Fred Terrell of Raleigh, vice-president, and Miss Nora Raysor of Asheville, secretary.

CHAPTER XI

WAR COMES—A.A.U.W. CARRIES ON—1941-45

The Chapel Hill branch entertained the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, September 27, 1941 with the new state president, Mrs. Blackstock, presiding. All branches except Shelby had representatives.

Consumer problems were reported as the chief work of the Social Studies Chairman.

Plans were made to hold the spring Convention in High Point.

Dr. Franklin of the national headquarters staff was guest speaker. She pointed out the very valuable work done through the social studies program during the past five years and stressed particularly the responsibility of the AAUW in consumer studies and problems.

A letter was read from the United States Treasury Department requesting The North Carolina Division to actively cooperate in the Defense Savings Bond program. The Board approved this request.

The Convention of 1942 was held in High Point Friday and Saturday, April 17-18 with Mrs. Blackstock, president, presiding.

Highlight speaker for the banquet on Friday evening was Dr. Aase Gruda Skard, refugee from Troidheim, Norway, now living in New York, who gave a vivid talk on "Norway Today".

The question of whether or not the Bulletin could or should be continued during the war resulted in a vote to publish only one bulletin a year for the duration of the war.

Reports from branch presidents revealed that Alamance had sent one girl to camp during the preceding summer, that the theme for 1942-43 was "For Today and Tomorrow Too", and centered

on a study of the nation, that an arts exhibit had been sponsored at the library and that plans were in the making for a children's museum to be included in the proposed community building.

Asheville reported the bringing of Dr. Esther Cole Franklin from National Headquarters to speak at a mass meeting of the Consumer's Defense League of Buncombe County; that the Refugee Shop, a continuous rummage sale, had netted \$5,100.00 during the past six months;—\$3,100.00 of which had gone to headquarters in Washington for Britain; \$1000.00 to United China Relief, and \$1000.00 to the Red Cross Emergency Drive; that the branch's scholarship fund was being used by a student at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Bryson City reported getting off to a fine start with 20 members at the close of its first year. It had brought an art exhibit to the city, and had established an exchange book club with a review of one book at each meeting.

Chapel Hill reported that one of its members, Dr. Mary Claire Randolph, had been awarded a \$1500.00 international fellowship. Their art committee had arranged a weekly series of lectures on comparative art, given by a University of N. C. Professor.

Charlotte was trying study groups in cooperation with P.-T. A. and Y. W. C. A. on pertinent topics, had held a four-day conference on Future Peace, and participated in the Children's Theater program.

Durham was busy with war work in lieu of its study groups of the past, with special emphasis upon its nursery school. Dinner meetings were held monthly with interesting topics discussed by outstanding speakers.

Greensboro had increased its membership 100%, had raised \$60.00 for British relief by a bridge party, was studying national defense and had inaugurated a nutrition clinic.

Greenville had presented the E. C. T. College players in two public performances which netted a considerable sum used for various charities, broadcast two radio talks, and brought up to date a college catalog shelf in the library.

High Point had placed emphasis upon health and Inter-American solidarity as important features of national defense. While many interesting speakers had been featured, Dr. Ester De Calne of Panama City had been outstanding in two lectures,—one to which all High Point women had been invited, and one for the teen-age boys and girls.

Louisburg, which was still busy trying to get fully organized, had cooperated in the city's Victory Book Drive. With the program theme "Look to This Day", speakers had built their talks around present day interests. They had held a four-day Youth Forum for young people.

Oxford was reported as a new branch with Mrs. D. H. Hall, Jr., as president.

Reidsville had sponsored a movie on International Relations, had entertained high school girls of the senior class at a tea to acquaint them with schools and vocations, and had cooperated in the various drives and registrations for the city.

Shelby reported giving special assistance in vocational guidance, had sponsored a series of four forum talks on sex and marriage relations led by Mrs. E. R. Groves of Chapel Hill, for the high school students and women of the town. They were having all program meetings open to the public.

Total state membership was reported as 766, an increase of 11 over the preceding year, with twelve branches reporting.

The Convention voted to continue its membership in the Legislative Council and to support the council's program for the Constitutional Amendment to the changes in the state Education Board which would place authority under one Board.

Mrs. S. D. Foster, who had succeeded Mrs. E. B. Hunter as publicity chairman, distributed the spring bulletin which she had edited so well that she heard many complimentary remarks about her fine work.

Mrs. Fred Terrell was re-elected as vice-president, and Mrs. J. E. Winslow was re-elected treasurer.

The president introduced the matter of future conventions during the war period. Cancelling such meetings would mean an amendment to the constitution. It was decided to submit the necessary amendment to the branches to empower the Board of Directors to elect officers and carry on the business of the organization.

1942-43.

The Board of Directors meeting for the fall of 1942 was held October 10 in Greensboro with Mrs. C. E. Blackstock presiding. The meeting was much concerned with plans for furthering the work of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff in N. C.

The Board voted to dispense with the annual convention for 1943 and to hold two autumn meetings of the Board of Directors, one for the east and one for the west, and agreed that the presi-

dent and vice-president would share the responsibility of attending these meetings.

Louisburg branch was reported as inactive for the year.

Branch members were urged by the president to teach in the public schools if possible, since so many teachers were deserting the profession, and would be replaced by sub-standard teachers if educated women were not available for replacements.

The meeting adjourned to hold two separate meetings on October 9, 1943,—one in Charlotte and one in Raleigh. (These meetings were later dispensed with as a result of the war emergency and so the nominating committee had to do its work by mail.) Mrs. R. A. Herring and Mrs. Robert Conner, both of High Point, were duly elected by a vote of the branches by mail, and assumed office June, 1943.

1943-44

The Executive Committee in a special meeting July 6, 1943 decided that the plan of holding two Board of Directors meetings on October 9 would result in confusion in the election of officers, and the carrying out of various business activities of the organization, and that a single Board meeting would be necessary. Raleigh was decided upon as the meeting place with the date changed to October 23, 1943.

The Board of Directors met in the Woman's Club building, Raleigh, Saturday, October 23, 1943, with Mrs. R. A. Herring, president, in charge. Every branch except Shelby was represented, and six committee chairmen were present to make reports.

Membership of 661 showed a $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ loss for 1942-43.

The legislative program was outlined under four headings:

1. Compulsory school age to be raised from 14 to 16, with money allotted to enforce it.
2. Constitutional amendment to change the present state Board of Education to one with greater power and wider representation, thus doing away with various other conflicting boards that had sprung up through the years.
3. Provision for adequate care of mentally deficient children of both races.
4. Improvement of jails, with special reference to women. The Board accepted for emphasis from the national program, the Thomas Child Care Act, planning for the post-war world, and expansion of the Social Security Act.

Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, regional vice-president, who attended

the meeting, urged further work for the admission of the University of North Carolina to the approved list for membership. A committee headed by Mrs. Walter Patten of Louisburg, was appointed to work with the national board of admission to get the University approved.

Reports from the twelve branches represented proved very stimulating. Shelby was not represented. Attractive yearbooks were presented by Alamance and Bryson City branches.

Mrs. Ruth Wilson Tryon, of the National office, gave a concise report on the work of the AAUW in the present emergency.

Mrs. Fred Terrell was re-elected vice-president, and Miss Sarah Nooe treasurer for two-year terms.

With no plans for a spring Convention, the meeting adjourned to meet in Charlotte the third Saturday in October, 1944.

(Through vote of the branches during September 1944, the Board meeting scheduled for October 21 in Charlotte was cancelled at the request of Federal officials.)

Under date of July 21, 1944, the auditing committee composed of Frances Lee Cory, chairman, Mary Blair Mower and Catherine King Neese reported the treasurer's books in order and accounts correct for the years, 1942-43 and 1943-44.

(The first state auditing committee composed of Lelia Wiggs, chairman, Mrs. S. J. Everett, and Marguerite Austin had reported previously for 1940-41 and 1941-42.)

1944-45

With the autumn Board meeting cancelled, the president, Mrs. R. A. Herring, had to resort to the mails for instructions to and information from the branches.

Through the mails a nominating committee was named in September 1944, to select a state president and a secretary for the next two years.

Also by mail, Mrs. Herring quoted to branches messages from Dr. Katherine McHale, and from Mrs. Ruth Wilson Tryon, congratulating the North Carolina division on its ability to hold the line even without meetings, and on its 100% contributions to the Fellowship fund.

April 7, 1945, the Board of Directors met in Chapel Hill for its first meeting since October 23, 1943. Records and notes of the Executive Board's meetings by mail during 1944 were approved along with the minutes of the last meeting which had been held in Raleigh, 1943.

Mrs. R. A. Herring was re-elected president, and Mrs. Blake Thompson was elected secretary.

A nominating committee was named to present a slate for vice-president and treasurer at the Board of Directors workshop meeting to be held during the fall.

Mrs. Walter Patten, chairman of the Standards Committee, reported progress in the work of getting the U.N.C. approved.

Mrs. Thompson reported that general publicity would be covered through the Bulletins which would be sent out to all branches. Committee reports were noteworthy in that they showed all the branches active in the various fields of National.

The legislative program included: 1. Adequate provision for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law through the Department of Public Instruction; 2. Provision for modernizing the jail system and bringing it up to minimum standards, more adequate provision for medical care and hospitalization including provision for financing cancer control clinics set up under the State Board of Health; 3. Minimum wage and hour law.

Eleven branch presidents reported, with Bryson City not represented. These reports were unusually satisfying in their wide coverage of work.

A *Workshop or State Board meeting* was held in High Point, October 20, 1945, with Mrs. Herring presiding. Plans for a spring Convention, the first since 1942, were worked out with Durham as the place; and the time dependent upon the date Dr. Gillie Larew, regional vice-president, could arrange to be present.

Mrs. Walter Patten and her committee were given recognition for their work in finally getting U. N. C. approved by the National Board of Standards, thus at last making A.B. graduates of the University eligible to membership in the AAUW.

Thomasville branch, just newly organized, was given an official welcome.

The nominating committee's report of Mrs. J. W. Moore of Asheville for vice-president and the re-election of Miss Sarah Nooe for treasurer received a unanimous vote of approval.

CHAPTER XII—RETURN TO NORMALCY

THE 1946 CONVENTION

April 12-13, 1946 marked a high light for the North Carolina State Division of the AAUW, for on these dates Mrs. R. A. Herring presided over the long awaited convention in Durham, a two-day session marked with a luncheon on Friday with Mrs.

A. H. Gilbert speaker, a brilliant banquet Friday evening with Dr. Catherine Jeffers of the hostess branch presiding, and Dr. Meta Glass as speaker. Dr. Helen Hosp of the national headquarters staff, and Rosamunde Wimberly, State President for South Carolina, were special guests.

At the Saturday luncheon, Dr. Gillie Larew, regional vice-president, was the featured speaker on the topic, "What Is It Thou Hast in Thy Hand?"

The proposed changes in the by-laws were read and approved by a large majority vote. These changes were as follows: Article X, to allow the branches *two* delegates for each 25 members; Article XII, Section 2, to make annual state dues 50 cents per member based on the current year's membership; and Section 3, that dues must be paid by December 1.

On Friday morning a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Walter Patten of Louisburg, Mrs. Roy Palmer of Charlotte, and Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. of Greensboro, was instructed to present at the fall Board meeting a slate for president and secretary. Each branch was urged to make recommendations to Mrs. Patten for these two offices.

All branches had contributed to the Fellowship fund with a total of \$519.00, a gain of \$110.11 over the previous year's \$408.89 collection. Charlotte showed the largest contribution.

Membership was reported as 874. Alamance, Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Greenville, High Point, Oxford, Raleigh, Shelby, and Thomasville branch presidents gave illuminating oral reports.

1946-47.

The minutes for October 26, 1946, report that the Board of Directors met in Burlington on that date with Mrs. R. A. Herring presiding.

Special guest speaker was Judge Lucy B. Haworth of Washington who discussed in a highly illuminating way, "Effective Citizenship". Dr. Blumenthal, member of the Secretariat of the League of Nations at Geneva, and now a member of the faculty of Louisburg College, was recognized as a special guest.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Mrs. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville as president, and Mrs. D. S. Spain, also of Greenville as secretary. Miss Catherine Sherrill of Charlotte was nominated for president from the floor.

Branch chairmen were given post cards to be used to record branch votes on officers. The president explained that the slate

was being presented for Branch approval and possible instruction of further delegates whose actual votes would not be counted until the spring Convention.

Routine business and committee reports closed the days' sessions.

State Convention—Charlotte, March 21-22, 1947.

The Charlotte Branch had planned wisely for the convention which was well attended. The theme "We Look To The Future" was well developed. Twelve branches were represented in the program presided over by Mrs. R. A. Herring. The minutes of this meeting show that it was one of the most significant programs ever presented. From first to last the meeting was filled with important doings and topped with the many courtesies of the hostess branch. The minutes should be presented in full, for Mrs. Thompson's record is very complete, but space will allow only brief notes from the minutes.

Mrs. Herring discussed and clarified during the Board meeting several controversial points including elections, two-year, office tenure, date for payment of dues, the voting privileges of associate members, the status of instructed and uninstructed delegates, and that two Board meetings and one Convention per year are required of the State Division.

Membership for 1946-47 was reported by Mrs. J. W. Moore as 917 for the year.

A committee composed of Miss Carrie B. Wilson, Dr. Lucille Delano and Mrs. S. D. Foster was appointed to send a telegram of greeting to Miss Catherine Allen, first president of the North Carolina Division. The group stood to honor Miss Allen.

Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. presented the nominating committee's slate of officers: Mrs. Robert Lee Humber, president; and Mrs. D. S. Spain, secretary, both of the Greenville branch. A unanimous vote of approval resulted since there were no nominations from the floor.

Report on International Relations was given by Mrs. H. A. White in the absence of Dr. Ellen Winston, committee chairman. This showed an unusual interest in and study of international situations and many fine programs.

Special work of the branches which cannot be reported here gave much information. Outstanding were the reports of special study groups and lectures on international relations, with each branch reporting some emphasis on this phase of the work. Shelby has sponsored the World Peace contest in 14 county schools.

Miss Mary Cobb, president of the Chapel Hill branch, reported

for Mrs. Fred Terrell, Fellowship chairman, showing total contributions to the Fellowship fund in the amount of \$688.25, with Asheville sending in addition to its regular contribution, the sum of \$500.00 to National Headquarters as a gift from the branch's Refugee Shop for Reconstruction Aid in Europe.

Charlotte reported plans to send a contribution for Reconstruction Aid and Shelby and Oxford reported gifts already sent to bring the total to \$1,198.25 representing one hundred percent branch participation.

Mrs. S. D. Foster, Publicity chairman, had sponsored a branch scrapbook contest carrying a \$5.00 award. This was won by the Asheville branch with honorable mention given to the publicity displays of Alamance, Charlotte, and Greensboro.

Miss Noma Hardin, Greensboro, and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Asheville, were appointed as delegates to the National Convention to be held in Dallas during the summer.

The nominating committee, with Miss Selma Webb of Shelby as chairman, presented Mrs. J. W. Moore for vice-president, and Mrs. Edwin Ford of Shelby for treasurer. They were unanimously elected.

The legislative committee's report, with Miss Flossie Marshbanks of Raleigh as chairman, included the following outstanding achievements in regard to measures sponsored by the AAUW for legislative enactment during the 1947 Legislature:

1. Passage of the bill providing for special educational classes;
2. Increase in appropriations for expanded facilities for the care and treatment of feeble-minded children of both races.

Recommended to the Legislature but not yet acted upon, were bills carrying provisions for modernizing the jail systems, for setting up a minimum wage and maximum hour standard, and provision for more adequate medical service and increased hospital facilities.

Miss Noma Hardin, State Arts Chairman, submitted a written report showing that only ten branches had reported an arts program with studies in architecture, drama, dance, music, literature, painting, design, and sculpture, promoted during the year. Twelve lectures, eleven exhibits, three workshops, and four study groups in art were also reported.

Miss Hardin's evaluation of the program indicated there seemed to be too little experiencing in the arts, and expressed the hope that while appreciation is a commendable feature, more active participation was to be desired.

Since the reports of the Recent Graduates Committee and that of the Committee on Economic and Legal Status of Women are given elsewhere no excerpts from these are included here.

Dr. Lucille Delano in reporting as State Education Committee chairman, stated that most of the branches had been concerned with the fight for an increase in teachers' salaries, and added that the AAUW can certainly claim credit for a part of what has been accomplished for education in North Carolina during recent years, and that we must continue the fight for the improvement of the State's schools.

Important features of the Resolutions Committee included resolutions which were approved as follows: (1) The North Carolina State Division of the AAUW expresses its deep and urgent concern for the status of the American teacher and for the future of the teaching profession; (2) endorses Federal Aid to education without Federal control of funds; (3) recommends that local branches petition their school authorities to provide for kindergarten advantages and to cooperate with local boards in this undertaking looking toward a public financing of the project; (4) supports the recommendations of the State Medical Care Commission for (a) an increase in the number of hospitals and health centers in the state with adequate staffs to service them, and (b) that health insurance be made available to a greater number of the citizens of the state.

A lively discussion centered around Miss Marion Townsend's plea that branches encourage women to apply for fellowships for the study of practical politics.

Social features of the Charlotte convention included a tea by the hostess branch at Mint Museum, attractive gifts presented to guests at the Friday evening banquet at the Hotel Charlotte with Mrs. W. W. Petersen, president of the Charlotte branch, presiding; a coffee hour with Queen's College as hostess on Saturday morning preceding the business session, and the annual luncheon at Hotel Charlotte at 1:00 P.M.

Special guest speakers were Dr. George G. Kabat of the United States Office of Education, Mrs. Charles W. Tillett of Washington, and Dr. George M. Cooper of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

THE GREENVILLE WORKSHOP—October 25, 1947

The Board of Directors met for the annual fall meeting in a very profitable workshop at East Carolina Teacher's College, Saturday, October 25, 1947 with the Greenville branch as hostess

to the more than fifty representatives from eleven branches.

Mrs. Robert Lee Humber, new president, got the meeting off to a good start by presenting a number of problems confronting the State Division. She urged support of U.N.E.S.C.O. and the study of international relations. She gave as the theme for the year, "We Earn The Future".

New State Committee Chairmen were announced as follows: Bulletin Editor and Publicity, Mrs. S. D. Foster, Asheville; Creative Arts, Noma Hardin, Greensboro; Economic and Legal Status of Women, Mrs. Mary Green Matthews, High Point; Education, Mrs. Thomas W. Sharpe, Charlotte; Fellowship, Mrs. Fred Terrell, Raleigh; Historian, Carrie B. Wilson, Burlington; International Relations, Mrs. J. Allen Hunter, Elon College; Legislative, Flossie Marshbanks, Raleigh; Membership, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Asheville; Radio, Miss Mamie Jenkins, Greenville; Recent Graduates, Mrs. Reginald Kepler, Durham; Social Studies, Mrs. Clyde A. Milner, Guilford College; Standards, Mrs. R. A. McCuiston, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Ralph Howland, Cary; Flossie Marshbanks, Raleigh; Dr. Alice B. Keith, of Meredith College, Raleigh, and Mrs. Robert Lee Humber were named as delegates to the meeting of the State Legislative Council in Raleigh, November 19, 1947.

Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. of Greensboro, after announcing the O'Henry Hotel, Greensboro, as the place of the 1948 Convention extended a cordial invitation to the branches to send a large delegation to the meeting in April.

Mrs. Carl Plonk of Asheville announced that the South Atlantic Regional meeting would be held in Asheville, July 1-3, 1948 and that her branch desired to have a large North Carolina delegation attend the sessions at Grove Park Inn.

In discussing publicity, Mrs. S. D. Foster announced that the publicity award of \$5.00 was again offered for the best display of branch publicity at the State Convention.

Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. for Dr. Edna Arundell of Women's College gave a report of the latter's reactions to the International Federation Convention which she had recently attended in Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. J. W. Moore reported on her pleasant experiences as an official delegate of the State Division at the National Convention held in Dallas, Texas in July.

The State Historian was authorized to proceed with the publication of the history.

Two special long-range projects were approved after lengthy discussion. (1) A state-wide project to continue year after year is the sponsorship of the writing of county histories with a yearly award of a silver loving cup from the North Carolina Division of the AAUW; (2) A project international in scope is that of stimulating and establishing contact, especially through correspondence, between branches of the North Carolina AAUW and branches of the International Federation of University Women in foreign countries, as a gesture toward world peace and friendship. The first project falls under the direction of Mrs. Clyde A. Milner, and the second is being directed by Mrs. J. Allen Hunter.

Detailed reports from the various state committee chairmen reflected a year's purposeful work and showed the many phases of the AAUW program in the state.

The state legislative program accepted for the two-year period includes: (1) Provision for the supervision of instruction in the public schools; (2) Reduction of the teacher load; (3) An effective plan for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law; (4) Continued interest for better and more suitable education for atypical children.

Dr. Clyde A. Milner of Guilford College, as guest speaker gave a highly provocative discussion of "What Next In Higher Education", emphasizing the need to give more time and thought to the cultural and social, rather than the materialistic, as a factor in world understanding and world peace.

A busy workshop in the afternoon with committee chairmen heading the various groups completed a profitable day.

Not only were the business features of the day well planned, but the social courtesies which began on Friday evening and extended through Saturday made the Board meeting highly enjoyable. Mention should be made of the coffee hour at East Carolina Teachers College, and the luncheon at the Women's Club at which Miss Hooper, branch chairman presided and presented attractive gifts and souvenirs to the guests.

CHAPTER XIII—COMMITTEE REPORTS—1947

Reports to be included in the History were received from Maggie Lou Blackmon Barker (Mrs. W. M.) of High Point, recent arts chairman, for Noma Hardin (out of the state at the time); from Mrs. F. A. G. Cowper of Durham, Chairman of Committee on Legal and Economic Status of Women for 1945-47; from Lucy Lee Marvin (Mrs. James), Greensboro, State Chairman for Recent

Graduates; and from Dr. Katherine Jocher, Chapel Hill, Social Studies chairman. These are appended as reported except the Social Studies report which had to be briefly summarized by the Historian with certain excerpts quoted from the highly informative original. These reports follow.

Report of State Arts Chairman **April 24, 1947**

In the Fall of 1942, the Branch Art Chairmen, under the guidance of Miss Maggie Lou Blackmon, of High Point, N. C., undertook to unify the State Arts Program by sponsoring a State Wide School Art Exhibit. This project met with interest and success with Greensboro, Asheville and High Point leading in the entries. The winning entries were sent to Miss Adams, Chapel Hill, then Curator of Person Hall Art Gallery, to be used as a Circulating A.A.U.W. Exhibit.

In the year 1943, Miss Adams was elected State Arts Chairman, and it was then that the A.A.U.W. joined the Womans Club and other organizations, to sponsor a wider-fuller program of school art in the state.

In 1944 Miss Noma Hardin of the Woman's College in Greensboro picked up where Miss Adams left off. The program has grown so steadily that all the Branches in the State are called on to participate in the Spring Art Exhibits that are held in the individual cities before the winning entries are sent to Chapel Hill for the Travelling Exhibit that can be obtained by any school in N. C. or any A.A.U.W. Branch.

Asheville has reached more than 100 schools and colleges in her city-wide exhibit. She has also done much in the field of the Theatre.

High Point has made strides in her Music study.

Greensboro is next to Asheville in her individual Art Exhibit.

Mrs. Maggie Lou Blackmon Barker.

Report of State Chairman of Committee on Legal and Economic Status of Women—1945-47

Effort was made to get local branches to study the status of women and see if anything could be done by the Branches to improve it. Asked Branches to take active part in getting Constitution changed to allow women to serve on juries.

Have cooperated with National in writing members of Congress whenever it was requested. Especially asked that Woman's Bureau receive adequate support.

Signed—Mrs. F. A. G. Cowper.

Report of the Chairman of the Recent Graduates Committee—April 16, 1947

The Recent Graduates Committee is a *new* committee, instituted, I believe, by Mrs. Herring herself. At the spring convention in Durham in '46, she asked me if I would head this committee starting in the fall of that same year, which I did. So altho' most of the other chairmen of standing committees are reporting on activities of long standing, we had to start "from scratch".

A local chairman was appointed in each chapter by the president, and then I contacted each of these girls by letters and cards, asking their help and giving suggestions as to how we could best interest those women who have graduated from accredited schools and colleges within the past few years in becoming members of our organization. One local chairman wrote to me and said frankly there was no one in her chapter but school teachers who felt that they more or less had to belong, and that no one else seemed interested. That is the kind of situation we have tried to remedy by presenting our cause in its most attractive light to recent graduates.

We have taken steps to contact such girls individually, inviting them to our membership tea in the fall. We have cooperated with the Publicity Chairman in seeing that our activities are explained in the newspaper. We have written to colleges asking for lists of graduates in this vicinity, and have tried to interest our own friends in joining. Nearly every branch has reported that a few "recent graduates" have joined this year, and some have promised to join next year.

Of course, once they are a member of A.A.U.W., they should not be neglected or forgotten. All in all, this has been a very interesting job.

Signed—Lucy Lee Marvin (Mrs. James).

Social Studies Report

Note—In response to the Historian's request for Committee Chairmen's reports of the various phases of the work, Dr. Katherine Jocher, Chapel Hill, State Chairman of Social Studies submitted a comprehensive and highly informational report of her program for 1945-46 and 1946-47. While this cannot be printed in full, some of the most pertinent parts are shown below.

From the 1945-46 report we quote from Dr. Jocher:

"In preparation for the Executive Committee meeting in High Point on October 20, 1945, the local Social Studies Chairmen

were asked to consider the practicability of working out (1) a coordinated social studies program in the State, and (2) a closer tie-up with other committees, particularly the legislative committee, because of the difficulties of giving adequate time to the consideration by the Branch of the work of each committee when there are no special study groups. The several local social studies chairmen present were of the opinion that it would be feasible and desirable to work out such a coordinated social studies program. They felt, too, the need for a closer tie-up with other committees, particularly in the smaller branches where it is not possible, for one reason or another, to have a number of study groups. Then, too, where one program a year is assigned each local chairman, a coordinated program would permit taking a central theme and breaking it down for study among the various committees.

"Early in November, a letter introducing the above suggestions, was sent to all local social studies chairmen, with copies to the President and other State chairmen . . .

"Although there has been little exchange of letters between the Branch chairmen and the State chairman, and few Branches have asked for specific help, the reports that have come in are definitely encouraging, and Branches appear to be working along the lines suggested".

We quote from Dr. Jocher's 1946-47 report:

"Following the pattern of the last several years, social studies chairmen in the ten branches reporting to date to the State chairman for the year 1946-47, work was centered around community problems and projects. An encouraging feature was the attempt at coordination of activities, not only within the local branch, but with other agencies and organized groups in the community".

Dr. Jocher then gives a concise report from the branches, broken down into the various phases to show how each branch had worked to improve its local situation in regard to Juvenile Delinquency, Education, and Health, with the results obtained. Such reports as Dr. Jocher's might be released to the State's newspapers to good advantage, since the AAUW has probably done a broader and more constructive piece of work through its program of service to the social and educational welfare of the state than the public knows, and even more than many of our members realize.

CHAPTER XIV

THE STATE DIVISION BULLETIN AND ITS EDITORS

Bulletins were evidently published in some form during the early years of the organization but no copies of these are available for reference. Minutes state that the Convention of 1933 approved a recommendation of the Board of Directors that "an official State Bulletin be issued for the fall of 1933."

Minutes for 1934 say that the Board of Directors "decided to issue two bulletins yearly, one for the fall and one for the spring, with the Publicity Chairman in charge of publication." Minutes of the fall Board meeting of 1935 say that due to the resignation of Mrs. Wingate Johnson, Publicity Chairman, there would be no spring issue of the bulletin in 1936. However, a mimeographed bulletin labeled "Volume III, Fall Bulletin 1936," seems to indicate that Mrs. Johnson or someone else had issued two volumes prior to this, although there is no verification record.

The Editor's name is not stated as such in Volume III, but since the list of State Committee Chairmen shown in the Bulletin gives Marjorie Knox as Publicity Chairman, it seems safe to assume that Miss Knox edited this very informative and highly creditable mimeographed twelve-page issue. There is no copy of Volume IV on file.

Fortunately, "Volume V, Number 1" has been preserved. This four-page bulletin bearing the headline, "Published twice yearly, Edited in Charlotte, N. C., Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Editor," is the first printed bulletin. As Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Hunter also edited Volume VI (but there is no copy of this on file), and Volumes VII and VIII.

Beginning with Volume IX, Number 1 dated November, 1941, Mrs. S. D. Foster of Asheville assumed the editorship as State Publicity Chairman and is still handing out an excellent Bulletin which has gradually grown to eight pages of print in very small type to conserve space. Mrs. Foster says in her last issue, "The Bulletin has tried, honestly to reduce, without, as is obvious, much success. When we get nicely laced into four pages, along comes a branch or a committee or a national budget of news, and we bust out again. There seems to be no foundation available to solve the problems of middle age expansion. But after all the Bulletin is no longer an adolescent—why should it expect a teenage figure?"

CHAPTER XV

AAUW FELLOWS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Very little information is available as to AAUW fellows from North Carolina or those who received fellowships in other states before they came to this state or those who have studied in this state. Such information as could be obtained follows.

Miss Louise Dauner, formerly an English instructor at the University of Wisconsin held a fellowship from AAUW which enabled her to do research at the University of North Carolina while completing her book on Edward Arlington Robinson.

Mrs. Howard K. Beale of Chapel Hill used an international study grant for special work in Paris and elsewhere in Europe.

Mrs. Alfred G. Engstrom also living in Chapel Hill used the Vassie James Hill Fellowship in completing work for Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of North Carolina 1942-43.

Dr. Lucille Delano, formerly of the faculty of the University of Iowa, now professor of Spanish at Queen's College, Charlotte, was awarded an international fellowship grant in 1932 which she used just prior to coming to this state. She studied in Spain at the Centro de Estudios Historicos, Madrid, did private research in the Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid, and also at the British Museum in London. Dr. Delano's studies were applied on her Doctor of Philosophy degree conferred by the University of Iowa in 1934.

Dr. Dorothy Quinn, Duke University, and Miss Elizabeth Moore, Flora McDonald College, held AAUW fellowships which enabled them to complete the necessary study and research for their degrees.

Dr. Elizabeth Jastrow of the Art Department of Woman's College, Greensboro, studied in Greece and Italy on an International Fellowship grant.

Part Two

STATISTICS PAST AND PRESENT

Seniority Organization Status

(Data Obtained From National Office)

Raleigh 1909, Greensboro 1912, Charlotte 1913, Durham 1913, Winston-Salem 1914, Asheville 1915, Chapel Hill 1922, High Point 1926, Greenville 1929, Statesville also 1929 but disbanded 1936, Alamance, formerly Elon, 1932, Shelby 1938, Bryson City 1941, Reidsville also 1941 but disbanded 1943, Louisburg 1942, Oxford 1942, Thomasville 1946.

High Point disbanded in 1933 but reorganized in 1938. Winston-Salem disbanded 1939 and reorganized 1947.

Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Durham, Winston-Salem, and Asheville were organized under the Southern Association of College Women and when this group merged with the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in 1921 these branches became charter members of the AAUW.

Chapel Hill was the first branch organized under the AAUW, and High Point was second. These eight were charter members of the State Division.

The reports in regard to charter members who have held continuous membership through 1946-47 revealed the following: Alamance one, Greensboro three, Greenville six, High Point ten (since reorganization in 1938, with at least one since original organization), Louisburg five, Oxford seven, Shelby twelve. At the time of the report Thomasville had been organized only one year and so had no report as *all* were charter members.

FIRST BRANCH PRESIDENTS.

Names of first presidents of the branches were ascertained as far as possible. These are shown below.

Alamance-(Elon)—Mrs. W. A. Honeycutt—1932-36.

Asheville-(Western N. C.)—May Carbritt SACW—1915.

Martha E. Tracy AAUW—1922.

Bryson City—Mrs. B. C. Thomasson—1941-43.

Chapel Hill—Louise Venable (Mrs. W. C. Coker)—1922-24.

Charlotte—Mrs. B. T. Groome AAUW—1921. No record of first president SACW—1913.

Durham—Lila B. Markham SACW—1913. No record of first president AAUW.

Greensboro—Mary M. Petty SACW—1912-13. No record of first president AAUW.
 Greenville—Mrs. E. L. Hillman AAUW—1929-30.
 High Point—Mrs. Henry White—1938 when branch became re-activated. Responsible for original organization prior to 1927.
 Louisburg—Mrs. Margaret B. Kilby—1942.
 Oxford—Mrs. D. H. Hall, Jr.—1942-44.
 Raleigh—Admiral Royal SACW—1909.
 Catherine Allen AAUW—1921.
 Reidsville—Winona Williams—1941. (Branch disbanded 1943).
 Shelby—Mrs. Walter Abernathy—1938-39.
 Statesville—No record of officers. (Disbanded 1936).
 Thomasville—Mrs. Mary Green Matthews—1945-47.
 Warrenton—Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.,—1940. (Branch disbanded after one year).
 Winston-Salem—No report of the SACW or of the AAUW first presidents.

OFFICERS N. C. STATE DIVISION—1927-47

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

1927-29—Catherine Allen, Raleigh; Catherine Wright, Greensboro.
 1929-31—Mrs. E. R. Mosher, Chapel Hill; Sara Rowe, and Marguerite Herr both of Durham, one year each.
 1932-33—Alice Meserve, Raleigh; Marguerite Herr, Durham.
 1933-35—Mrs. Clyde Milner, Guilford College; Mrs. E. P. Davidson, Charlotte.
 1935-37—Elizabeth Anderson, Durham; Mrs. G. T. Schwenning, Chapel Hill.
 1937-41—Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, Charlotte; Mrs. G. T. Schwenning, Chapel Hill and Virginia Bryan, Asheville.
 1941-43—Mrs. C. E. Blackstock, Asheville; Miss Nora Raysor, Asheville.
 1943-47—Mrs. R. A. Herring, High Point; Mrs. Robert Conner, one year and Mrs. Blake Thompson three years, both of High Point.
 1947-49—Mrs. Robert Lee Humber, Greenville; Mrs. D. S. Spain, Greenville.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS

1927-28—Bessie Pfohl, Winston-Salem; Helen Lethco, Charlotte.
 1928-29—Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Chapel Hill; Catherine Wright, Greensboro.

- 1929-30—Helen Garrett, Greensboro; Mrs. W. T. Powell, High Point.
- 1930-31—Mrs. Francis D. Clarkson, Charlotte; Maurine Bledsoe, Asheville.
- 1931-32—Alice Meserve, Raleigh; Maurine Bledsoe, Asheville.
- 1932-34—Elizabeth Anderson, Durham; Virginia Batte, Winston-Salem.
- 1934-36—Mrs. B. Y. Tyner, Raleigh; Mrs. Joseph Johnson, Winston-Salem.
- 1936-38—Mrs. B. Y. Tyner, Raleigh; Mrs. Luigi Zande, Asheville.
- 1938-40—Mrs. Charles Milner, Greensboro; Alma Wyche, Durham.
- 1940-42—Mrs. L. B. Tannenbaum, Greensboro and Mrs. Fred Terrell, Raleigh, one year each; Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Greenville.
- 1942-44—Mrs. Fred Terrell, Raleigh; Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Greenville.
- 1944-46—Mrs. Fred Terrell, Raleigh; Sarah Nooe, Charlotte.
- 1946-48—Mrs. J. W. Moore, Asheville; Sarah Nooe, Charlotte.

PRESENT BRANCH OFFICERS—1947-48 and IMMEDIATE PAST OFFICERS AS REPORTED

Officers' names are shown in the following order, President first, Vice-president second, Secretary third, and Treasurer fourth. If the names for 1946-47 are not the same as for 1947-48 these are added as *past* officers.

Alamance: Mrs. John H. Alley, Mrs. John A. Holt, Mrs. J. Glenn McAdams (corresponding) and Ann Bridges (recording), Ernestine Cherry. Past president, Mildred Kichline.

Asheville: Mrs. Carl A. Plonk, Mrs. Peter Callahan, Mrs. Charles H. Gaunt III, Mrs. E. L. Clasz.

Bryson City: Mrs. H. L. Bacon, Ethel Garnett, Mrs. James Light, Clara Sample. Past president, Gertrude Flannagan.

Chapel Hill: Mary L. Cobb, Mrs. C. P. Spruill, Jr., Louise Dalton, Mrs. G. T. Schwenning. Past president, Mrs. B. F. Kingsbury; past treasurer, Isabelle McLeod.

Charlotte: Mrs. James B. Ficklen. (Others not reported).

Durham: Mrs. Hazen Smith, Annie John Williams, Maude F. Rogers (corresponding) and Mrs. W. H. Cozart (recording), Mrs. J. B. Stone. Past president, Dr. Katherine Jeffers. (Mrs.

W. H. Glasson, present historian, is a charter member of the branch).

Greensboro: Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr., Mrs. Joe H. Johnson (first) and Mrs. E. W. Seager (second), Mrs. John M. Betts, Mrs. J. Howard Cole. Immediate past officers: Mary York, First and Mrs. James T. Heilig, Second vice-president; Mrs. Brown Patterson, secretary, and Mrs. Carl Wesselhoft, treasurer.

Greenville: Emma L. Hooper, Agnes Fullilove, Mrs. Howard Mims, Margaret Sammon. Past vice-president, Frances Wahl.

High Point: Mrs. W. Martine Barker, Mrs. N. P. Yarborough, Louisa Hatch, Mrs. Milton H. Hadley. Past president, Mrs. James H. Hogg; Past treasurer, Ernestine Fields.

Louisburg: Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood, Mrs. Bettie Tarpey, Mrs. Dick Yarborough, Elizabeth Johnson. Past president, Mrs. Walter Patten; Past secretary, Mildred Smith.

Oxford: Mrs. Joe A. Watkins, Alice Smith, Edna Reams, Mrs. F. W. Bullock. Immediate past officers: Lois Walker, president; Mrs. Oscar McFarland, vice-president; Mrs. Joe E. Watkins, secretary; Lucy Taylor Baird, treasurer.

Raleigh: Mrs. Harold G. McCurdy, Daisy Waitt, Bertie Lee Whitesides (corresponding) and Kate Matthews (recording), Mabel Ellis. Past president, Catherine T. Dennis.

Shelby: Selma Webb, Mrs. Charles Burns, Mrs. Frank Love, Jr., Mrs. Walter Fanning. Past secretary, Mrs. Paul Kennedy.

Thomasville: Mrs. J. Glenn Pennington, Louise McMillan, Mrs. Charles H. Leek, Maurine Perryman. Past president, Mrs. Mary Green Matthews; past secretary, Mrs. Jesse L. Finch.

Winston-Salem: Mrs. William Neal, Mrs. Hiram S. Cody, Jr., Margaret Simpson (corresponding) and Bonnie Angelo (recording), Joyce Cain. This branch also reports Laura Sumner as branch historian.

Note: It is a source of regret to the Historian that all names of branch historians were not available for listing.

SOME COMPARISONS

1. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae was organized in Boston in 1881 with seventeen members; the North Carolina State Division of the AAUW was organized in Greensboro in 1927 with eight branches and possibly 125 members.

2. The AAUW was formed from a merger of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and the Southern Association of College Women in Washington in 1921 with a total of 537 branches and slightly more than 35000 members.

3. In July, 1947 the AAUW had 1016 branches and a membership of 94,579; while the North Carolina Division had 14 branches and a membership of 917, not counting Winston-Salem.

4. The South Atlantic Region gave \$7370.54 for the Fellowship Fund in 1946-47. Of this amount the North Carolina Division gave \$688.25. Through May 31, 1946, according to the National Office, North Carolina had contributed \$8125.82 to the \$30,000.00 Fellowship Fund.

Part Three

Branch Histories

Requests for branch histories to be submitted early in the spring of 1947 brought responses from thirteen of the fourteen branches active during 1946-47.

The history shown for Winston-Salem is taken from a newspaper clipping which gave the story of the reorganization of the Winston-Salem branch early in the fall of 1947.

Since Greensboro is the scene of the birth and also of the celebration commemorating the twenty-first birthday of the State Division, the history for that branch is presented first. Other branch histories follow in sequential order of original organization.

THE GREENSBORO BRANCH—1912-1946

The Greensboro branch is very proud of the fact that it is second oldest, in the State, official date of its organization being 1912. At that time it was a branch of the Southern Association of College Women (organized July, 1903) which merged with the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (organized January, 1881) on April 1, 1921, to form the American Association of University Women. First officers of the branch were as follows:

President—Miss Mary M. Petty, N. C. State Normal College.

Vice-president—Miss Annie M. Pegram, Greensboro Female College; Secretary-treasurer—Miss Cora Strong, N. C. State Normal College.

Printed proceedings of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of College Women at Nashville, Tenn., April 3-5, 1912, contain the following report from the new officers:

"The Greensboro chapter of the Southern Association of College Women was organized on March 26, 1912, at the instance of Misses Mary M. Petty and Julia Dameron, of the State Normal College. It reports a membership of 15, representing 11 different institutions.

"Since it came into being so late in the school year, and since most of its members are teachers, the chapter plans to undertake no organized work before next September. Its special form of work has not been definitely settled. Several alluring possibilities are, however, floating around in the minds of the members. Among these are (1) an investigation of the 'special student' problem in local schools, and (2) a study of certain conditions in the high schools of the state. Greensboro, with its various educational institutions—city, state, and church—offers abundant material for the study of these and kindred problems.

"At the end of another year the chapter hopes to report the accomplishment of something definite and tangible. Meantime, its members express their genuine interest in, and sympathy with, the efforts of those who have been longer in the work.

"Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. Petty, President.
Cora Strong, Secretary-treasurer."

We have the names of 13 of the charter members as follows:

Bryan, Eva May—State Normal College; Bryner, Edna Clare—State Normal College; Dameron, Julia M.—State Normal College; Daniel, Mary King—State Normal College; Gove, Anna M. (M.D.)—State Normal College; Jackson, Mrs. C. W.; Mendenhall, Gertrude W.—State Normal College; Pegram, Annie M.—Greensboro Female College; Petty, Mary M.—State Normal College; Ragsdale, Virginia—State Normal College; Strong, Cora—State Normal College; Wilson, Alice V.—Greensboro Female College; McLelland, May—(Assoc.)—State Normal College.

Of the charter members, Miss Petty, Miss Pegram and Dr. Gove have been in continuous membership since organization.

Records show that membership fluctuated from the original 15 members, the branch having 11 members in 1913, 15 active and 3 associate members in 1914, 22 active and 2 associate members in 1915, 26 members in 1916 (19 of these being on the faculty at N. C. State Normal College whose graduates were not eligible for membership until 1927 when as North Carolina College for Women the school was admitted into the AAUW), 21 active and 2 associate members in 1917, and 13 members in 1921. Through the years, with graduates of more and more schools becoming eligible for membership in the AAUW, membership has continued to increase, at the present time consisting of 89 national and 12 associate members.

Meetings of the original organization were held quarterly,

being changed to monthly in 1917. For a number of years, meetings were held in a centrally located civic center or hotel, but in March, 1944, decision was made to meet in private homes and serve light refreshments. Meetings are now held on the second Friday afternoon of the month at 3:30 P.M. except for three open meetings; the March meeting is held in the evening with the Mayflower Cup award winner as guest speaker. There is an afternoon picnic meeting in May. In the fall there is always a tea in a member's home at which new members are welcomed into the branch.

The Greensboro branch is fortunate in having so many nearby schools and colleges from which to draw outstanding speakers for its programs. For a number of years it has been customary to have a review of current events by a history professor from one of the colleges; Dr. Elliott O. Watson (Greensboro College) beginning this custom for us in 1940, and Dr. Richard Bardolph (W.C.U.N.C.) continuing for us at the present time. Dr. Elizabeth Jastrow (originally from Germany), of the faculty of W.C.U.N.C. and one of our active members, who continued her archaeological studies in Italy and Greece under an AAUW International Fellowship in 1934-35, spoke to us in February, 1942, on her studies under this Fellowship. An outstanding series of programs in 1942 dealt with "Woman's Place in the War, on the Home Front, etc.", with conversant speakers for each meeting. Our International Relations Study Group has had charge of several meetings, presenting a number of students in schools here who have come from foreign countries. Our program chairmen plan for speakers who will continue to tie in with a study program in education, social studies and the arts, pointing towards better participation by our members in community activities.

Mayflower Cup award winners who have been with us at our March meeting since the custom originated, are Miss Adalaide Fries, Winston-Salem, "The Road to Salem" (1944) at the 1945 meeting; and Miss Josephine Niggli, Chapel Hill, "Mexican Village" (1946) at the 1947 meeting. Dr. Richard Bardolph reviewed for us at the 1946 meeting the 1945 winner, "The Wilson Era", by Josephus Daniels.

The branch has always been an outstanding contributor to the community through its projects, among these being:

1. *Toy Exhibit.* This project was sponsored for two years just before Christmas as a guide to parents in selecting toys for their children.

2. *Public Nutrition Clinic.* This project was sponsored in 1942 under the C.D.V.O. program. Meetings were held once a month, with discussions by experts on food and health.

3. *Volunteer services* to various community organizations (1941-45) such as Greensboro Planning Council, U.S.O. Traveler's Aid, O.P.A. Board, C.D.V.O., American Red Cross and Canteen Service. Members manned a daily information booth on point rationing (in connection with C.D.V.O.) and also staffed War Bond booths. One member served on the local O.P.A. Board, and another was assistant to the Price Ceiling Panel of the local Board.

4. *Donation to British Relief.* During 1941-42 the branch raised \$60 through benefit bridge parties which was donated to the British relief.

5. *Art Exhibit.* This project was started in 1944, proving so successful that it was decided to continue it as an annual event in the spring. Under the supervision of the Art Supervisor of the city schools, the contest is open to all students in the grammar grades, junior and senior high schools. The contest covers tempera, crayon work, overall design, costume design, clay work, water color, ceramics, ink drawing and textile design. An invitational tea, at which prizes are distributed, is held the opening day of the exhibit. Members of the branch serve as hostesses each day, length of time of the exhibit varying from 3-5 days. Attendance has been splendid each year, drawing visitors from neighboring towns.

6. The branch received a letter of commendation from the superintendent of city schools for endorsing and promoting the city's special school tax election in February, 1947, which will mean improvement in teacher pay and in the general school program.

7. *Adding Equipment to Schools.* This is a new project adopted to furnish departments needing additional equipment with such supplies.

Greensboro has always been a contributor to the Fellowship Fund, making the largest contribution of any branch in the State in 1946 (\$118). The largest amount in the history of the State organization was contributed to National in 1943 when Mrs. Montgomery K. Young from our branch was serving as State Fellowship Chairman. It is of interest to note along this same line in the records of the SACW for 1916 that "a scholarship of \$150 was given to a young woman student at Barnard College

on the strength of warm recommendations . . . received from the Greensboro chapter."

Old State minutes record that "at the invitation of the Greensboro branch, on the morning of March 17, 1927, 40 members from seven of the eight branches in N. C. met at the King Cotton Hotel to effect plans for formation of a State organization." Miss E. Katherine Wright, from Greensboro, was elected first State secretary and served two years in this capacity. Other members who have served as officers in the State organization are: Miss Helen Garrett, Mrs. Clyde A. Milner, Mrs. C. F. Milner, and Mrs. Leah Baach Tannenbaum. Greensboro has been well represented in various State Committee Chairman—Mrs. Clyde A. Milner serving as Chairman of Social Studies in 1938-39, and Mrs. Montgomery K. Young as Fellowship Chairman during 1942-44, being succeeded by Miss Mary York in 1944; Miss Noma Hardin has served as Chairman of Creative Arts, and Mrs. James G. Marvin, Jr. as Chairman of Recent Graduates for 1946-47.

Greensboro is proud of having had a member, in the person of Miss Harriet Ellioitt, Dean of Women at W.C.U.N.C., serve as Chairman of the National Legislative Committee for 1937-1943.

The second Annual meeting of the State organization was held in Greensboro on April 19, 1929. Our branch was hostess to the State Convention April 17-18, 1936, and is to be hostess to the State Convention in 1948. The State Board Meeting was also held here October 10, 1942.

This summary on the history of the Greensboro branch covers 34 years of progress. We believe it indicates the place our branch holds in the community, and through the progress reported would seem to forecast its further development in more varied and worthwhile causes contributing to community life and accordingly the life of its members in general.

Records are not complete as to branch presidents for the years 1917-18, 1919-20 and 1921-34. The following are shown: Mary M. Petty 1912-13, Julia Dameron 1913-14, Eva M. Bryan 1914-15, with Gertrude Mendenhall finishing the year, Cora Strong 1915-16, Annie M. Pegram 1916-17, Mary M. Petty 1918-19, Mrs. T. Moody Stroud 1920-21, Jane Summerell 1934-35, Mrs. P. B. Whittington, Jr. 1935-37 with the term finished out by Mrs. Charles Milner, Mrs. Charles Milner 1937-38, Mrs. M. K. Young 1938-39, Mrs. Raymond A. Smith 1939-40, Mrs. M. K. Young 1940-41, Mrs. Richard B. Dunn 1941-43, Mrs. G. E. Cory 1943-44, Mrs. F. G. Eichorn 1944-45, Mrs. M.

L. Skaggs 1945-46 with Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. completing the year, Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, Jr. 1946-48.

Signed—Grace Sharpe Draper (Mrs. H. M., Jr.),
Historian for 1947-48.

Author's Note—Mrs. Hugh A. Watson, historian for 1946-47 sent in some of the statistics covered in Mrs. Draper's report.

THE RALEIGH BRANCH—1909-1947

The Raleigh Branch of the Southern Association of College Women was organized on February 12, 1909, at Meredith College with ten members. Miss Almira Royal was first president and Alice Meserve was secretary. Misses Elizabeth Avery Colton and Mary Shannon Smith were among the founders and it was largely due to their untiring efforts that such effective work was done in connection with standardization of colleges for women in this state and the entire south.

At the first regular meeting April 5, 1909, a definite program of work was submitted which included two objectives (1) the collecting of data in regard to the curriculum of North Carolina High Schools, with a view to urging these schools to adopt the fourteen unit Carnegie standard as soon as practicable; (2) interesting North Carolina Legislators in the establishment of juvenile courts in the state.

Among the earlier activities of the Branch was the observance of College Day when students from Raleigh and nearby high schools were visited by members of the organization and told something of colleges and college standing.

Programs have centered around educational laws of the state, the legal status of women, all matters pertaining to improving social conditions affecting children and women, international relations to develop a world point of view and other timely subjects.

The earlier meetings were held in the homes of the members or at the schools where they were employed, but in 1925 the custom of having dinner meetings with a speaker originated, and for a number of years that was the established custom. A bit of humor comes in connection with this, as one report speaks as if the serving of refreshments had become a burden so it was voted that only one solid and one liquid be served at a meeting.

About this time a number of study groups were formed. These included such subjects as North Carolina folk lore, North Carolina pottery, Rural Schools of North Carolina, Negro in Literature, Drama, International Relations, and the Pre-School Child.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae and the Southern Asso-

ciation of College Women were merged into the American Association of University Women, and in 1921 we became the Raleigh Branch of the AAUW.

Our Branch took an active part in the formation of the State Federation of Branches and has furnished one State President, Miss Catherine Allen. Miss Allen has been outstanding for her influence in the councils of both national and international organizations. As a delegate to meetings of the general association in this and foreign countries she has brought us a world view of ourselves as university women that we could have gained in no other way. We realize fully in this and many other ways our indebtedness to her.

The Branch voted on April 23, 1923, to raise \$500.00 with which to establish a scholarship Loan Fund at Meredith College. It was later decided to name the scholarship for Elizabeth Avery Colton who died in 1924. The Branch also made a sizeable contribution to the Headquarters Fund Clubhouse as a memorial to Miss Colton. Regular contributions have been made also to the million dollar Fellowship Fund.

The five study groups—Child Welfare, Education, Legislation and International Relations and Fellowship took a prominent part during the decade of the thirties. The Education Committee sponsored films, books for the library, nine months school term and college guidance conferences; the Child study group supported legislation both state and national on Child Welfare, gave publicity to the Childrens Charter and brought an exhibit on children's toys and clothing to the city; funds were raised annually for the Elizabeth Avery Colton Fellowship; all legislation pertaining to the welfare of women and children was carefully studied and supported when found desirable; and the International Study Group brought speakers who have given many interesting talks on European and Asiatic countries, their peoples, religions, and politics. In 1935-36 the Branch became especially interested in the arts, devoting almost the entire year's program to art, poetry, music and decorating.

Volunteer work, entertaining service men, raising funds and clothing for people in war torn countries, and buying bonds took the major interest of the Branch in the early years of the forties. The programs included education, legislation, and the arts, as well as talks on our allies in Europe and South America. With the end of the war our attention was directed toward the advancing south and progress within our own state in the fields of edu-

cation, industry, agriculture, and human welfare.

The Raleigh Branch has supplied many officers and committee chairmen to the state organization. Raleigh has likewise had the pleasure of entertaining the state organization at both State Conventions and Board of Directors meetings.

Signed—Catherine T. Dennis.

CHARLOTTE BRANCH AAUW—1921-1946

The Charlotte Branch of the AAUW had its beginnings in 1913 when a few women organized the College Club for literary study. This small group developed into a branch of the Southern Association of College Women and in the spring of 1921 became affiliated with the AAUW. The first meeting was held on October 12, 1921.

When the organization was small, the meetings were held in the homes of the various members. This has been done off and on through the years. Frequently the meetings were held at the Y.W.C.A. or the Woman's Club. In the 1930's most of the meetings were in the hut of the Meyers Park Presbyterian Church. At the present time the group is using the Mint Museum of Art.

The programs for these meetings have certainly been varied. The first year, 1921-22, plays were studied and Walter Hampden was brought here in "Hamlet." Some years the programs followed a definite theme and all meetings were on one aspect of this theme. In 1937-38 "Religions of the World" was the topic and each meeting centered around one religion. Other years there has been no theme, each meeting having a different subject.

In 1925-26 the programs consisted of one-act plays, or a scene from a longer play, acted or read by various members. A study of the little theatre movement was begun. This study continued and grew and in 1927-28 the study group broke away from the Association. This group has grown into our very successful Little Theatre.

Up until 1928 the speakers for each meeting were usually AAUW members. In 1928 outside speakers were introduced. This policy is still being followed.

In addition to having programs at the regular monthly meetings, the AAUW has always had projects. The earliest project was "College Day." This consisted of talks to high school girls by members of the AAUW and by representatives of the different colleges.

From the beginning we have always contributed to a Student Loan Fund. From 1923 to 1928 a student was sent to Duke

University. In 1928 the Loan Fund was changed to a scholarship and this was awarded to a student at the Woman's College for one year. In 1929 the Chapter voted to devote all money possible to the International Fellowship Fund, to which we have continued to contribute.

The Toy Exhibits sponsored by Ivey's Department Store had their beginning in a child study group organized in 1927-28. This study group discontinued in 1931-32, but out of it grew the Toy Exhibits. Ivey's allowed members of the AAUW to select their Christmas toys and to place these toys on sale in groups for certain age levels. The members themselves did the selling. For this service Ivey's paid the chapter one hundred dollars. These exhibits were sponsored until 1939.

In the year 1930-31 Miss Harriet Elliott of the Woman's College in Greensboro was engaged to give five lectures on international relations. This series was so successful that Miss Elliott was asked to continue these lectures for several years. They were always open to the public.

The most popular lectures during 1933-34 were those given by Dr. Sylvia Allen, psychiatrist, and Dr. Oren Moore, obstetrician and gynecologist.

The Study Groups have always been popular. For a number of years, 1939-1942, the Parent-Teacher Association would attend a series of four lectures sponsored by the AAUW on various subjects. In 1939-40 Dr. Rene De Williamson of Davidson College led a study course on "The Meanings of Citizenship for Women." In 1940-41 Dr. M. G. Fraser of Winthrop led the course and in 1941-42 Dr. P. H. Gwynn of Davidson had as his subject "Defense Challenges American Education." In 1942-43 the course was on Pan-American relations.

In 1939-40 the Branch sponsored three childrens' plays given by the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre. The policy of bringing different entertainments was continued until 1942-43.

In 1940-41 the AAUW made a registry of Charlotte women for volunteer service for National Defense Emergencies. Over four thousand women signed. This same year one of our committees helped the Mint Museum classify, mount, and distribute prints to the city schools.

During the war years and the resulting gas rationing the number of yearly meetings was reduced and our speakers were drawn largely from home.

The main project for 1945-46 was a juvenile delinquency

survey made at the request of the Charlotte Community Council. As a result of this and previous studies the old city jail was abandoned as a juvenile detention home and a new, progressive system was set up for the handling of delinquent children.

Complying with the request of branch members three interesting and enterprising study groups were held during this year. A literature group under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Lee Masters, an art class taught by Mrs. Harold Steadman, and an astronomy group directed by Mrs. Luther Kelly were all enthusiastically received.

It was in 1945-46 that the policy of mailing monthly bulletins to the membership was initiated. So successful was this means of direct contact that the plan will be continued through the coming year.

December, 1946

By Mrs. Luther Kelly, Historian.

Additional information reported by Mrs. M. W. Peterson.

SPECIAL PROJECTS 1946-47

1. Four lectures by Dr. Frontis Johnston of Davidson College on international questions—open to the public as a community contribution.

2. Used book sale was instituted.

3. Equipped nursery playroom for Welfare Department.

4. Through the Education Committee 10 radio programs involving 30 people, were presented to the public.

The following list of past presidents furnished by Mrs. Peterson was also sent in by Dr. Delano who gave the dates of service.

PAST PRESIDENTS

The following list of past presidents sent in by Mrs. Peterson was also sent in to Dr. Delano who gave the dates of service:

1921-22—Mrs. B. T. Groome; 1922-24—Mrs. John Tillett.

1924-26—Mrs. James Wilcox; 1926-28—Mrs. F. O. Clarkson.

1928-29—Mrs. Louis H. Spencer; 1929-31—Mrs. Andrew Blair.

1931-33—Mrs. Frank Kennedy; 1933-35—Mrs. C. T. Wanzer.

1935-37—Alma Edwards; 1937-38—Mrs. E. G. Gammon.

1938-39—Dr. Lucille Delano; 1939-41—Mrs. R. M. McKey.

1941-43—Dr. Dorisse Howe; 1943-45—Mrs. Roy Palmer.

1945-47—Mrs. M. D. Peterson; 1947-49—Mrs. James B. Ficklen.

HISTORY OF THE DURHAM BRANCH

On Monday, October 27, 1913, twenty-two graduates of standard colleges organized the Durham Branch of the Southern Association of College Women with Elizabeth Avery Colton, General Secretary of the Association, as a guest. The officers elected were: President, Miss Lila B. Markham; Vice-President, Miss Evelyn Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Annie Tillet. The executive committee was composed of these officers and Mrs. C. C. Smith and Mrs. W. H. Glasson.

The program for the first year's work was based on a study of local conditions with special reference to the social betterment agencies: Salvation Army, Florence Crittenden League, Associated Charities, Girls' Friendly Society, Civic League, Travelers' Aid, and Public Library.

The second year the Branch was fortunate in having Miss Laura Drake Gill, former dean of Barnard College, to work with them. Under the auspices of the Branch a mass meeting was held in the City High School, November 18, 1914, at which time Miss Gill outlined plans and showed preliminary sketches of buildings for the new College for Women at Trinity.

This same year the first community Christmas tree for Durham was planned by a committee consisting of Miss Annie Tillet, Miss Nell Umstead, Miss Katie Johnson, and Mrs. Fannie Carr Bivens. In January about fifty members of the North Carolina Branches were entertained at a luncheon meeting. Dr. C. T. Raper, then of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, discussed "The North Carolina School Tax Situation and Its Solution." There were delegates from Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Guilford College.

In the fall of 1916 an intensive study of Y. W. C. A. work was undertaken and meetings were held every two weeks for several months. Many people outside of the Branch attended these study groups. All the members of the Branch promised as a body to become charter members of the local Y. W. C. A.

In the fall of 1917 when war clouds began to appear, the Branch worked with the local exemption board and began knitting sweaters for soldiers. The regular meetings were held in the Red Cross rooms, the time being spent in hemming bandages. After that there was a period when the Branch made a study of various legislative problems with special reference to schools.

In April, 1921, the Southern Association of College Women and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae held a joint conven-

tion in Washington at which time the American Association of University Women was formed. The Durham Branch was represented at this convention by its president, Mrs. Paul M. Gross. Following the organization of the American Association of University Women came the raising of funds for the National Club House. This Branch raised its quota but was somewhat strained by the effort.

Since so many of the group were interested in the idea of helping college girls, a fund for aiding the women of Trinity College was started about this time. Realizing that it would take years to raise a fund large enough to be effective, the group voted to turn the amount on hand into the national building fund.

For many years the Branch entertained the High School seniors presenting a speaker who discussed the value of a college education. A special program has been planned each year for the women of the graduating class of Trinity College (later Duke University) explaining to them the work of the AAUW and urging that they become affiliated with the organization.

The programs for the regular monthly meetings have been based on some definite topic; some of which have been: achievements of college women, fundamentals of interior decoration, the pre-school child; adolescence, social legislation in North Carolina, the Australian ballot, international relations, school legislation in North Carolina. Sometimes these programs have been presented by the group members, at others by outside speakers. One special topic was a study of standard colleges in North Carolina. The information collected in this study was put in mimeograph form for distribution to state branches.

This Branch has kept in touch with National Headquarters through the visits of the General Director and other officers, through representation at conventions, and through the use of program material supplied. Study groups were organized when the plan was first introduced and have continued to function with reasonable regularity.

The Durham Branch has taken an active part in civic and state improvement either through projects which it has undertaken or through representation in other organizations working for similar goals. In 1934 the AAUW representative on the Citizens' Council, Mrs. F. A. G. Cowper, was largely responsible for the movement which resulted in the founding of a Juvenile Court in the city.

In 1937 the first Social Studies Group was organized with Mrs. Cowper as chairman, and made a survey which showed the need of a nursery school for the children of working mothers. With the backing of the Branch such a school was started, has continued to operate most successfully, and is now assisted by funds from the Community Chest. This is considered by Headquarters to be the first definite project of any Social Studies Group in the entire Association. In the same year the Fine Arts Group, of which Mrs. W. H. Delaplane was chairman, sponsored a Play Reading Group composed of members and friends. This group continued to meet regularly.

Under the leadership of Dean Alice M. Baldwin the Durham Branch was largely instrumental in organizing the North Carolina Division of the AAUW. Miss Elizabeth Anderson served as president of the State Division and other members served as state officers and on state and national committees.

Like so many organizations the Durham Branch has suffered the misfortune of losing some of its early records and a complete list of officers prior to 1925 is not available. The records show the following presidents with membership for their terms of

office for 1925-1947:

<i>Years</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Membership</i>
1925-26	Maude Rogers	not reported
1926-27	Marguerite Herr	not reported
1927-29	Mrs. R. O. Everett	not reported
1929-31	Frances Woolworth	not reported
1931-33	Elizabeth Anderson	62—1931, 52—1932
1933-35	Ruth M. Addoms	82—1933, 75—1934
1935-37	Julia R. Grout	96—1935, 95—1936
1937-39	Olive Faucette	104—1937, 105—1938
1939-41	Lyda Bishop	108—1939, 112—1940
1941-43	Mary Kestler	94—1941, 53—1942
1943-45	Mrs. R. E. Kepler	68—1943, 83—1944
1945-47	Katharine Jeffers	79—1945, 106—1946
1947-49	Mrs. Hazen Smith	115—1947

Note: (The material for the history of the early years of the Branch was compiled by Mrs. W. H. Glasson in 1933 and additional information was supplied by Mrs. F. A. G. Cowper, Dr. Katharine Jeffers, and Mrs. Hazen Smith in 1947).

Signed—Katharine Jeffers.

REVITALIZED AAUW PLANS PROGRAM

Betty Ann Ragland

(Copied from Winston-Salem Journal, Sept. 14, 1947)

Last April a small group of Twin City women met to reorganize a woman's association which had been disbanded here since 1939.

Their effort was duly recorded in the daily newspaper. Winston-Salem was informed that the American Association of University Women had staged a comeback, elected officers and drafted a constitution, and what's more that it had every intention of becoming an action group.

Five months later AAUW is launching its Fall Activities with a vengeance—with specific purposes and programs that have grown out of its determination to take group action where necessary and possible in the city.

Even during the Summer vacation association groups worked to prepare for these activities. The education committee, headed by Mrs. Frank Blackmore, prepared a list of four women who have been recommended to Mayor Lentz as qualified to fill the current vacancy on the City School Board. These names will be announced at the Thursday night association meeting at the Y. W. C. A.

In a Summer effort to increase membership, Mrs. R. A. McCuiston and her membership committee contacted alumnae groups; prepared lists of eligible women and sent cards to some 500 women in Winston-Salem. Many of these persons are expected to be present at the opening Fall meeting to hear the address by Dr. Douglas Kelley, Bowman Gray neuro-psychiatrist.

In addition to meetings held the third Thursday of each month, four study groups have been set up which will meet frequently for informal discussions.

The first of these, headed by Mrs. Overton Butler, will deal with that much-maligned phenomenon of our times, radio. This Radio Listening Post was set up some time ago in conjunction with the Community Radio Council to provide a guide to better listening. Members will listen objectively to local and State programs, discuss their good points and shortcomings, and prepare a guide for the public each month of superior programs.

For the mothers of preschool age children, a study group has been set up, headed by Mrs. R. L. Masland. Her group will meet monthly for discussions of problems that beset the mothers

of small children, and will be concerned with the physical, emotional, and social needs of the very young.

With Miss Annie Lee Singletary as leader, the study group on current literature has tentative plans to invite authors—particularly North Carolina authors—for talks here. Group participation in reviews and discussions of contemporary books will also be featured.

A fourth group, which will be concerned with international relations, is now in the organizational stage. Its chairman and objectives will be announced Thursday.

Association members may belong to one or more of the study groups. Group reports will be made back to the entire body at the monthly meetings, which are expected to feature talks by outstanding guest speakers. This month the general topic is psychiatry. Subsequent programs include a showing of the local Community Chest film and an address by Chester Davis on "What Can We Do About Communism in America." Books, drama, and music will also be considered during the year.

The resurgence of enthusiasm and determination that has marked the rebirth of Winston-Salem's AAUW has been attributed in large measure to the great number of newcomers here. Among the membership of the local organization are representatives of Western, Eastern and Midwestern universities—women who had previously belonged to one of the 927 branches of the AAUW and who were anxious to continue the type of activities it affords and to learn to know local women with similar interests.

During the twenties and early thirties the earlier chapter provided a similar stimulus for college women. It took speakers to county schools, provided a scholarship for local girls, established a drama group that became the nucleus for the present Little Theatre group, offered vigorous support to school supplement bills, sponsored lectures by Miss Harriet Elliott, former dean at Woman's College, Greensboro.

With the approach of the war in 1939, various factors led to its disbanding. But today, the 15th AAUW chapter in North Carolina, with a present membership of 67 and a potential membership of hundreds, the Winston-Salem branch seems well on the way to achieving distinction in the community.

Branch officers are: Mrs. William H. Neal, President; Mrs. Hiram S. Cody, Jr., Vice-President; Margaret Simpson, Corresponding Secretary; Bonnie Angelo, Recording Secretary; Joyce Cain, Treasurer; Laura Sumner, Historian.

THE ASHEVILLE BRANCH AAUW

The Asheville Branch goes back to March 27, 1915, when the college graduates of the community met and organized The Western Carolina Branch, Southern Association of College Women. Miss May Carbritt presided. Sixteen members made up the original roll. Membership included active, associate, and life members. First officers were Miss May Carbritt, President; Mrs. Macauley, Vice-President; Miss Alice Carroll, Treasurer; Miss L. E. Fletcher, Secretary. There were only four standing committees—membership, Mrs. Curtis Bynum; Program, Miss Alice Meserve; Standards, Mrs. Zeb Zance, and College Clubs, Miss Annie Gash.

First topic for discussion was "Ranking of Schools and Colleges in Our Own State." Covered in the early programs were the resources and special characteristics of various southern colleges, encouragement of girls to attend college, and available scholarships offered by various groups. These were posted in the high schools.

Early meetings included programs by high school students, and an effort toward a Woman's Club Building in Asheville.

Mrs. Curtis Bynum was the second president of the group; Miss Annie Westall, vice president; Miss Virginia Williamson, secretary, and Miss Alice Carroll, treasurer. Miss Alice Thompson was the next president; then Miss Maude Upchurch who was followed by Mrs. Ernest N. Billard. The latter presided when the group was changed to the Western Carolina Branch of the AAUW on September 24, 1921.

It was voted to emphasize in the new group the matter of raising standards in colleges for women. Four standing committees were named, these being membership, program, press, and service. The first civic work was Community Extension School work. First permanent officers of the AAUW were Mrs. Billard, president; Miss Martha Tracy, secretary, and Miss Kathleen Cosgrove, treasurer.

The first official activities were the assistance in night school work, the Good Samaritan Mission and schools for the mountaineers. The first program featured Miss Goodrich of Alland Industries—who had started that project among the mountain people 25 years before.

The following year the Branch supported literary contests in the schools and among the members, took up the matter of housing conditions in colleges, and petitioned that the local stores be

closed at 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Support was given to the scholarships of the Federated Clubs.

In March, 1922 Miss Martha E. Tracy was elected president; Mrs. J. P. Kitchin, vice president; Miss Mary Weaver, secretary, and Miss Alice Thompson, treasurer. National was asked to recognize degrees in music from accredited colleges.

In 1923, Mrs. J. P. Kitchin was elected president. Activities included discussion of the Teapot Dome Controversy, exhibits of college annuals, and work toward a juvenile court and an adequate probationary system.

In November, 1924 Miss Sue Robbins was elected president. "Woman's Place In Industry" was the topic for the first luncheon meeting held by the Branch February 24, 1925. Weekly talks about colleges were arranged to be given at the high schools.

In 1926 there were 70 members enrolled, and meetings were held at the Woman's Clubhouse. Mary Reede Smith was president in 1926.

When radio was coming into its own, the Branch kept up to date by giving a "broadcast" program at its meeting on "Art as Expressed in the Dance" from "Radio Station AAUW."

In 1928 the first work was begun for a scholarship. A scholarship fund of \$120.00 was established. Mrs. R. A. White was president. In March, 1928, the Branch began its aid toward the National Million Dollar Fellowship Fund with a contribution of \$150.00. Mrs. Clarence Blackstock was the chairman of the first Fellowship Committee. That year \$50.00 was given to the national clubhouse.

In March, 1930, Mrs. C. H. Pettus was elected president. That year the branch conducted a project to collect toys and clothing for needy families. First mention of study groups was in May, 1931. Committees were added for education, international relations, and legislation.

Support was given to Biltmore Junior College, which had been in operation in Asheville for five years. Mrs. J. H. Buell was elected president in 1932, when the branch had 74 members. Miss Maurine Bledsoe was elected treasurer. Tree planting and night schools were the projects.

The state meeting of the AAUW was held in Asheville in 1934.

The first year book was published in 1934. Library work was taken up—children's story hours and exhibits of children's books were arranged at the Pack Memorial Library. The Carolina Play-

makers were sponsored for a Fellowship. Mrs. Luigi Zande was elected president this year. The branch aided a fund to provide supper for girls working late during the Christmas holidays; asked for a permanent room in the City Hall for Art exhibits, and entertained the Rhodendron Festival Queens at a tea, at the request of the Chamber of Commerce. A Christmas Party for the night schools was given support. The branch petitioned that the city charter be kept non-partisan. A shelf for AAUW material was established at the Pack Library.

In 1935 the branch signed the People's Mandate to the government to prevent war. Book groups were operating. A book sale was conducted for Fellowship. Books were bought for the high schools. The Sondley Library opening was aided.

In 1936 Mrs. Clarence Blackstock was elected president, and all of the regulation activities of National were carried on.

In 1938 the branch won the National trophy for the largest per capita contribution to Fellowship.

In 1939 the name was changed to The Asheville Branch, AAUW.

In 1940 Mrs. M. A. James was elected president. This was the year the Refugee Shop for war relief was started and proved to be a major community project, raising more than \$30,000 from the sale of used clothing, furniture, etc. for the years 1940-1947.

The State AAUW meeting was held in Asheville in 1941.

In 1942 Mrs. Richard McArdle was elected president; in 1944, Mrs. Curtis Crump was the president, followed in 1946 by Mrs. Carl Plonk.

The branch during these last years has carried on all national activities. Its special, and most successful activities being the sponsoring of Friends of the Library, now a community group with several hundred members who help all library activities in the community, and the current effort toward establishing a Detention Home for dependent and delinquent boys and girls. The Refugee Shop has undertaken to give \$800.00 a year toward the salary of a case worker for juvenile delinquents and dependents.

The branch in 1947 has 140 members.

Signed—Alene Foster (Mrs. S. D.)

Post Script—October 8, 1948.

1. The Asheville Branch is now helping to bring the library of Biltmore College up to required standards for official accreditation. This means the securing of 2500 specific reference books

at an approximate cost of \$7500.00. This project, under the Education Committee, is to be completed by the end of the school year. So far 800 books and \$350.00 in cash have been secured.

2. The Social Studies Committee is working on a plan to provide a boarding home for delinquent children now being housed in the county jail until the courts settle their particular cases.

3. The South Atlantic Regional meeting will be held at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, July 1-3, 1948.

Signed—Alene Foster.

THE CHAPEL HILL BRANCH

After a preliminary meeting, called by Mrs. Harry W. Chase, wife of the president of the University of North Carolina, the Chapel Hill branch of AAUW was organized on March 15, 1923, with Miss Louise Venable (Mrs. W. C. Coker) as the first president. Meetings were at the homes of members, combining a program with a social hour.

From the beginning all members seemed to be agreed that the first object of the Chapel Hill Branch should be to do something for the women students of the University. Early in its organization the Branch decided to put its major effort into the establishing of a local loan fund for graduate women who were coming to the University in increasing numbers. A tentative goal of a hundred dollars a year was set and measures taken to raise that amount, with hopes that as the years passed an endowment fund would be created. Two functions were developed and carried through successfully for a number of years. These were a bridge supper at the President's house in the fall and a "May Morning Breakfast" on the lawn of one of the churches in the spring. These affairs were well planned and executed by the relatively small membership. They were well supported by the village. The gala atmosphere achieved brought prestige to the organization as well as money for the loan fund and other commitments.

Soon after the local branch had been organized, the National Association of University Women appealed for financial aid in the establishing of a Club House in Washington. This undertaking interested the local group which made extra effort to contribute funds for the several years they were needed. A number of Chapel Hill members availed themselves of their membership cards in the new house when in Washington.

When the National Association started its campaign for the endowment of regional fellowships, the Chapel Hill Branch made regular contributions, putting the local loan fund first in its

budget. Other projects aided by contributions from the Association were the Mary Bayley Pratt Memorial Library in the grammar school and the Summer Institute for Southern Workers at Asheville.

Other efforts of the Branch have been more in the usual channels. We have had annual meetings stressing the Fellowship fund. We have made an effort to keep up with the legislative trends, State and National, and to throw the weight of our influence where it would help most in getting intelligent legislation. We have endeavored in our programs to highlight the better modern trends in education, to inform ourselves as to international affairs and the creative arts.

The Branch has adapted itself to the depression, the war, and the changes in Chapel Hill as the years have passed. Funds are now raised by contribution and most meetings are conducted in an accessible public hall. The student loan fund has grown to approximately \$1800 and is administered by the Graduate School. In the 24 years of its existence the Branch has grown from the 16 members who were present at the first meeting to 84 members.

The group is indebted to the unfailing good will of the community, to the many fine speakers who have made the programs timely and interesting and to the many members who have entertained the Branch. The Branch continues to grow, and we find ourselves each year in a rich field for service to our community.

Signed—Mrs. Howard W. Odum.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE BRANCH

1923-24—Louise Venable (Mrs. W. C. Coker).

1924-25—Mrs. Thorndike Saville.

1925-26—Mrs. T. L. Kibler and Mrs. Edmund Brown.

1926-28—Mrs. R. W. Wettach and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

1928-30—Mrs. U. T. Holmes; 1930-32—Katherine Yocher.

1932-33—Mrs. Clarence Heer; 1933-35—Cornelia Love.

1935-37—Mrs. R. B. Downs; 1937-39—Mrs. Clarence Heer.

1939-41—Mrs. R. B. Sharpe; 1941-43—Mrs. George Lane.

1943-45—Mrs. J. B. McLeod; 1945-47—Mrs. B. F. Kingsbury.

1947-49—Miss Mary L. Cobb.

HISTORY OF THE HIGH POINT BRANCH

High Point had a branch of the American Association of University Women prior to 1938 but that group disbanded. In 1938 an interested group of University Women met together upon the invitation of Mrs. Henry White in the Library of High Point

College and once again became affiliated with the National organization, American Association of University Women. Mrs. White was elected as the first president, and Mrs. Blake Thompson was elected as treasurer. We feel fortunate that both of these women are still quite active members of our branch. The membership this year was 27, the majority of the members being teachers and principals.

By 1940 membership in the High Point Branch had reached a total of 35 which we thought was a very nice increase for a two-year old organization in our city. Mrs. R. A. Herring was elected to the presidency in 1940, and she is such a splendid AAUW "enthusiast" that much of the credit must go to her for our growth. Many program achievements were accomplished during this year for this marked our entrance into war activities.

It was in 1942 with Mrs. Herring still as our President that we "spearheaded" the movement to get a woman on the High Point School Board. We were successful. Our members sold and bought War Bonds and Stamps; our members made surgical dressings and cooperated with Camp and Hospital committees. In our small way we were doing our part in war work.

In 1944 Mrs. Blake Thompson became our president, and our past president, Mrs. Herring, became State President. Our membership at this time was 52. Steadily we were growing. A survey was made at this time on educational and recreational facilities in High Point and their relation to juvenile delinquency.

In 1945 we reached an all-time high in membership for our Branch with a total of 61 members. Our keen and alert membership chairman, Mrs. Floyd Mehan (originally of New York State) did a remarkable job in bringing in many new and interesting members during the years 1944-1945.

It was during Mrs. Thompson's term of office that a great deal of interest was shown in the Arts. An exhibit of Pasadena Children's Art was shown. Our organization in cooperation with the Woman's Club sponsored an art contest throughout the city. This project has been carried on each year since 1945.

In 1946 Mrs. James H. Hogg became President of the Branch. One of the most interesting and beneficial things that we did this year was to send two very large boxes of educational supplies to China.

We do have a changing membership to a certain extent for High Point is a city where it seems that population is a changing

one. Our membership at the present time is 57, and we are striving to keep it in the fifties at all times.

During the year at our various meetings we stress all of the different fields of AAUW work, and keep our members well informed on the things that are happening nationally. Our organization, with its purposes and its goals, is a challenge to all of us, and as we, a Branch, are growing, we are striving to fit in with the National pattern.

Mrs. James H. Hogg, Historian.

SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE GREENVILLE BRANCH

Date of Organization: May 10, 1929. (Official date—July 15, 1929).

Name of Organizer and First President: Mrs. E. L. Hillman.

Number of Charter Members: Thirty-one, of whom six have been in continuous membership since the date of organization.

First Officers: President, Mrs. E. L. Hillman; Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. Everett; Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Winslow, and Secretary, Miss Katherine Holtzclaw.

SOME MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Sponsoring good plays and entertainments for children has probably been the most outstanding project. The large number of children who have attended the performances and their enthusiasms, appreciation, and clamor for more have proved the success of presenting such plays and entertainments as Tony Sarg's Marionettes, Sue Hastings' Marionettes, Clare Tree Major's "Alice in Wonderland," and two plays produced by the Chi Pi Players of East Carolina Teachers College,—Little Black Sambo, directed by Mr. Clifton Britton, and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," directed by Dr. Louise Charles.

Drama study groups, with readings of well selected plays by capable readers, have long been a needed source of culture and inspiration for members and others interested in drama.

International relations for study and projects have been perhaps the most emphasized interest throughout the history of the Branch. Conducting study groups for members and non-members, sponsoring good meetings open to the public as well as to Branch groups with good speakers from both this country and foreign countries, contacting congressmen and legislators, supporting a plan for World Federation, conducting a peace survey,—these are among the many efforts of the Branch in working con-

sistently, constantly, and earnestly toward peace in the world.

Fellowship fund has long been a major interest. Each year a contribution has been made. Sketches of those fortunate women who receive the benefits and the plans of the Fellowship Fund committees for future benefits are studied with interest.

International Study Grants have also been a major interest since this method of service for international welfare was inaugurated; and each year, both by appropriation from the treasury and by voluntary donations, contributions have been made for this purpose. Publicity used with this project has sometimes brought donations from non-members.

"War Work" of the Branch included service with the Red Cross, financial contributions to a number of war projects, and, as a very important service of wide significance, many hours of personal services by all members to the voluntary U.S.O. of Greenville. Money and clothing were contributed for refugees; and clothes and other needs were sent to University Women in Europe.

Educational supplies were donated last fall to be sent to the devastated countries in Europe. One carton weighing more than a hundred pounds was shipped for schools in Greece.

Advancement of education in its many phases has as a major interest, led to study groups, community forums, school surveys, support of legislative and congressional measures for the welfare of schools and teachers, and many other educational activities.

Observance of "College Day" and "Education Day" for high school seniors and college seniors, with teas, receptions, and parties as part of the programs, has been one form of these educational activities, for the purpose of inspiring the high school girls to attend colleges of good standing and college girls to pursue their education to higher degrees.

Social studies activities have been directed toward betterment of the community in some way, with the realization that the "community" is both local and world-wide. The branch has done much to try to get a mental hygiene clinic for Pitt County. Now the State of North Carolina is furnishing needed assistance. The ground work for this assistance in Pitt County was laid through Branch cooperation with the Welfare Department, and through programs and open study forums sponsored for the public. Child guidance has also been an outstanding study.

Monthly meetings, arranged usually by the committees to be in keeping with the respective committee interests and aims, have been frequently open to the public.

Publicity through newspapers, radio talks, and announcements, and posters for children's plays and for Book week displays and programs have kept the Branch and the public informed of what AAUW is doing.

Radio programs have given information on the work of the Association on matters of local, State, and national interest. Several prominent speakers have been among those given radio time, among these being Dr. Margaret Shore Morriss, former national president. Children's plays have been advertised over the radio.

Records of the Branch include well kept minutes for each meeting from the beginning of the organization to the present time, lists of members for each year, treasurer's records, and newspaper clippings for most meetings and other activities.

Study, cooperation with other local organizations in worthwhile activities, *contributions* to worthy causes, such as the Cancer Control Drive, *sponsoring of children's plays*, and *programs*, designed especially to help develop the realization of each person's part in world peace, these have been the regular policies of the Greenville Branch in its work as a local organization and as a unity in the State and the National American Association of University Women.

By Mrs. J. E. Winslow, historian,
April 27, 1947. and Emma L. Hooper, president.

ADDITIONAL HISTORY OCTOBER, 1947

The Greenville branch has contributed to the State Organization its president, Mrs. Robert L. Humber, the secretary, Mrs. D. S. Spain, Jr. and radio chairman, Miss Mamie Jenkins.

Through the art department cash prizes are offered to both junior and senior high school students for their best work in creative writing.

In cooperation with the Chi Pi players of Eastern Carolina Teachers' College the branch is assisting in the presentation of several plays for school children, college students and the public. Performances have been arranged for each play to accommodate groups of both races. These plays are given under the direction of Dr. Lucile Charles, a branch member.

During the week of the inauguration of the college president next March, the plays: Darby and Joan, Weatherclerk, Cabbages and Kings, and an original pantomime arranged by Dr. Lucille Charles, from the Coppellia Ballet, will be presented.

PRESIDENTS—1929-1948

1929-32—Mrs. E. L. Hillman; 1932-34—Dr. Lucille Turner.
1934-36—Mamie E. Jenkins; 1936-38—Mrs. Ficklen Arthur.
1938-39—Dr. Dorothy Schnyder; 1939-40—Mrs. Luther Her-
ring.
1940-42—Louise Williams; 1942-44—Mrs. J. E. Winslow.
1944-45—Mrs. Ethel R. Watters; 1945-48—Emma L. Hooper.
Signed—Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Historian.

THE ALAMANCE BRANCH

Organized at Elon College, present Alamance Branch was first known as the Elon Branch and functioned as an independent organization several years prior to its official affiliation in May, 1932.

Records for the early years are incomplete, but it is known that Mrs. Arthur Ramoser, Mrs. Ivy Deal and Mrs. Henry Snuggs served as presidents before the branch received official status.

Mrs. W. A. Honeycutt is recorded as the first president after the branch became a state and national member of AAUW.

The membership for 1947-48 includes a total of 48 paid members to January first, the largest ever recorded. From a small group which never reached a total of 20 during the first few years there has been a steady growth during the past ten years with a wider spread of membership throughout the county and a larger program of work.

The branch has ever been alert to the social and educational needs of the community and has sponsored many worthwhile projects, chief of which has been the effort to provide greater cultural advantages particularly in the arts field.

For several years the branch sponsored The Clare Tree Major Children's Theater plays for the school children of Burlington with most gratifying results, and with the profits sent underprivileged girls to camp for two summers, and is now zealously guarding The Art Fund (kept separate from the regular treasury) to serve as a nestegg in equipping an art room and a children's museum in the soon-to-be-erected community building. Not until the city and county become more art conscious, and a children's museum and art centre become a reality, will the Alamance branch relax its efforts in this direction.

The Alamance branch assumed its war work obligations by getting a registration of the women who might assist in various activities, giving a great deal of time to USO and Red Cross work,

selling bonds and buying bonds, making and selling hundreds of war stamp corsages and collecting garments for European relief.

Much emphasis has been given to International Relations particularly since 1941, and outstanding programs have been arranged, prominent guest speakers, several of whom came from the Headquarters Office in Washington. Perhaps the most outstanding program was the one of November 28, 1945 when an audience of approximately 500 of the best informed citizens of the city representing all the civic clubs shared with the Alamance branch in enjoying a wonderful speech by Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville who outlined his ideas of the Declaration for a Federation of the World.

Continued interest is evidenced in the plight of our neighbors in Europe. This is reflected in the sending of boxes of clothing at different times to AFUW groups and others abroad.

The annual education program provides an opportunity of hearing some outstanding speakers discuss the problems facing education and the need for developing wider and better understanding of how a broad cultural program of education can benefit the world.

While the Alamance branch has not furnished the State Division with officers, it usually has some member serving as a State Committee chairman. At present Mrs. J. Allen Hunter is state chairman of International Relations and as such is directing the state projects to make International Federation contacts by means of correspondence and gifts, and Carrie B. Wilson is being retained as State Historian for another two years.

Stimulating fellowship programs each year have resulted in liberal contributions for the Fellowship Fund.

Plans are now underway in the Recent Graduates group for a study course and two worthwhile projects.

The branch has been hostess three times to the fall meeting of the Board of Directors.

The loyalty of the members is largely responsible for the continued growth of the branch.

Past presidents of the branch include the following: Mrs. W. A. Honeycutt 1932-36, Mrs. H. C. Greene 1936-38, Mrs. Walter A. Maynard 1938-39, Carrie B. Wilson 1939-41, Mrs. J. Allen Hunter 1941-43, Margaret Pickens 1943-44, Mrs. Edward F. Iseley 1944-45, Mrs. Walter A. Maynard 1945-46, Mildred Kichline 1946-47, with Mrs. John H. Alley serving the 1947-49 term.

The branch had its origin several years prior to affiliation with AAUW. Records are not available to substantiate dates but is known that Mrs. Arthur Ramoser, Mrs. Ivy Deal and Mrs. Henry Snuggs served as presidents of the organization before Mrs. Honeycutt's term of office.

Mrs. J. Allen Hunter of Elon College is the only charter member who has held continuous membership.

By Mary Womble, Branch Historian and
the State Historian.

HISTORY OF THE SHELBY BRANCH

The Shelby Branch of AAUW was organized at a meeting held in the library of the High School in May, 1938. The branch began its activities in the fall of 1938, and the highlight of the first season was a study course on Child Psychology conducted by Dr. James Goddard of Queens Chicora College and Mrs. Butler Pruette of the local branch. Thirty-seven charter members constituted the first year's roll with the addition of three new members and six who came in from an adjoining branch at Boiling Springs.

During the years the branch has been active in all forms of community activities, particularly in cooperation with the women's organizations in bringing outstanding speakers such as Dr. Frederick Koch, Robert Bellair, Ruth Bryan Owen, Emil Ludwig, and Dr. Jerome Davis.

Our branch sponsored the organization of Gray Ladies in 1944 to work under the direction of the Shelby Hospital staff. The course was given by Miss Lucille Hall and certificates were given to around ten members.

During the war years our group made kits for the Red Cross, and under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Noell these kits were packed and sent off. We also had certain days to work at the Surgical Dressing Room. In 1943-1944 the group donated blood to the Plasma Blood Bank, and cooperated in all war fund drives.

In 1946 our group undertook as its main project the collection of clothing and food to be sent to the people of the war torn areas. We sent nine boxes of food and clothing to the people on the list sent out by the National Headquarters. We also entertained at a dinner for the senior girls of the City High School and decided to make it an annual affair.

During the 1946-1947 season the branch has sponsored and directed a Dance Club for the high school students which special-

izes in "dateless dances." Each member of the Club pays a \$5.00 fee which covers the cost of the dances. Mrs. Oliver Anthony and Mrs. Hugh Noell were in charge using the plan outlined in the Spring 1946 issue of the AAUW Journal. In addition, our group has sponsored a World Peace speaking contest in all of the high schools of the county and secured funds for a medal for the winner. Instead of a dinner for the high school seniors of Shelby, we invited the Senior girls from each of the county high schools to an informal tea, and this we plan to make an annual affair.

Signed—Mrs. Dan Paul, Mrs. Paul Kennedy,
and Selma Webb, Historians.

In addition to the preceding, Mrs. Lyle Thompson sent in the names of past presidents as follows: Mrs. Walter Abernathy 1938-39, Mrs. Cecil Gilliatt 1939-41, Mrs. Dwight Bridges 1941-42, Mrs. Lyle Thompson 1942-44, Mrs. Don Paul 1944-46, Selma Webb 1946-48.

HISTORY OF THE BRYSON CITY BRANCH

The Bryson City Branch of the AAUW had its beginning in 1941 on October 6, with seventeen charter members. It was unique in the respect that membership consisted of women within a thirty-odd mile radius of Bryson City and from four different counties. The Branch began its history with a complete organization of committee chairmen.

Mrs. B. C. Thomasson was the first president of the Association and held office for two years. At the second meeting of the year, Mrs. Clarence E. Blackstock, State President of AAUW was the guest speaker. At each meeting during the year, the International Relations Chairman gave a five-minute talk on current events, and a book review was given by members of the Branch on outstanding books of the year. In this connection a book club was formed, each member buying an outstanding book and circulating to other members during the year.

The following year—1942-43, the Bryson City Branch had 22 members. The book club continued with a new set of books being circulated. In connection with the members' interest in books, Miss Marjorie Beal, State Supervisor of Libraries spoke at one meeting.

During this war year the Branch gave prizes to school children in Bryson City buying the most bonds and stamps. Also during the year, books and games were collected and sent to Moore General Hospital.

Mrs. Mack Bennett was president of the Branch for 1943-1944. There were 23 national members and two associate members. The president, with two other members attended the State Convention of AAUW held in Raleigh that year. The theme for the programs of the year was "Let's Take a Look at Our World." The programs consisted of talks on Canada, China, A Cruise Through the Mediterranean, Mexico, and our own Southwest. These talks were made by local speakers who had travelled to those places. The current event talks during the year were based on "News and Views of a World at War." At the Christmas season the Branch held a party, at which each member brought gifts for needy children.

Mrs. C. M. Blair was the next president—1944-45. The membership was 26, the theme of the programs for the year being "Better Community Living." These programs consisted of "The Importance of a Library in Our Community," "Woman's Responsibility in War and Peace," "Food Trends in a Post War World," and "Juvenile Delinquency." In connection with the theme for the year, prizes were given to high school pupils for the three best essays on suggestions for recreation of the youth of the community. In the spring, an Art Exhibit of American Prints was held at the Public Library, at the public school in Bryson City, and at the school on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

Miss Gertrude Flanagan was elected president for the next year—1945-46. The Branch had 24 national members and three associate members. The theme for the year was "Know Western North Carolina." The programs consisted of "The Early History of Swain County," and programs on the life and writings of Thomas Wolfe, Rebecca Cushman, and Horace Kephart. At a dinner meeting in November, the Branch had as its guest speaker, Caroline Miller, author of *Lamb In His Bosom*.

During this year, the Bryson City Branch of AAUW and the Music Club of Bryson City were co-sponsors of a concert given by the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra. Also during this year members contributed packages of food to University Women's families in Holland, Norway, and Denmark.

Miss Flanagan served as president for 1946-1947. The Branch had 22 national members and three associate members. The Branch lost one of its charter members, Miss Jesse Shank, who passed away February 1, 1947. The first meeting of the year was a membership tea. The programs for the year were sponsored by the chairman of each committee. Outstanding programs for

the year included an open forum at which a special agent of the F. B. I. discussed the problem of Juvenile Delinquency. Mrs. H. L. Reed, formerly with the U. S. Treasury Department in Germany, spoke on "Our Occupation Policy in Germany." Rebecca Cushman was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting and read from her own *"Swing Your Mountain Gal."*

During this year \$160.00 was sent for food by the Branch to European relief, as well as boxes of education supplies for school children. Eight dollars was donated to buy milk for local needy school children.

The Bryson City Branch has each year met the quota of the Fellowship Fund sponsored by AAUW.

Signed—Mrs. Jack Lyday, Historian.

HISTORY OF THE LOUISBURG BRANCH

In 1936 a few members of the Louisburg College faculty who had previously belonged to AAUW branches in other parts of the country began to make plans to form a chapter at 'Louisburg. Correspondence with national headquarters was begun but it was not until January, 1942 that ten members were found who were eligible for national membership. At that time the national fees and the list of members were sent to headquarters. Upon the receipt of the list, it was found that two of the members were not eligible for national membership, and the branch could not be formed since the national quota could not be met.

It was not until December 16, 1942, that the branch was formed and officially recognized and the ten required members could be secured. Since that time the branch has been in continuous existence with between ten and fourteen national members each year.

Louisburg is a small community and the college is a small junior college. Therefore, there are very few national members available.

During the four years the branch has held an art exhibit for the public school children, has sponsored the organization and direction of the Girl Scouts, and has taken an active part in the recreational program of the town.

Our presidents have been: Mrs. Margaret B. Kilby, Mrs. Muriel M. Bagby, Mrs. Walter Patten, Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood.
April 14, 1947.

Signed—Mrs. Margaret B. Kilby, Historian.

HISTORY OF THOMASVILLE BRANCH

On October 12, 1945 a group of Thomasville college women met at the home of Mrs. C. L. White, Jr. for the purpose of organizing a branch of the American Association of University Women. Mrs. R. A. Herring, President of the N. C. Division of AAUW with Mrs. Henry White and Mrs. Blake Thompson, all of High Point had come to assist in the process of organizing. By unanimous vote of the twelve ladies present, it was decided to form such an organization.

Temporary officers were elected to serve until such time as a constitution could be worked out and adopted. Permanent officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Mary G. Matthews; Vice-President, Mrs. Carl C. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Jesse L. Finch; Treasurer, Miss Vera Dixon.

At the second meeting held in November with Mrs. Carl Wilson as hostess a tentative constitution was discussed which in view of certain revisions to be made was not adopted at that time. The evening's program was an "Information Please," on the work of the national organization.

Our January meeting adopted the revised constitution which provided for all officers to be elected for two-year terms in the future, with the present president and secretary to continue for a second year, while the new vice-president and treasurer would be elected in 1947 so as to prevent an entire change of officers at one time. The program on International Relations was vivified by informational talks by Wayne Harrison, Rufus Herring and Billy Green, war veterans, recently returned from the European theater of operations.

The March meeting which met with Mrs. Joe Bales was highlighted by the presentation of membership certificates to the 24 charter members, and our first contribution (\$5.00) to the Fellowship Fund. The program was based on juvenile delinquency and what might be done to lessen it in Thomasville.

The May meeting held with Mrs. John R. Meyers centered on education, with Miss Lois Edinger giving a report on the Federal Aid to Education bill pending in Congress. Nominated and elected were Mrs. Carl Pennington for vice-president and Maurine Perryman for treasurer.

Mrs. Stringfield reported for the project committee that books and recordings be purchased for the library from lists to be furnished by Miss Simpson, school librarian.

Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson discussed fellowships and Mrs. Matthews reported on the recent State Convention which she had attended.

All meetings were held in homes with the hostess serving refreshments. Good attendance was the rule with guests and new members at each meeting.

During the second year we began with 26 present. Our first meeting was with Mrs. I. C. Greer with other meetings in the homes of Mrs. R. K. Farrington, Mrs. Alvah Boyles and Mrs. Carl Wilson. At the fall meeting Mr. George H. Arnold, Superintendent of the City Schools, explained the expanded school program, and Miss Ida Hensley, director of public school music, explained her work, and demonstrated a wire recorder then in use. The branch voted to give \$50.00 for the purchase of films and records for the schools.

Programs during the year included discussions of the Co-ordinating Community Council, and responsibility to the community, by the Rev. Charles F. Leek, and The North Carolina Better Health Association plans by Dr. I. C. Greer. The branch became a charter member of the Community Council. Our second contribution to Fellowship Fund amounted to \$12.50 with every member contributing.

In the March meeting Mrs. Carl Wilson for president, and Mrs. Charles F. Leek for secretary were nominated and unanimously elected. Mrs. Matthews reported on the State Convention meeting she had attended recently in Charlotte. Miss Hensley gave some excellent recordings of her music program thus rewarding the branch for its financial assistance during the year.

Our branch has 31 members. Although only two years old, we are well established on our way to greater progress.

Signed—Mary G. Matthews.

April 15, 1947.

AND IN CONCLUSION

Through the years the AAUW in North Carolina has been active in fostering and supporting not only a broad cultural program of education and in providing wider advantages for women, but also in championing the cause of the needy and under-privileged through legislation designed for their relief.

Among the projects sponsored are such significant ones as educational and social surveys, war work projects for the common good at home and abroad, campaigning for better laws in regard to public schools, child labor, women in industry, adequate and sanitary detention centers for delinquent women, increased health and library facilities, and for provision for nursery schools and the general welfare of children.

Much credit is due the chairman of the various committees who have labored faithfully with their state presidents to promote the work.

With the Board of Directors meeting in Greenville, October 25, 1947, the curtain rings down on the History of the North Carolina Division of the AAUW as attempted in this publication.

Through the records of 21 years we have been able to trace a program of work worth much to the state. As the years go by, the work of the AAUW in North Carolina will become more and more significant.

With the celebration of our twenty-first birthday in Greensboro, April, 1948, we may feel justly proud of our attainment. As a legitimate part of the SACW and as local branches of the national organization of the AAUW we made progress, but—it was not until we became a State Division that we began to grow and show our strength.

Now in reaching our majority, 15 branches high and 1000 members wide, we are girding ourselves for greater things. With our faces to the future, we shall

Aspire and
Attain in
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Work

