

Webb City, Missouri
Jan. 14, 1958

The library board met in monthly session in the library at 7p.m. Members present were: Mrs.F.E.Troxel, Mrs.RayE. Watson, Olive Gilmer, Lewis Burris, John Bentley, and Mark Kirkham. The meeting convened in the north reading room in order that members might see and enjoy the new tables and lounging chairs.

The secretary read the financial report. Since there was no meeting in December, the report covered November and December.

Balance Nov.30, 1957-----	\$4015.70
Expense Nov. 1957-----	\$728.09
Balance Nov. 30, 1956-----	\$3597.94
Balance Dec. 31, 1957 -----	\$9404.45
Expense Dec. 1957-----	\$486.15
Balance Dec. 1956-----	\$3132.99

Mr Bentley, as chairman of the building committee, discussed the fact that the interior of the building needs re-painting as does the outside woodwork. All members concurred with the idea. Mr. Bentley presented his idea in the form of a motion to have the work done. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkham. It carried.

The subject of the proposed plaque to honor all former board members and librarians to the present time was discussed. All approved the project. Mrs. Watson moved that it be ordered and Mrs. Troxel seconded the motion. It carried.


Mr. Bentley mentioned the fact that a new desk and typing desk, along with chairs for each, should replace the present ones. Mr. Burris then explained that a motion at a former meeting to replace all old furniture of the library took care of this purchase.

Mrs. Baldrige expressed her appreciation, also Mrs. McFarland's for the gifts from the board at the Christmas Season.

Mr. Burris requested the secretary to write a letter to Mr. James Mallos thanking him for the candy canes which he provided for visitors to the library during the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 37 adult books 18 juvenile during the months of November and December. Mr. Burris accepted the report ordered it filed.

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



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
Feb. 11, 1958

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Don Adamson, Lewis Burris, John Bentley, and Mark Kirkham.

In the absence of the secretary, Olive Gilmer, Mrs. Aylor acted as secretary.

The financial statement was read as follows:

Balance Jan. 31, 1958-----	\$8419.14
Expense Jan. 1958-----	\$676.33
Balance Jan. 31, 1957-----	\$12480.96

A discussion concerning the purchase of office furniture was held. It was pointed out that the librarian's desk and the typing desk, along with a chair for each desk would cost \$528.08. Mr. Kirkham presented the motion that these pieces be ordered and thereby complete the refurnishing of the library. Mrs. Aylor seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Mr. Kirkham made the motion that 10% of the present library fund be transferred to the maintenance fund. This amount would be approximately \$774.28. Mrs. Watson seconded the motion. It carried.

The subject of increasing the assistant librarian's salary was discussed. Upon a motion of Mrs. Watson and a second by Mr. Kirkham the hourly wage was raised from sixty cents (\$0.60) to seventy-five cents (\$0.75). This raise was in line with the recent adjustment of Mrs. Baldrige's salary when she was offered a more lucrative salary as librarian for a Joplin hospital. It was then that Mr. Burris canvassed the board members to readjust her salary from \$205 to \$250, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1958.

The matter of opening the library in the morning was discussed, but no definite action was taken.

The project of purchasing a plaque to honor former board members and librarians was tabled for future deliberation.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 11 adult books and 5 juvenile. The daily circulation had increased noticeably.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Mo.
March 11, 1958

The library board met in monthly session at 7p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. B.C.Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Fred Troxel, Mrs. Don Adamson, Olive Gilmer, and John Bentley.

Mr. Burris, president of the board, was absent, and Mrs. Aylor, vice president, presided in his stead.

The financial report was read as follows:

Balance March 1, 1958-----	\$6693.05
Expense February 1958-----	\$561.28
Maintenance Fund-----	\$774.28
Balance March 1, 1957-----	\$11272.51

The treasurer reported the deposit of \$774.28 in the maintenance fund in the Merchants and Miners Bank which makes a balance of \$4943.67.

Mr. Bentley showed a catalog of plaques and discussed the type which would best fit the plans of the board. No action was taken concerning the purchase of the plaque.

Mrs. Adamson reported that she had visited the Joplin library and conferred with the librarian, Miss Hagar about the advisability of opening the Webb City library in the mornings. Miss Hagar expressed herself as feeling that very few people use the Joplin library in the mornings. She doubted that patronage of the local library would justify the opening of it.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed an increase in the circulation of books. New books accessioned were: adults 18; Juvenile 16.

The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mrs. Troxel.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 8, 1958

The library board met at 7 p.m. in the library with the following members in attendance: Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Don Adamson, Olive Gilmer, Lewis Burris, Mark Kirkham, and John Bentley.

Mr. Burris presided.

Mrs. Baldrige read the financial report as follows:

Balance March 28, 1958 -----	\$7347.64
Expense March 1958 -----	\$ 654.13
Balance March 30, 1957 -----	\$9816.53

Mrs. Adamson reported that the book committee members were planning a meeting in the near future to decide upon the purchase of new books.

Mr. Bentley reported that the basement room in which the camera club convenes is in bad condition. The ceiling is falling and the woodwork about the windows is disintegrating. The members of the camera club have volunteered to condition the room free of charge if the board will provide necessary materials. Mr. Kirkham made the motion that Mr. Bentley be empowered to purchase the materials for the project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Adamson. It carried unanimously.

The idea of the proposed plaque was informally discussed. The size of it seemed somewhat of a problem since about 52 names should appear on it. No action was taken other than to have Mrs. Baldrige check the names of the early members.

For sometime members of the board have been thinking about holding open house. Mr. Burris and Mr. Bentley discussed the repainting of the walls and woodwork of the reading rooms and the outside woodwork of the building during the summer months. Their idea was to get everything in condition so that the new furnishings would present an attractive appearance. By mutual agreement the date for the occasion was set the second Tuesday in October, the regular meeting time for the board. Mrs. Adamson was named as general chairman.

Mr. Burris instructed Mrs. Baldrige to send invitations to former board members to attend the next regular board meeting, May 13th. His idea was to show the recently retired members some of their achievements in refurbishing the library.

Mr. Bentley was given the privilege of buying grass seed so that the custodian might develop a lawn about the building.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which Mr. Burris ordered filed.

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

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
May 13, 1958

The library board met at 7 p.m. in the library. Members present were: Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray Watson, Olive Gilmer, Mrs. Don Adamson, Lewis Burris, and John Bentley.

Mr. Burris presided.

The treasurer, Olive Gilmer, read the financial report as follows:

Balance May 1, 1958-----	\$5076.92
Disbursements -----	\$1321.22
Balance May 1, 1957 -----	\$2710.15

Mr. Burris welcomed Mrs. W. C. Ball and Jack Carmack to the meeting. They are former board members who rendered valuable service in reconditioning the library. All members appreciated their attendance and were happy to show them the many improvements that have been made within the last year.

Mr. Burris reported that Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, was in Columbia, Missouri, attending a three day workshop. He explained that the course was given free of charge upon the condition of signing an agreement that she attend such workshops for three consecutive years.

The matter of repairing a stairway was discussed and ordered to be repaired. Mr. Bentley was also instructed to purchase a stepladder for the custodian.

The secretary read the monthly report. An interesting item was the accession of 37 adult books and 24 juveniles. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
June 10, 1958

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Fred Troxel, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. Don Adamson, Olive Gilmer, Mark Kirkham, and Lewis Burris.

Mr. Burris, president of the board, presided.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Burris paid an impressive tribute to the late Hal M. Wise, who served a number of years as an efficient member of the board.

Mrs. Baldrige read the financial report as follows:

Balance June 1, 1958-----	\$4520.52
Expense May 1958-----	\$556.40
Balance June 1, 1957-----	\$2238.17

Mrs. Baldrige gave a detailed report of the library workshop which she had recently attended at Missouri University in Columbia.

Among the ideas that she gleaned at the meeting was the opinion that the three public libraries of Jasper County should charge a nominal fee to rural patrons for the use of the libraries. The rural citizens failed to support the tax for these county bookmobile and they should not infringe upon the city libraries. No action was taken by the Webb City board.

Mrs. Baldrige also reported that the local library is the recipient of many books from friends and patrons of the library, and many times there are several duplications of books already on the shelves. With this idea in mind, the members of the board informally decided to establish a lending library at Elmhurst. An extra section of shelving could be sent to accommodate the storage of such books. Only surplus books would be sent, and any or all of them would be subject to recall at any time.

Both the monthly and annual reports were read and accepted. The monthly report showed the accession of 14 adult books, and the annual report showed an income of \$13602.28 for the year of 1957-1958.

Mrs. Adamson discussed plans for arranging open house the second Tuesday in October. With this idea in mind, she made the motion that the board hold a meeting the second Tuesday in September. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Watson. It carried.

Since this meeting closed the year of 1957-1958, the library personnel were re-elected. Mrs. Baldrige was elected librarian, and Mrs. Shirley McFarland was named assistant librarian. E.D. Kesinger was named custodian. The salaries of all employees were left unchanged.

New officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President----- John Bentley
Vice President -----Mrs. B.C. Aylor
Secretary- treasurer-----Mrs. Don Adamson

This meeting concluded the services of Mr. Burris as a most efficient president and member of ten year's duration, and Olive Gilmer, who served twenty-seven years on the board, the last eighteen of which as secretary.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

