

Webb City, Missouri
January 8, 1957

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. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. Don Adanson, Olive Gilmer, John Bentley, and Jack Carmack.

Mr. Carmack read the financial report as follows:

Balance	Dec. 31, 1956	\$7206.54
Expense	Dec. 1956	483.26
Balance	Dec. 31, 1956	6723.28
Maintenance	Dec. 31, 1956	3132.99

The condition of the roof and needed repairs were informally discussed. Mrs. Baldrige reported that Mr. Dooley of the Dooley Roofing Company and Clarence Welch of the Welch Roofing Company in Joplin had examined the roof. Mr. Bentley stated that Mr. Harris had suggested that the board get bids on the project before any action is taken. Mr. Bentley suggested that an insurance adjuster might be called to examine the building and ascertain if the mine blasting in the southern part of the city had done any damage to the library. No definite action was taken concerning repair work. However, all members present approved further investigation of needed repairs and bids on the project.

Mr. Bentley reported that the sales of old tables and chairs had yielded \$57.

Mrs. Aylor suggested that the board hold an open house sometime in the future so that the citizens of Webb City may see the improvements made in the library. She suggested that a pamphlet of improvements, books, magazines, and general set up be made to apprise the public of the library and its equipment.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed a good daily circulation and the accession of a number of new books. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

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

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
February 12, 1957

The library board met at 7 p.m. in the library with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, John Bentley, Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial statement as follows:

Balance Jan. 31, 1957	\$11,758.81
Expense Jan. 1957	725.15
Balance Jan. 31, 1956	9,838.50

Mr. Burris reported that he had bleached the librarian's desk to match the newly installed furniture. He suggested that the shelves and facings of the shelves be bleached so that the woodwork of the library will harmonize with the new furniture. No definite action was taken concerning the project, but the board members did approve of it.

Mr. Burris also reported that he had received a roof repair estimate of \$1100 from the Dooley Roofing Company. The Welch Roofing Company had examined the roof, but had submitted no estimated cost.

Since the installation of new furniture, Mr. Burris offered the opinion that it might be wise to take out more insurance on the building and furnishings. The idea prevailed that an additional \$5000 or \$5000 might be advisable. Mrs. Ball appointed Mr. Carmack to consult William Waggoner about the matter. The

idea prevailed that the premium could be adjusted to the present plan of staggering it with the other policies over a five year period.

Mrs. Baldridge read the monthly report which showed the accession of 24 adult books and 67 juvenile. She also reported that the bill for the new furniture is yet unpaid.

The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

Mr. Burris suggested that the secretary send a card to Mrs. Hirons with each member's name on it.

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

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary
February 13, 1957

Webb City, Missouri
March 12, 1957

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. Members in attendance were: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Don Adamson, Olive Gilmer, and John Bentley.

Because of the absence of Mr. Carmack, finance chairman, Mrs. Baldrige read the financial report as follows:

Balance February 28, 1957	\$11272.51
Expense February 1957	674.97
Balance February 28, 1956	8522.98

The subject of window shades was discussed. All members agreed that new ones are badly needed. Upon the motion of Mr. Bentley and a second by Mrs. Aylor it was voted that new shades be purchased from Mr. Owens of the Royal Furniture Company. Mrs. Ball instructed Mrs. Baldrige to place the order for them.

Mr. Bentley presented a detailed report of the condition of the roof. He said he had recently gone on the roof with Mr. Welch of the Welch Roofing Company and that they had found it in a very bad condition. Mr. Welch had recommended that the roofing be replaced by a composition material. He also recommended that the color of it be grayish white. However, it was decided that Mr. Bentley get roof samples and members of the

board come to the library and view them with the idea of deciding upon the color later.

Mr. Bentley read the proposed contract which set forth the project in detail. After some informal discussion, Mr. Bentley made the motion that the board accept the contract at a price of \$2160. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Watson. The vote to accept it was unanimous. Mrs. Ball then instructed Mr. Bentley to confer with Mr. Burris about the matter and to proceed as they thought best.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 25 adult books and 18 juvenile. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Adamson and seconded by Mr. Bentley.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 9, 1957

The library board convened in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, and Jack Carmack.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial report as follows:

Balance March 30, 1957	\$9,816.53
Expense March 1957	1,726.95
Balance March 30, 1957	8,375.21

Mrs. Baldrige reported that Mr. Owens of the Royal Furniture Store had been expecting a factory man to display sample window shades and that she had waited to see the samples before placing an order for the library windows.

Mr. Carmack discussed the condition of the roof and the progress of the Welch Roofing Company in recovering it. All members appeared pleased with the work and expressed their approval of the building committee's work.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 21 adult books and 28 juvenile. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

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

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri

May 14, 1957

The library board met at 7 p.m. in the library. Members in attendance were: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Don O. Adamson, and Olive Gilmer.

Mrs. Ball, the president, presided.

No financial report was available because of the fact that Mr. Carmack was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Baldrige reported that she had ordered new window shades and that they should be hung within the next two weeks.

The monthly report was read by Mrs. Baldrige. An item of interest was the fact that the daily circulation is increasing. New books accessioned were: adult 13; juvenile 27.

The motion was made by Mrs. Aylor to accept the report and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

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


Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
June 11, 1957

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. Members present were: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Don Adamson, Olive Gilmer, Jack Carmack, and John Bentley. Since this was the season for appointments of three members to the board, the names of William Perry, Mark Kirkham, and Mrs. Fred troxel were announced as new members. As a matter of record it might be advisable to statethat a new state ruling concerning library board member appointments permits members to serve only three consecutive terms. As a result of this fact Mrs. Ball and Mr. Carmack retired after this meeting after a number of years of noteworthy service

Mr. Carmack presented the financial status of the library as follows:

Balance April 30, 1957 -----	\$2710.15
Expense April 1957 -----	\$7296.79
Balance April 30, 1956 -----	\$7980.68
Balance May 31, 1957 -----	\$2238.17
Expense May 1957 -----	\$626.23
Balance May 31, 1956 -----	\$7644.06
Maintenance Fund -----	\$4132.99

A summarization of improvements made during the year along with expenditures is worthy of record. They are as follows:

New canopy at entrance of building --	\$368.44
New roof -----	\$2116.80
Paint work -----	\$609.64
Total building improvement -----	\$3094.88

Equipment:

New tables and chairs -----	\$4625.94
Two electric fans -----	\$100.00
Scrubbing machine -----	\$70.05
Sweeper -----	\$39.97
Adding machine -----	\$100.00
Total building equipment -----	\$4935.96

Total expenditure for building and equipment
-----\$8030.96

Another item of improvement is the new shades for the windows at a cost of \$66.72. This bill is not included in the itemization above because of the fact that it was at the very close of the fiscal year and the statement did not come until the new year had begun.

The election of officers was held as follows:

President -----	Louis Burris
Vice President -----	Mrs. Aylor
Secretary -----	Olive Gilmer

By mutual approval Mr. Carmack was asked to retain his position as treasurer of the board. The question of legality concerning this action was discussed and Mr. Bentley agreed to consult city attorney, Max Glover, about such action.

