

Webb City, Mo
Jan. 8, 1952

The members of the city library board met in monthly session at 7p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise, Jr., E.R. Switzer, Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial account as follows:

Balance, Dec. 31, 1951-----	\$4403.32
Deposit, Jan. 3, 1952-----	\$1382.62
Expense, Dec. 1951-----	\$286.20
Balance, Dec. 31, 1951-----	\$-2950.27

Mr. Burris presented a budget plan on which to operate the library through the year of 1952. Included in the plan was the suggestion that 10% of the annual revenue be set aside as a maintenance fund. He pointed out that leaks in the roof occur from time to time and that it would be wise to anticipate the necessity of a new roof as well as other repairs. The motion was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mrs. Aylor that 10% of the annual revenue which at this time amounts to \$578 be turned to the library board treasurer to be placed in a savings account and to be managed by him as the library maintenance fund. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Ball, the president, then directed Mr. Carmack to draw a voucher on the general library fund for the amount of \$578 and place it in the maintenance fund.

Mr. Carmack then made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Watson that the library remain open until 9 o'clock each week day evening and that the librarian's salary be set at \$135 per month and the custodian's be placed at \$75. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burris stated that he had investigated the cost and installation of a drinking fountain as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Hilton. He found the price at approximately \$190. Mr. Wise made the motion that Mr. Burris be empowered to purchase the fountain and attend to its installation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carmack. It carried unanimously.


The subject of insurance was discussed. It was generally agreed that in this inflationary period the present amount of insurance would be insufficient to replace the library. It was informally agreed that more should be carried. Accordingly, Mr. Burris made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Aylor that Mr. Carmack investigate types of insurance, particularly co-insurance, and that he be empowered to increase the present amount of \$14000 by \$7000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, suggested the purchase of a new view-master along with some new pictures. By mutual agreement the

request was granted with direction to pay for it from the regular fund.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. A noteworthy item was the gift of two volumes from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mr. Burris.



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
Feb.12, 1952

The library board met at 7p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W.C.Ball, Mrs. J.M.Hirons, Mrs. B.C.Aylor, Olive Gilmer, Hal M.Wise, Jr., Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs.Ball presided.

Mr.Carmack presented a financial report as follows:

Balance January 31, 1952-----	\$5553.36
January expense-----	\$232.58
Balance January 31, 1951-----	\$2711.71

A motion was made by Mr. Burris and seconded by Mr. Carmack to apply the \$200 from the Hilton estate on two new sets of Britannica Encyclopedias. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ball presented a request from Mrs. Laura Cummings for the use of the library basement room for a book review sponsored the cosmotologists of the city. No action was taken on the subject.

Mr. Carmack reported that he had conferred with Mr. Waggoner concerning additional insurance. Mr. Waggoner had suggested that an engineer be called to make a survey of the building and estimate the value of it before the board takes out more insurance.


Mrs. Ball reported that Mrs. C.B. Chenoweth had offered a number of bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazines to the library.

Mr. Burris made the motion that the secretary write a letter to A.V.Mocorkle, who is administrator of the Hilton estate, in acknowledgment of the \$200 check and to inform him of the disposition of it. Mrs. Hirons seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Mrs. Baldrige presented the annual magazine subscription list which was submitted by Miss Edith Grant. Some discussion ensued as to whether or not better prices might be secured. Mrs. Ball suggested that Mrs. Baldrige consult other price lists and if she could find better prices elsewhere to use her judgment in placing the order.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was accepted and ordered filed. Interesting items were the addition of 17 adult books and 33 juvenile books, also the instalation of a new drinking fountain which is to be marked as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Hilton.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Hirons.


Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
March 11, 1952

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise, Jr., and E.R. Switzer.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Since Mr. Carmack was absent, no financial report was available.

Mrs. Ball reported the gift of 16 bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine from Mrs. C.B. Chenoweth.

Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, reported that she had placed the magazine subscription with the Joplin News Company. She also reported that Mr. Burris had ordered a plaque for the fountain.

Mrs. Ball reported a request from the High School Art Department for the use of the library for an art exhibit. The motion was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mrs. Watson to grant the request. The motion carried.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was accepted and ordered filed.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Hirons.

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 8, 1952

The library board met at 7p.m. in monthly session in the office of the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C.Ball, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, and E.R.Switzer.

Mrs. Ball presided.

No financial report was available, since Mr. Carmack was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Aylor suggested the idea of starting an exhibit of early Webb City history. She said that Mrs. Bunce has some material that she would contribute toward the project. No action was taken concerning the subject; however the suggestion was received quite favorably.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. An interesting item was the report of evening hour patronage. About 25 or 30 persons call at the library each evening at the library. The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
May 13, 1952

The library board met in monthly session at 7 o'clock in the evening with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W.C..Ball, Mrs. B.C.Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise, Jr. , Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial statement as follows:

Balance April 30, 1952-----	\$3622.38
Expense for April 1952-----	\$334.72
Balance April 30, 1951-----	\$2193.48

city Mr. Carmack also presented an annual report of 1951 from the clerk. This report was ordered filed in the secretary's record.

Mr. Burris reported that a plaque commemorating the late Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Hiltom had been placed on the new fountain.

The question of evening library hours was discussed. It was the idea of board members to set the hours to meet public demand; however the vacation season seemed somewhat early to decide. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Burris it was informally decided to wait until the June meeting .

Mrs. Baldrigeread the monthly report. An outstanding item was the evening circulation of books. The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Burris and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Hirons.



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
June 10, 1952

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Olive Gilmer, E.R. Switzer, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Aylor, the vice president, presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial statement as follows:
Balance May 31, 1952-----\$3355.72
Expense May 1952-----\$329.35
Balance May 31, 1951-----\$2011.13

By unanimous agreement the library hours through the summer months were set from 12.30 noon until 6 o'clock in the evening.


Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report, the chief item of which was the accession of a number of new books. She also read the annual report. Both reports were accepted and ordered filed.

Officers for the following year were elected as follows:

President-----Mrs. W.C. Ball
Vice President-----Mrs. B.C. Aylor
Secretary-----Olive Gilmer
Treasurer-----Jack Carmack

Mrs. Baldrige was re-elected librarian.

The motion for adjournment until October was made by Mrs. Hiron and seconded by Mr. Carmack.



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

