

New Library Board Organized

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A new regional library board organized itself, named three of its members as a personnel committee, and instructed the committee to take immediate steps to find out who is available to fill two important vacancies on the staff. The board met yesterday evening.

To be hired are a head librarian and a reference librarian. The personnel committee, composed of Dr. Rector W. Johnson, chairman, Geoffrey Hilton of Ellensburg, and W. M. Yeaman, was not given any names. It will start from scratch.

Dr. Johnson said that the committee will check with the state librarian and library associations in its search for qualified personnel. He said that the problem will be to match the qualifications wanted with the pay scale which can be offered.

The new board unanimously praised the present staff for doing "a great job in difficult times." During several months of conflict over library operation and a new contract, Miss Carol Trimble resigned as head librarian and various trustees resigned from the different boards involved.

The new board set the last Thursday of each month as its regular meeting date. It selected James W. Garretson as its president, Dr. Johnson as its vice president and Mrs. Charles F. Morrison of Buena as its secretary. It met immediately after a new contract was signed.

Signing the new contract were all members of the Yakima County Rural Library District and all members of the Yakima City Commission. These two groups formed Yakima Valley Regional Library under a similar contract a little more than three years ago.

"I think we're all pretty happy about this and I think that everything will work out fine," Mayor Gilbert W. Burns said after the new contract was signed.

He offered the City Commission's help to the new regional board members and told them they would be dealing with Commissioner Stephen H. Huxa for the most part. The city charter gives the finance commissioner jurisdiction over library matters. The city and district pooled their facilities in March, 1951, to form the regional library.

A summary of the new contract's 16 provisions appears below:

1. City and district are to continue the pooled operation.
2. The regional library is to be operated by five trustees, appointed by joint action of the district board and City Commission.

District Majority

If joint action is impossible, the city is to have two Yakima residents on the regional board and the district is to have two non-Yakima residents. The fifth member is to be chosen by city or district in alternate years. The district has this majority this year. Regional members must be members of either the city or district boards.

3. Regional board member terms are to expire on Dec. 31 of these years: Mrs. Morrison, 1954; Yeaman, 1955; Garretson, 1956; Dr. Johnson, 1957, and Hilton, 1958.

4. The district is to contribute not more than two mills but enough to equal the city's millage. The city is to contribute 1.81 mills subject to annual change by the City Commission.

Further Provisions

5. The regional board is to prepare the regional budget and submit it to the various other groups.
6. In serving Yakima residents, the regional library is to use an amount of money at least equivalent to the city's contribution.
7. The regional board is to submit monthly financial and operating reports and minutes of its meetings to the district and city boards and City Commission, any of which may seek further information or check records.
8. Facilities now used by the regional library are to be continued to be pooled. The regional library is to have the right to occupy and to use all buildings and quarters now owned by ei-



UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT — A new board of trustees for the regional library stands on the city library steps. From left are James W. Garretson, president; Mrs. Charles F. Morrison, Buena, secretary; Dr. Rector W. Johnson, vice president, and Geoffrey Hilton. The fifth member, W. M. Yeaman, is absent.

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ther the district or city boards.

Pooling is to include books and supplies. Pooled books may be retired in keeping with normal library practice, subject to regional board approval.

Ownership Same

9. Present real estate ownership is to continue as it now is, with either the district or city board as the case may be. The district board and the city board each is to have exclusive control over their respective building funds and additional gifts or bequests, including rental from vacant lots. This provision is retroactive to Jan. 1.

10. The regional board is to appoint the regional librarian.

11. Structural remodeling or alteration of the city library building is to require written approval of the city board. If the city builds or acquires a new library building, it may substitute it for the present one.

12. Books acquired after March 1, 1951, are to be marked "Yakima Valley Regional Library."

Until 1957

13. In event of dissolution, pooled property reverts to its former owner. Books are to be divided in ratio to city and district contribution. Each is to compensate the other for what can't be divided physically.

14. The contract is to remain in effect until Feb. 28, 1957. It may be terminated upon 90-day notice, but such notice may not be filed to terminate the contract before its expiration date.

15. If such notice is filed, the regional board is to commence negotiations within 10 days to wind up the library's affairs. If agreement can't be reached on