

## LEABARLAINNA CONNDAE NA GALWAY

## COUNTY GALWAY LIBRARIES

All communications should be addressed:

S. J. MAGUIRE

SECRETARY AND COUNTY LIBRARIAN

COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS,

GALWAY.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY  
LIBRARIES COMMITTEE held on Saturday, the 22nd day of May, 1943.

Present:-

Alderman James Brennan, Co. C., P.J. Culleran, County Councillor  
or J.J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T., the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adm., and  
Urban Councillor M. Keane.

Apology:-

Intimation of his inability to attend was received from  
C.I.O'Flynn, Esq., County Manager.

13. Chairman of the meeting:-

It was proposed by Alderman Brennan,  
seconded by Councillor Keane, and  
RESOLVED - That County Councillor  
J.J. Cunningham be Chairman of the meeting.

14. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the  
last meeting circulated each member be taken as read; and that they  
be signed.

15. Next meeting of the Committee:-

It was proposed by Alderman  
Brennan, seconded by County Councillor J.J. Cunningham, and  
RESOLVED - That a meeting of the Committee be held before the  
Annual Meetings of the County Council, the Galway Corporation and the  
Ballinasloe Urban Council.

It was proposed by P.J. Culleran,  
seconded by Alderman Brennan, and  
RESOLVED - That the next meeting of  
the Committee be held on Saturday, the 19th day of June, 1943.

16. New books suggested for purchase:-

The County Librarian submitted

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a list of new books which he recommended for purchase. He pointed  
out that since compiling the list he found that one book was  
objectionable and recommended its deletion from the list.

It was proposed by Councillor Keane, seconded by the Reverend P.  
Glynn, and

RESOLVED - That the new books recommended by the County  
Librarian for purchase be purchased; and that a share of the works  
be available for the Ballinasloe Branch Library.

17. Eighteenth Annual Report and Statistics:-

The County Librarian  
submitted the Eighteenth Annual Report and Statistics.

Arising out of item 3  
- HEADQUARTERS ACCOMODATION - it was proposed by Alderman Brennan,  
seconded by County Councillor Cunningham, and

RESOLVED - (a) That  
the County Manager be requested to get in touch with the Department  
of Local Government and Public Health on the urgent necessity for the  
appointment of an additional Library Assistant for the County Library  
Headquarters;

(b) That further consideration of the Annual Report and  
Statistics be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee; and

(c) That the County Manager be requested to attend at  
the next meeting of the Committee.

18. Donations:-

RESOLVED - That the following donors of pamphlets,  
reports and journals be tendered the Committee's thanks:-

The Czechoslovak Republic, London; the Hospital Library Council;  
the County Waterford Library Committee; the Isle of Man Education  
Authority; the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.; the Irish  
Tourist Association; the French Government, London; the Netherlands  
Government, London; and the Association of Certified and Corporate  
Accountants, London.

19. Offer of photographs:-

RESOLVED - That consideration of an offer  
of mounted photographs of the county - topographical, archaeological  
and historical - be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

( Minutes Nos. 13 to 19 inclusive)

*W. Paraly*

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COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS,  
GALWAY.

12th June, 1943.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the County Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday next, the 19th day of June, 1943, in the County Library Headquarters, the County Court-house, Galway, at the hour of twelve-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Eighteenth Annual Report.
3. New books suggested for purchase.
4. Donations.
5. Correspondence.
6. General.

Is mise, le meas,  
S. S. MagUidhir,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.  
To the County Manager.  
To the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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GALWAY.

19th May, 1943.

A Chara,

I enclose a copy of the EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the County Libraries for the year ended 31st March, 1943.

Is mise, le meas,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To the County Manager.  
To each member of the Committee.  
To the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME	
Income from rates.....	2,504 5 8
Income from other sources.....	100 3 5
<b>Total income.....</b>	<b>2,604 8 3</b>

GENERAL REVIEW.

As in the previous year the statistics show a notable increase in readers and issues. Readers have increased by 5,522 to a total of 80,325, representing 47.8 per 100 of the population of the county. Issues show an increase of 37,807, the total being 547,950. These increases are the more remarkable in that during the year the hours of opening to the public at the County Library Headquarters have been reduced to three hours each day. A further contributory factor is that the book stock was not allowed to fall, but was increased by 2,933 volumes - this being due to the foresight of the Committee in buying and storing reprints and replacements before books became scarce.

Improved conditions have been effected at the Ballinasloe and Loughrea Branches by the provision of additional shelving and larger book stocks.

A library service, including books for children, is provided in 298 schools and in 46 other buildings.

VOLUNTARY LIBRARIANS.

The Committee again thank the many honorary librarians for their work at the centres, and desire to express their appreciation of the quality of the services offered by them to a large number of readers throughout the county. Improvements effected at many centres have been due to willing co-operation of honorary librarians.

HEADQUARTERS ACCOMODATION.

Owing to the limited floor space, shelving and staff, the carrying out of the many functions of the expanding service is an acute problem, resulting in much inconvenience and delay in dealing with essential work at headquarters. The County Manager has proposed to appoint an additional assistant but up to the present the views of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject have not been received.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

	<u>INCOME</u>		
	£	s	d
Income from rates.....	2,454	0	0
Income from other sources.....	150	5	5
Total income .....	2,604	5	5

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Percentage</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Salaries and Wages.....	32.7	774	4	0	
Books, Binding, etc.....	46.5	1,099	19	4	
Transport and Travelling expenses.....	3.2	77	7	2	
Rent, maintenance, repair of premises at Headquarters and Branches.....	7.3	173	3	10	
Other expenditure.....	10.3	243	5	6	
<b>Total expenditure.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	

The total expenditure is equivalent to a rate of one penny in the (approximately), or 3.3 pence per head of the population.

#### CHOICE OF READING MATTER.

Every facility for obtaining books is given readers. Applications for books to be supplied by post, or to be forwarded with fresh stock to branches and centres on the regular exchange dates, are encouraged. More use is made, year by year, of facilities for obtaining books, and the content of the stock at very many centres is definitely influenced by the local readers. Each branch or village centre receives individual attention, which ensures, as far as practicable, the carrying out of the Committee's policy: to give the reader the books he actually wants. This aspect of the work is particularly appreciated in the small communities where book stocks are necessarily limited in quality and content.

#### OTHER LIBRARIES.

The service of books through the Irish Central Library for Students has again been very efficient. Owing to additional reference works at the County headquarters, the number of books for which recourse to the Central Library for Students was necessary was rather less than formerly, the number so supplied being 427 as compared with 486 last year.

32 volumes were by request lent to the University College Library, Galway, during the year.

#### STUDY AND READING CIRCLES.

The number of study and reading circles show a decline: 7 as against 12 last year. The service of books was mainly in respect of works on Catholic Action, Apologetics, and Catholic Social Studies.

TEACHERS' REFERENCE BOOKS.

Increased use has been made of works on Agriculture, Art, Commerce, Workshop Practice, Carpentry and Joinery, Rural Science and History. Apart from the usual demands from teachers in the elementary schools, the increase has been due largely to a selected course of reading prepared by the Department of Education for the guidance of teachers in Vocational Schools.

SPECIAL SERVICES TO READERS, STUDENTS AND GROUPS.

In addition to the book service at local centres in the county, a POSTAL SERVICE direct from headquarters to readers is available. Students and readers of non-fiction will find it well worth while to become postal borrowers. Books as soon as they are available are sent by post or bus, the reader being responsible for the cost of postage at the end of the month which is allowed for reading. Four books may be borrowed at a time.

The County Libraries supply BOOKS FOR CLASSES to any organisation in the county needing them.

A special collection of non-fiction suitable for use as a school reference library is available to any school applying for it, and every aid is given in making selection likely to be useful in conjunction with the school syllabus.

There is in stock a large collection of PLAYS, and books on play-production, stage-management, scenery, costume, and make-up. A number of copies of a single play may be borrowed for PLAY READING OR PRODUCTION. This applies to dramatic groups of all kinds including schools.

DISCARDED BOOKS.

All discarded books which still have serviceable qualities have been transferred to the various Public Health institutions to the Billingsgate Mental Hospital, to military garrisons and outposts, and to the Army Construction Corps units.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

The following brief explanation is necessary for the proper understanding of the information supplied by the ABSTRACT:-

First of all, the figures represent the number of books issued for home reading only. They do not include the encyclopedias,

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guide books, dictionaries, directories, almanacs, etc., consulted in the headquarters and branches. Again, the figures shown are those compiled from the issues-records kept at the centres, branches and headquarters, and do not include the issues at the centres where the records are not properly kept, or not kept at all. And lastly, since the inception of the scheme the abstract has been compiled on exactly the same lines, so that it provides the only satisfactory basis available for comparing one year with another.

HEADQUARTERS.

	Days open	Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays	Other days
ADULTS - Average issues per day	240	981	526
JUVENILES - " " "	104		342

BOOK STOCK.

	volumes
Total Adult Fiction .....	32,425
" " Non-fiction .....	27,779
" Juvenile Works .....	12,956
Total Stock .....	73,160

Number of books available per 100 of the population 44.1

BOOK ISSUES.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Issues from headquarters direct to readers	126017	35,528	161,545
" " Centres " " "	348396	38,009	386,405
Total Issues .....	474413	73,537	547,950

Estimated cost of transport per volumes..... 0.9d.

BORROWERS.

Total number of registered borrowers..... 80,325  
 Estimated total number actually borrowing  
 per 100 of the population..... 47.8

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Wentworth, F. Teaching advanced domestic science  
 Gandy, H. The basis of the good: a survey of agriculture and food production  
 Nicholson, H. B. The principles of field drainage  
 Furnas, J. C. How America lives

DRAWING

Wentworth, P. V. I wish I could draw

EDUCATION

Wilson, Macmillan's teaching in practice, by  
 Gandy, H. M. Truth and fallacy in educational theory

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June, 1943.

GENERAL WORKS - NON-FICTION

AGRICULTURE

Day, J. Wentworth. Farming adventure  
Gangulu, H. The battle of the land: a survey of  
agriculture and food production  
Nicholson, H. H. The principles of field drainage

AMERICA, UNITED STATES OF

Furnas, J. C. How America lives

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Shuster, George N. The world's great Catholic  
literature: an illustration "of the impact  
of Catholic thought and feeling upon  
literature since the time of the Apostles".

BIOGRAPHY

Guedalla, P. The two Marshals  
Hicks, Sir Seymour. Vintage years  
Listowel, Judith. This I have seen  
Partridge, Bellamy. Big family: a companion  
volume to the author's "Country Lawyer"  
Sandburg, Carl. Storm over the land: a condensed  
version of the author's biography of  
"Abraham Lincoln: The War Years"  
Scanlon, O. M. Wandering footsteps: missionary  
experiences  
Seaver, G. Edward Wilson of the Antarctic  
Storrs, Sir R. Orientations  
Tate, Sir Robert. Carmina Dublinensia

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Denning, D. The art and craft of cabinet-making

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Haslett, C. Teach yourself household electricity  
Murray and Koster. Complete home knitting

DRAWING

Bradshaw, P. V. I wish I could draw

EDUCATION

Various. Macmillan's teaching in practice. 8v.  
Hardie, C. H. Truth and fallacy in educational  
theory

EDUCATION - JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Burt, C. The young delinquent  
Carr-Saunders, and others. Young offenders: an enquiry into juvenile delinquency

ESSAYS

Reed, Douglas. Downfall

FISHING

Bainbridge, W.G. The fly-fisher's guide

FOLKLORE AND MYTHOLOGY

Spence, L. An introduction to mythology

FRANCE

Iswolsky, Helen. Light before dusk: an account of the Catholic intellectual revival in France between two wars. The author - a Russian Catholic - is a daughter of the last Czarist Ambassador to France

GHOSTS

Malden, R.H. Nine ghosts

HORSEMANSHIP

Fawcett, W. The young horseman

LITERARY METHODS

Partridge, Eric. A dictionary of abbreviations

MECHANIC TRADES

Armytage, G.J. Metalwork for schools and colleges: its principles and practice  
Carle, D.de. With the watchmaker at the bench

METEOROLOGY

Brunt, D. Weather study

MUSIC

Thompson, Oscar, editor. The international cyclopaedia of music and musicians

RATES AND RATING

Freeman, J.C. Ratefixing and estimating

RELIGION

Bedoyere, Michael de la. Christianity in the market place

SATIRE

Morier, James. The adventures of Hajji Baba of Ispahan in England

SEA FISHERIES

Russell, E.S. The overfishing problem



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Pink, M. A. Social reconstruction

SOCIAL WORK

Brew, Josephine. In the service of youth: a practical manual of work among adolescents based on patient and skilled first-hand observation  
 McCall, Cicely. Women's Institutes: a handbook dealing with the work of the associations for the provision of better amenities in rural life

THEATRE

Bamford, T. W. Practical make-up for the stage

TOY MAKING

Page, Hilary. Toys in wartime: simple practical suggestions requiring no great manual dexterity

TRAVEL

Nattages, Francois. Escape to danger: travels via Oran and the Sahara Desert to Freetown by lorry and canoe

WAR, THE SECOND GREAT

Austin, A. B. We landed at dawn: a journalist's description of combined operations ending with the Dieppe Raid  
 Buster, G. Zero hour  
 Denny, Harold. Behind both lines  
 Grew, Joseph C. Report from Tokyo

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Rolo, Charles. Radio goes to war

F I C T I O N (ADULT)

Adams, R. The star of Persia  
 Aldridge, J. Signed with their honour  
 Armstrong, T. Dover Harbour  
 Benson, E. F. David of King's  
 Champion, S. Bonanza  
 Birncy, Hoffman. Ann Carmeny  
 Clarke, M. A stranger within the gates  
 Daly, R. W. Soldiers of the sea  
 Douglas, Norman. South wind  
 Du Maurier, Daphne. Hungry Hill  
 Gielgud, Val. Confident morning  
 Greene, Graham. The Ministry of Fear: an entertainment  
 Gunn, Neil M. The serpent  
 Halliday, M. Five to kill  
 Henriques, Robert. Captain Smith and Company  
 Lister, Stephen. Softly catchee monkey  
 MacInnes, Helen. Assignment in Brittany

F I C T I O N (continued)

Noble, Barbara. The house opposite  
 Norris, Kathleen. Diana Cashman  
 Rose, E.H. The prodigal soldier  
 Swift, Anthony. Murder at a Police Station  
 Thompson, F. Candleford Green  
 Turnbull, Agnes S. The day must dawn  
 Valentine, The moving finger

J U V E N I L E W O R K S

Anon. Triumphs of engineering  
 Arkell, R.L. Summer at Grassrings  
 Blyton, Enid. I'll tell you a story  
 Summer term at St. Clare's  
 Bruce, D.F. Toby at Tibbs Cross  
 Burton, Edmund. In quest of the golden orchid  
 The radium king  
 Cregan and de Meth. Rathina  
 Falcon, C. Camping out for girls now  
 Flaherty, John J. Sentries of the sea: the story  
 of the lighthouses  
 Gates, D. Blue willow  
 Griffin, S. Burma Road calling  
 Hadath, Gunby. The swinger  
 Hann and Nash. Merrily makes things move  
 Lines, K. The ten minute story book  
 Maritain and Severini. Saint Thomas Aquinas: an  
 attempt to interpret St. Thomas for young  
 readers  
 Marsh, D.E. The airmen of the island  
 Methley, V. Great galleon  
 Morse, R. A book of common trees  
 Oxenham, Elsie J. Pernel wins  
 Power, Rhoda. Stories from everywhere  
 Ten minute tales  
 White, W.L. They were expendable

A D D E N D A

AGRICULTURE

Stapledon, Sir George. The way of the land

BIOGRAPHY

Haskell, H. J. This was Cicero: a full-length biography of the great Roman author-statesman-lawyer  
Ross, E. Denison. Both ends of the candle: the autobiography of the famous Orientalist

ITALY

Keun, Odette. Trumpets bray

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Holford and Pool. A plan for town and country: post-war planning  
Lafitte, F. The Beveridge Plan for social security

TRAVEL

Chapman, Olive M. Across Madagascar

FICTION

Creasey, John. The valley of fear  
Fairway, Sidney. Dr. Severn's secret  
Phillpotts, Eden. A museum piece  
Smith, Lady Eleanor. Caravan  
Totheroh, Dan. Deep valley

JUVENILE WORKS

Baker, Margaret. The weathercock  
Blyton, Enid. Seven o'clock tales  
Mordaunt, Elinor. To sea! to sea!  
Shead, J. A. They sailed by night  
Smith, Trevor D. Into the happy glade

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY  
LIBRARIES COMMITTEE HELD ON SATURDAY, the 19th day of June, 1943.

PRESENT:-

Alderman James Brennan, Co.C., Councillor W. Carrick, P.J. Collieran, County Councillor J.J. Cunningham, N.T., the Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D. (Chairman), Councillor M. Keane, and County Councillor M. Quinn.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

C.I.O'Flynn, Esq., County Manager.

20. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting circulated each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

21. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT:-

RESOLVED - That the Eighteenth Annual Report be approved.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, it was RESOLVED - That (a) the number of the books in classified order; (b) the stock at each centre; and (c) the registered readers at each centre be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

22. Donations:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's thanks be tendered the Irish Tourist Association and the Association of Corporate and Certified Accountants for gifts of their current periodicals.

23. OFFER OF PHOTOGRAPHS:-

RESOLVED - That the offer of photographs of the county from the Irish Tourist Association be accepted with thanks.

24. NEW BOOKS SUGGESTED FOR PURCHASE:-

RESOLVED - That the list of new books suggested for purchase be approved; and that the County Librarian be authorised to purchase them.

(Minutes Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive).

*Peter Collieran*

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COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS,  
GALWAY.

18th September, 1943.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the County Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday next, the 25th day of September, 1943, in the County Library Headquarters, the County Court-house, Galway, at the hour of twelve-thirty o'clock in the afternoon when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Donations.
3. Correspondence.
4. General.

Is mise, le meas,

S. J. Maguire,  
Secretary and County Librarian.

To each member of the Committee.  
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GALWAY.MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY LIBRARIES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON SATURDAY, the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 1943.

## Present:-

Alderman J. Brennan, Co. C.; P. J. Colleran; County Councillor  
J. J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T.; County Councillor M. Dunne; J. Hesty, H.C.;  
Councillor M. Keane; and County Councillor M. Quinn.

## Apologies:-

Intimations of their inability to attend were received from  
the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adm.; County Councillor E. Corbett, H.C., T.D.;  
and County Councillor T. C. Lydon.

## 25. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:-

RESOLVED - That P. J. Colleran be Chairman  
of the meeting.

## 26. DONATIONS:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's thanks be tendered the  
following donors of reports and pamphlets:-  
the County Medical Officer  
of Health, Galway; the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust; the Electricity  
Supply Board; the Cork Public Library; the Birmingham Corporation;  
and the Secretary and Registrar of the University College, Galway.

## 27. CORRESPONDENCE:-

RESOLVED - That the following requests, arising  
out of the correspondence, be made to the County Manager:-

- (1) that the Committee be a member of the Book Association  
of Ireland;
- (2) that the Committee be represented at the conference  
of the Library Association of Ireland to be held in Dublin in November  
next;
- (3) that the local quotation be accepted for the framing of  
of the prints given the Committee by the Irish Tourist Association; and
- (4) that a temporary attendant be appointed to the  
Library Headquarters pending the making of the permanent appointment  
of a Junior Library Assistant;

## 28. County Vocational Education Committee:-

RESOLVED - That the  
County Vocational Education Committee be held responsible for all  
books issued to its schools as already ordered by the County Manager.

## 29. Ballinasloe Branch:-

RESOLVED - That the County Librarian visit  
and report on the Ballinasloe Branch Library.

( Minutes Nos. 25 to 29 inclusive. )

*M. Farahy*

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GALWAY.

3rd December, 1943.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the County Libraries Committee will  
be held on Saturday next, the 11th day of December, 1943,  
in the County Library Headquarters, Galway, at the hour of  
12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following  
business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Donations.
3. Annual Estimates.
4. New Books.
5. General.

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County Librarian.To each member of the Committee.  
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ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1944/1945.

	Year 1944/1945			Year 1943/1944		
ESTIMATED INCOME						
	£	s	d	£	s	d
From Rates.....	2,761	0	0	2,422	0	0
From other Sources.....	160	0	0	150	0	0
Total Estimated Income.....	2,921	0	0	2,572	0	0
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE						
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Books - New and Replacements	1,400	0	0	1,200	0	0
Salaries and Wages.....	984	0	0	878	0	0
Administration.....	460	0	0	430	0	0
Other Charges.....	77	0	0	64	0	0
Total Estimated Expenditure	2,921	0	0	2,572	0	0

These figures are approximately the minimum necessary to maintain the service at its present level. The main items in library budgets just now must be the book fund. At no time since public libraries were empowered by law to purchase books has the acquisition of stock presented such difficulties. The cost of books has risen, if not unduly, at least appreciably. Outstanding is the question of the provision of novels of the flimsiest make-up at half a guinea a copy; especially so as it is certain that before the novel has passed through but a few hands it will be laid aside for binding. It is generally accepted that it is impossible for any library to get anything like the whole of its binding done. The shortage of material for binding is obvious. The allocation, therefore, is NEW BOOKS £650 and REPLACEMENTS £750.

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Under SALARIES AND WAGES provision has been made for annual increments to three members of the staff and for a possible increase in the amount of the Emergency Bonus.

Lighting and Heating offer no scope for estimate economies despite the rigid curtailment of consumption by the Electricity Supply Board, as this is compensated by the increase in charges.

A sum of £50 has been provided for equipping the Loughrea Branch with a counter, additional shelving and for adjusting the lighting. No provision has been made for the painting of the County Library Headquarters - a work long overdue, but one which cannot be considered until after the Emergency.

The mounting, framing and incirbing of the printing presented by the Irish Tourist Association is estimated to cost £25.