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MISS LUCILE NIX

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## Education

- 1. A. B. Furman, 1925.
- 2. A. B. in L. S., Emory, 1930.
- 3. Summer Work at the University of Chicago.
- 4. Summer Work at Columbia University.

#### Positions

- 1. Librarian, Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1930-31.
- 2. Supervisor, School Libraries, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1931-34.
- 3. Instructor, Florida State University, Summers, 1931-32.
- 4. Assistant Reference Librarian, Emory University, 1934-35.
- 5. Instructor, North Carolina Library School, Summers, 1934-35.
- 6. Supervisor of School Libraries, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1935-36.
- 7. Head of Circulation and Adult Education, Knoxville Public Library, 1936-40.
- 8. Regional Librarian, Knoxville Public Library, 1940-45.
- 9. Chief Library Consultant, Georgia State Department of Education, 1945.
- 10. Director, Southeastern Workshop on Library Education.
- 11. Administrative Assistant, Library Institute, Emory University.
- 12. Consultant, North Carolina Public Library Workshop.
- 13. Regional Librarian in East Tennessee, working under contract with Lawson McGee, Transworld Airlines and the Tennessee State Department of Education.
- 14. Directed Southeastern workshop on Library Education partly financed by General Education Board.

- 15. Consultant, North Carolina Workshop for Libraries.
- 16. Conducted Tennessee Workshop for Library Trustees.
- 17. Director, Southeastern Workshop on Library Education.
- 18. Conducted American Library Association Workshops for Library Trustees.

# Membership and Offices

- 1. American Library Association Legislative Committee (represented American Library Association at a hearing in Washington in 1960).
- 2. Friends of Libraries.
- 3. Adult Education Association.
- 4. Delta Kappa Gamma (Program Chairman).
- 5. Georgia Committee on Children and Youth.
- 6. Georgia Education Association.
- 7. Georgia Library Association.
- 8. Georgia Parent-Teacher Association (State Program Chairman).
- 9. Georgia Public Health Association.
- 10. Governor's Commission on Aging.
- 11. National Education Association.
- 12. North Carolina Education Association.
- 13. North Carolina Library Association.
- 14. Public Library Association of Georgia Library Association.
- 15. Southeastern Education Association.
- 16. Tennessee Education Association.
- 17. Tennessee Library Association.
- 18. American Library Association--Vice President.
- 19. American Library Association Council.
- 20. President of the Library Extention Division of American Library Association.

- 21. American Heritage Program sponsored by American Library Association.
- 22. American Library Association Committee on Post-war Standards for Public Libraries.
- 23. Public Library Division -- Committee Public Library Standards.
- 24. Represented Georgia at the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.
- 25. Drew up guidelines for High School Implementation in Georgia.
- 26. American Library Association Editorial Committee.
- 27. American Library Association Survey and Standards Committee of the American Association of State Librarians.
- Atlanta Library Club (President).
- 29. American Association of State Libraries, Survey and Standards Committee and Chairman Liaison Committee.
- 30. American Association of State Libraries.
- 31. Charter member of Georgia Adult Education and served as President.
- 32. Assisted in organization of Georgia Adult Education Council and served as Chairman and Program Chairman.
- 33. Board of Managers of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, State Program Chairman.
- 34. Georgia Parent Teacher Association, Chairman of Committee on Rural Service in January, 1949.
- 35. Georgia Parent Teachers Association, Chairman of Committee on Cooperation with Colleges, April, 1944-1952.
- 36. Chairman of Committee on Cooperation with Colleges, April, 1952-55.
- 37. Georgia Parent Teacher Association Chairman of Committee on Rural Services, April, 1955-April, 1967.
- 38. Georgia Parent Teacher Association--Chairman of Committee on Reading and Library Services, April, 1961-April, 1964.
- 39. Georgia Parent Teacher Association--Chairman of Committee on Reading and Library Service for National Congress of Parents and Teachers, May, 1964-1967.
- 40. Georgia Parent Teacher Association--Chairman of Committee on Reading and Library Services for National Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1967-1970.

- 41. Georgia Parent Teacher Association--Chairman of the Committee on Endowment Fund Promotion, 1967-1970.
- 42. President, Georgia Library Association.
- 43. Georgia Library Association Ex-Officio member of the Executive Board.
- 44. Georgia Mental Health Association (Past member of the Advisory Board).
- 45. Southeastern Library Association (President).
- 46. Board of Managers of the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers.
- 47. Tennessee Library Association President. 1940 first State aid for Regional Libraries was passed by Tennessee Legislature.
- 48. Tennessee Valley Library Council and helped conduct the extensive Survey of Library Resources in the Region.
- 49. Currently member of Library Advisory Committee working with Nelson Associates on a study of State Library Agencies.

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- 1. What a Library Should Not Try to Do: A summary: Southeastern Library Association Papers and Proceedings, 10: 44-45, 1938.
- 2. Library Extension Division Speaks. <u>Public Libraries</u> 3: 22-3, June, 1949.
- 3. Georgia Bookmobile Service. <u>Kentucky Library Association</u>
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- 4. (With Fanny D. Hinton), Tommie Dora Baker, A Tribute. Southeastern Librarian 4: 45-7, Summer, 1954.
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   Association, Georgia Chapter Bulletin 3: 4-11, June, 1957.
- 6. (Review of) North Carolina Univ. Institute of Government.

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  Libraries, by Ruth L. Mace: Southeastern Librarian 9:
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- 7. (With Sarah Lewis Jones) Problem and Rewards of Library Cooperation. Kentucky Library Association Bulletin, 27: 7-11, January, 1963.

- 8. Essential Services of the Public Library (Chapter 11 in Roberta Bowler's Local Public Library Administration.)
  International City Managers' Association, 1964, 241-57.
- 9. Big year for Libraries. Georgia Municipal Journal, 15: 12-16, February, 1965.
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More than two decades ago the State Department of Education had the wonderful good fortune to secure the services of Miss Lucile Nix as Chief Library Consultant for Public Libraries of Georgia. With that single stroke of genius the libraries and librarians of the state took a giant step forward and entered the mainstream of public life, not only of Georgia but of the Nation. She has become a living legend in her own time, and is known throughout the Southeast area as "Miss Public Library."

She brought many gifts to her new position: complete commitment, specialized skills, drive and discipline, a deep feeling for tradition combined with a receptiveness to new ideas, strength and stability, an eagerness to serve and share, splendid financial acumen, a mystical empathy, an affinity for things of importance. Perhaps the hallmark of this inspiring woman's career and character is her love, loyalty and leadership in the fields of public service and libraries.

A member of a distinguished family, Lucile Nix was born in Commerce, Georgia, March 3, 1903. Her forebears had long been outstanding in the field of education, and it was only natural that she follow in their footsteps. After graduation from high school she attended Woman's College of Furman University, earning an A. B. degree. She later earned a degree in librarianship from Emory University and studied further at the

University of Chicago and Columbia University. This was the beginning of an honorable and distinguished career in her chosen profession. But it was only a beginning. Now at her zenith she still has far reaching goals and unfilled aspirations for library service. It is typical of her that emphasis never be on self but on service. With her Renaissance mind and warm heart she envisions libraries as the frame work, the corner stone, the open door to greater depths of intellectual attainment and inspirational insight to all ages, all groups, all educational levels, all people everywhere.

Her library career had its beginning at Reynolds High
School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Other positions include:
Supervisor school libraries, Winston-Salem, North Carolina;
Instructor, Florida State University Library School; Instructor,
North Carolina Library School; Assistant Reference Librarian,
Emory University; Supervisor of School Libraries, Knoxville
Public Library; Regional Librarian, Knoxville Public Library,
working under contract with the Lawson McGee Library, Tennessee
Valley Association, and the Tennessee State Department of
Education; Chief Library Consultant of Georgia.

While she was President of the Tennessee Library Association, the legislature of that state, influenced by her leadership, passed the first state aid for regional libraries in Tennessee.

When State aid funds for public libraries became available in Georgia her many faceted personality and her varied experiences in all areas of the library field, school, university, and public, her teaching ability and her skill in working with people made her the first choice of the State Department of Education and the library leadership in Georgia to direct the public library program in her native state.

Returning to Georgia to direct the public library program
was an honor. But with the honor came years of challenge and
years of responsibility. She loved her State and like Browning's
My Last Duchess,

"She liked what e'er she looked on, and her looks went everywhere."

True, Georgia was at the bottom of the scale nationally in practically every area, but the Second World War had focused increasing attention on the value of communications and education. She was everywhere taking the measure of her State. For she knew the possibilities and potentials of her area and that all that was needed was work and leadership and these she gladly provided. Her success as Chief Library Consultant for Public Libraries can be measured by the fact that when she returned to Georgia in 1945, there were six regional libraries serving 14 counties and 41 additional counties giving countywide library service. In 1967 there were 35 regional libraries serving 129 counties with county-wide service available in all of Georgia's 159 counties. When Miss Nix came home to Georgia 33 per cent of the population (mostly in the rural areas) were

without library service. Today only 1.5 per cent of the population is without local library service.

In 1945, the State was giving \$150,000.00 for state grantsin-aid for the improvement of public library service. In 1957 the State was putting over a million dollars into this program. In 1945, appropriations from local funds came to approximately \$639,000.00; in the past year appropriations from local funds came to over \$2,000,000.00. Through the years she has worked to project the program by constant traveling, counseling and advising librarians, local officials, and local trustees on library laws, budgets, buildings, contracts and agreements, organizational structure of the library, publicity, bookmobiles, library service, library staff and many other features that make for a good library program. Truly, Miss Nix has been a pioneer in promoting larger units of library service, not only in her state but in the nation. Her organizational guidelines have set the pattern for multi-library service and have been studied by educators and administrators throughout the United States and from foreign countries.

Her contagious enthusiasm, her parliamentary skill and diplomacy served her well for she quickly captured the imagination of leaders in isolated areas of the state and started a steady and progressive growth toward the finest library system in the nation. Her lucid logic could overcome all barriers and her courage could inspire others to overthrow all obstacles in the quest for excellence of library service. Though she

has no peer she has the ability to make everyone, regardless of cultural background or educational level, feel her equal.

In her contacts with grass roots politicians, the governor in his mansion, or the president in the White House, she has always been the same. Kipling expresses it:

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings nor lose the common touch."

Lucile Nix personifies that attribute. Coming into her presence is like entering the court of Camelot and sitting at the Round Table where all men are equal. Each person is valued as a person, and regardless of how thorny the problem she has the ability to separate the chaff from the wheat, to illuminate the heart of the question and so quietly, so gently in such innate good taste that each one feels as though he had solved the problem by himself. One leaves her presence standing a little taller.

There are no guidelines, no yard sticks, no measuring rods, no criteria for evaluating the influence one has on others.

But her guidance and influence have been felt in many areas.

Her first task in her native state was to evaluate the needs—and there were many—then to ride the highways and by—ways in search of leadership. Then to encourage local ingenuity, and to set goals that could be attained. For she had a sound understanding of finance and a thorough knowledge of the possible and the impossible. Many, in fact most, of the local governments were purse poor, and library service was either

non-existent or inadequate. From necessity, most library beginnings were modest. But they did begin. Then slowly, steadily, surely her state began to reach toward national levels. This was due in part to her service on the American Library Association Committee on Post-War Standards for Public Libraries, and using the knowledge she gained to encourage the Georgia Library Association to study the national standards and apply them to our state. For with her, knowledge is something to be shared.

She is a paradox for her strength and stability, determination and discipline, her acute financial understanding is combined with a blithe spirit that gives her a genuine rapport with youth. She feels that youth is our greatest asset and potential and she has been active in the Congress of Parents and Teachers--in Tennessee, Georgia and on the National level. She has served as Reading and Library Service Chairman in these areas and is a member of the Georgia Committee on Family Life Georgia Committee on Children and Youth, and the White House Committee on Children and Youth. Serving on these committees brought her in contact with both governors and presidents and she always told them the library story. That our youth could be better served through more adequate school and public libraries. Recently, when funds for library support were threatened she almost single handedly saved the bill from annihilation by rallying all the forces at her command,

and they are many. For she knew that defeat of this bill would plunge library services into another dark age, and this she could not allow.

Her influence on the University level has been felt in policy making and evaluation studies, through committee work, workshops and institutes. She has been a strong force in setting up guidelines in Library Education on the undergraduate level and has actively recruited many for library careers. For many years she has filled the all important position of Deputy Secretary for the State Board for the Certification of Librarians. In this important post she is charged with the responsibility of setting standards for the qualifications and issuing certificates to librarians working in all public institutions with the exception of public schools. Teacher librarians must be certified by the Teacher Certification Service of the Department of Education.

Under her guidance, broader areas of library service have been innovated or strengthened. Among them the Readers Services which enhances and complements local systems by lending materials and assisting with reference and research.

Another service that has been received with much favor is the Union Catalog. This lists the holdings of Metro and University areas of North Georgia, and through a strong Inter-Library Loan program makes materials available to smaller systems. This means that a student doing research or study in even the smallest most isolated hamlet of Georgia has access to the same materials as a

student in an urban or university area. This has done much to upgrade the educational level of Georgia. Her state was one of the first (since 1945) to provide State Catalog Card Service to both school and public libraries and this did much to make the library program more effective. Georgia has one of the largest film and tape library collections in the world and these collections have been the means of reaching an even wider audience. Georgia is part of the Bible Belt and these films and tapes have been of particular value to small churches and other small groups. In many instances these films have been an introduction to the many services that a library has to offer. All this is in line with her philosophy to serve all ages, all groups, all educational levels, and all people everywhere.

Her interest in library service extends beyond the usual bounds. In 1963 Governor Sanders named her a member of the Georgia Commission on Aging. This group assists with the developing of policies and advises with state agencies relative to carrying on certain programs with this group. Her interest has extended to prisons and juvenile detention homes, to homes for the aged and under her aegis they have been provided with library service.

She is intensely interested in Mental Health and has served on the Mental Health Advisory Board. She encourages church groups in cataloging their books and strengthening their collections.

Total involvement in the library program included work with Trustees of the Libraries and in Lucile Nix they found their greatest friend and most enthusiastic endorser. Her calm and confidence, her professional knowledge, created a climate of change. Trustees began to see the importance of their responsibility and learned how to stand up and present their programs to the public. Their pride of place extended in a net-work across the State. To be a part of the program was an exhilarating experience filled with freshness and growth. As always she encouraged them to dare a little more and stand a little taller. Due to her influence Judge Frank Adam Smith, in Clayton in Rabun County at the foot of the Appalachians, dared to dream and work for a library to serve all the people of his area. He approached Miss Nix and under her contagious enthusiasms the entire community came astir. The library and bookmobile became realities and today are the center of the Northeast Georgia Regional Library Service. Judge Frank Adam Smith was awarded the Trustee Citation by American Library Trustees Association in 1953 and no one was prouder of his honor than Lucile Nix.

She worked so effectively with Trustee groups that they
have become a full-fledged department of Georgia Library Association, known officially as the Georgia Library Trustees Association.
Members of this association have participated in the Southeastern
Library Association; recently Mrs. Clyde Coventry of Waycross
served as Secretary of the Association. Trustees from her

state serve the national level as committee members and chairman of American Library Trustees Association and Dr. John Clouse of Griffin held office in this division. Porter Kellam of the University of Georgia was Editor of Southeastern Librarian and John Hall Jacobs, Director of the Atlanta Library was President of Southeastern Library Association.

In a world torn with strife, when the South in particular has had poor press publicity on a world wide basis, the libraries of her state have kept open minds and open doors. Integration was no problem. Indeed, under her leadership the libraries welcomed the opportunity to be of even greater service, and more and more of our Negro citizens swelled the ranks of our library patrons. Negro librarians have been encouraged to join the profession and to have full participation in all Georgia Library Association activities. It is heartening to know that many are taking advantage of opportunities in the library field, and rank among our finest librarians.

Perhaps the program that most impresses the politicians and business men of the state is the advisory committee to consider plans for Library Construction. Knowing that the handling and spending of public monies is a trust, and being determined that her state have full value for every dollar spent she innovated this committee. It is composed of twelve members from the state at large who meet to consider and discuss all plans that involve library construction and expenditures. She is eminently qualified to advise as she is something of an authority on

library architecture, construction, decor, furnishings, and equipment. The beautiful library buildings across the state are monuments to her financial ability and good taste. Twenty-three Georgia libraries have been constructed or expanded since Federal Aid became available.

Part of the folklore, the mystique of educators, librarians, and people in public service has been a "publish or perish" philosophy. In some respects Lucile Nix has been strangely silent in this area. Still holding to her high standards she has never permitted herself to serve up a smorgasbord of bits, pieces and tatters culled from published works of other librarians and educators, who in some instances have borrowed heavily from others, with the end result that lot of words and phrases meaning nothing were paraded before the profession. When, and only when, she felt she had something vital that needed to be said to members of her profession and wished to reach a wide audience, did she publish.

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Her painstakingly clear publications have made a real and vital contribution to the profession, and the wise ones who know her merits and credentials await her published works as eagerly as a sophomore awaits the latest J. D. Salenger tome. She has served on the American Library Association Editorial Board and lends her efforts to book selection and book selection policies in her state. Her name has never appeared on these publications as they are published by the State Department of Education.

Essentially modest, never self-seeking, she is known as a person who can get things moving. Long known for her taste and tact, her parliamentary skill without parallel she has served her profession in some of the highest elective offices. In addition to serving as chairman and working on many committees

she has served as: President, Tennessee Library Association;
President, Georgia Library Association; President, Georgia
Adult Education Association; President, Atlanta Library Club;
Vice-President, Southeastern Library Association; President,
Southeastern Library Association; President, American Library
Association, Public Library Division; Vice-President, American
Library Division. In them all she won admiration and esteem
for her skill and guidance. Under her leadership membership
was strengthened in Georgia, Southeastern and the national
levels. All librarians were motivated to participate fully
on all levels by active participation in workshops and committees.

Legendary Lucile Nix, the poised patrician with the graceful gestures and the lyrically lovely honey-coated voice has
captivated audiences across the land. At ease before any
audience or on any platform regardless of size, she brings
freshness and vitality to any group and always focuses
attention on issues of genuine importance. Like the Master
she has a fund of matchless parables that always illuminate
the question being discussed. And like an academy award
winning actress she establishes rapport with her audiences that
makes them feel that they are a part of the larger plans
being formulated. A raconteur, she is always the center of
attention in any social group. Though she has a heavy work
schedule she always answers in the affirmative to the demands
on her time and talents. Sometimes this has meant long tiresome drives to the southernmost part of South Georgia to

speak at a Business and Professional Womans' Club banquet, or to the foothills of the Appalachians to appear before groups, but she never refuses any librarian any request. She knows the highways, by-ways, and trails of her state as well as a highway department engineer, for she has traveled from Rabun Gap to Tybee Light and always in the interest of her profession. Nor has it stopped there, for she has appeared before congressional committees in the interest of better library service, as she has appeared on the national level and on radio and television. These appearances pay big dividends. Always after one of her speeches there is renewed interest in library services and library support.

Consistently through the years she has held to the highest standards of ethics and excellence of her profession and has encouraged everyone with whom she has come in contact to hold high these same standards. Never afraid of competition she has surrounded herself with the highest qualified personnel available and has motivated them to develop to their full potential. For she rejoices over every honor that has come their way. She shares joys, sorrows, victories and sometimes seeming defeat. No librarian is ever alone or lonely for she is always as near as the telephone. This confidence and availability gives a great sense of security and strengthens the entire program.

No one has ever worked "for" Lucile Nix, but "with" her.

This trait reaches from the highest echelons right down to

pages, and porters. She is the first to roll up her sleeves and help fill 500 loot bags for a Georgia Library Association Convention, keep a guest book or arrange a display of pictures and clippings. When needed she will undertake any task, and with such wit, such gaiety that the most tiresome, boring job becomes a joy. She had the high honor of standing beside the president when he signed the Library Service Act, of great significance to libraries across America; but she stood just as proudly beside a librarian in a rural community when she was named Woman of the Year. Or in the library expansion and awarding of the Book-of-the-Month Club Award for excellence of service to Okefenokee Regional Library. This is just a facet of her dedication, her loyalty, leadership and love of her profession and above all her love of people, all people, everywhere. And this love has been returned over ten fold. She knows like Donne

"No man is an island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the
main...
...I am involved in mankind..."

Many honors have come her way: high office, nomination as candidate for Woman of the Year Award in Atlanta; the Lucile Nix Meeting Room to honor her in the Okefenokee Regional Library; and the Progressive Farmer Woman of the Year Award. Recently, when the DeKalb Regional Library Processing System was opened, a bronze plaque placed there by the DeKalb Board of Trustees and the County Commissioners was unveiled. The inscription written by the Director is:

### In honor of Lucile Nix

In deep appreciation of her talents, ability

And dedication beyond the bounds of duty

to the furthering of Public Library Service

It speaks for everyone who knows Lucile Nix.

Lucile Nix brings to librarianship the same awareness, vigor and vitality, and fresh quickening of the spirit that the ancient Greeks brought to all areas of life, and this feeling has permeated the entire library profession. The desire to participate fully on all levels has opened doors and minds and have motivated librarians to achieve finer and higher goals.

She has never been content to be a pedestrian in one narrow field of specialization, but is well rounded in all areas of her profession. She keeps well informed of constantly changing concepts of service, of innovations, legislation and all the important phases of librarianship by reading, attending conventions, participating in and conducting workshops, and meeting people on a person to person basis. This ability to meet and communicate with people on all levels, her mystical empathy, and her complete understanding has endeared her to all who know her and accounts for a large measure of her success. In 1966 the librarians of her state, attending the Convention of the Southeastern Library Association, expressed their admiration by presenting her with a generous purse to cover expenses of attending the American Library Association meetings in San Francisco and New Orleans in 1967.

She adheres to the highest standards, but has a fluid flexibility and a willingness to experiment with old ideas in new and novel ways that give spontaneity to her programs. For she is never rigid in her thinking, or lacking in courage in experimenting. Her only criteria for any idea or program is that it serve the people adequately and well.

The splendid regional (multi-library) service of her state is a monument to her free ranging mind and courage in achieving wider goals.

This program is perhaps the best in the nation and has attracted librarians and visitors from all over the United States, from Europe and Asia.

Though she is above politics she has an understanding of legislative procedure that makes her advice and counsel invaluable. She has a thorough understanding of public monies and the "know how" to get full benefit from each dollar expended. The many new libraries and library additions across the state attest to her financial skill. Her writings are awaited with great anticipation. Her speeches in all areas of public life, on radio and television have brought a new dimension of interest in public libraries and librarians. Her all encompassing renaissance mind, her wit and her warmth attract all who come within her orbit. Her legend is being written in her life time and her friendship is treasured.

To be her friend is a wondrous thing. Though she never intrudes she is always available to counsel, console, comfort or rejoice. She is completely honest and fair in all her

dealings but always turns the spot light of praise or recognition on the person or group with whom she is working. Her scholarship is such that she could be held in awe, but she is so warm and friendly until she is held in the deepest affection. Her hobby and her career are one and she has brought a new zest to Librarianship.

She is held in admiration and esteem by the entire library profession. She has earned its highest admiration and accolades, and we are fortunate that she could combine her love of people and knowledge in a library career. She has served her profession on every level, state, area and national and always in our best interest. We consider her the most outstanding librarian in America, and say with Goldsmith that she "Allur'd to brighter worlds, and led the way."