

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

50th Annual Meeting, 1959

Patron: His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch.

President: *D. R. Carson

Vice-Presidents: Chairman Library Committee Christchurch City

Council: Councillor R. G. Brown

Councillors L. Christie, H. E. Denton, G. Manning,

Messrs L. J. Atkinson, *R. A. Campbell, D. S. Friedman,

*E. W. Gimblett, E. Hughes.

Mrs E. M. Allen.

Miss I. White.

Secretary: *F. C. Rainbow.

Treasurer: *W. G. Wigglesworth.

Auditor: *H. Ballan.

Committee: Messrs J. C. Armitage, L. J. Atkinson, *H. Ballan,

*J. Campbell, *R. A. Campbell, *D. R. Carson, D. S.

Friedman, *E. W. Gimblett, E. Hughes, *F. C. Rainbow,

*W. G. Wigglesworth.

Mesdames †E. M. Allen, N. Durrant.

Misses D. Boyd, B. M. Line, I. White.

Assistants: Messrs H. J. Clarke, G. C. Dawe,

Mesdames L. J. Atkinson, L. A. Bate, R. Beale, Y. Bridgens,

D. A. Coman, H. C. Cooper, D. M. Franklin, †L. M.

Jackson, G. E. McCaul, N. McKechnie, †J. E. Palmer,

L. Rendle, †D. Rogers, E. Thorpe, †G. E. Thorpe.

Misses L. Lewin, †S. Reaby.

Life Members (inactive): Messrs L. Ballan, H. J. Bowlker, D. H.

Davis, E. N. Peverill.

*Life Members (over 15 years committee service)

†Honorary Members (over 15 years service)

Linwood Public Library

1909 - 1959

This Library celebrates its 50th birthday this year. It was opened on 22nd July, 1909 with 47 subscribers, after several meetings held in the Rolleston Street Hall and in this building by the Provisional Committee and the Linwood Citizens Association.

The first annual meeting was held in the Rolleston Street Hall on Friday, 24th June, 1910 with Mr W. W. Tanner as president. There were approximately twenty present.

The following are a few brief facts covering the 1st year of Library:—

On 30th April, 1909 a meeting of residents was held in the Rolleston Street (now England Street) Hall to go into the question of establishing a Library and Reading Room in the area. The meeting was presided over by Mr W. W. Tanner. Arrangements were made for a deputation consisting of Messrs G. W. Russell, W. W. Tanner, A. Marshall, D. Richardson, H. W. Chappell, J. Clark and C. Reddington to meet the Christchurch City Council on 3rd May, 1909. The Council agreed to make available a sum of £40 which had been placed on the estimates for this purpose the previous year but which had lapsed as it had not been taken up by 30th March, 1909. The usual grant of £25 was also to be made available together with an allocation from an annual £3000 parliamentary grant which would amount to approximately £10. This made a total of £75 available.

At a meeting of the Provisional Committee, held on 5th May, 1909, under the chairmanship of Mr G. W. Russell, M.P., it was decided to recommend to the Linwood Citizens Association that a Library and Reading Room be established in the old Borough Council Chambers building, in accordance with an offer from the City Council to make the building available for that purpose at a charge of 10/- per annum.

Those attending the meeting on 5th May, 1909 were, Mr G. W. Russell, M.P., Messrs McKay, Richardson, Rountree, Clark, Marshall, Meers and Chappell. Apologies were received from Messrs Tanner, Brunt and Horsley. Mr Chappell was elected to act as secretary for the meeting. The deputation referred to consisted of Messrs G. W. Russell, W. W. Tanner, A. Marshall, D. Richardson, H. M. Chappell, J. Clark and C. Reddington.

The annual subscriptions were decided upon as 5/- for the lending library, 10/6 for honorary members and £2-2-0 for life members. Half yearly subscriptions (apparently 2/6) were paid by Messrs McKay, Richardson, Rountree, Clark, Meers, Marshall, Russell and Chappell; presumably the first subscribers.

A further meeting was arranged for 11th May, 1909. This was presided over by Mr W. W. Tanner and those present were Messrs Clark, Marshall, Rountree, Meers and Chappell.

Mr Meers moved, Mr Clark seconded, that the Library be registered as the Linwood Public Library.

Four committees were set up as follows:—

Books: Messrs Clarke, Chappell, Marshall, Meers, Tanner and Russell.

Periodicals and Papers: Messrs McKay, Jamieson, Brunt, Russell and Clarke.

Fittings: Messrs Rountree, Russell, Tanner, Richardson, Otley and Horsley.

Canvassing: Messrs Smith, Burns, Harvey, Down, Inglis, Mitchell, Butterworth, W. Harvey and Aitken.

A further meeting was arranged to be held after the Linwood Citizens Association meeting on 21st May, 1909 but there are no minutes for any such meeting. The minutes are signed by Mr Tanner and dated 2nd June, 1909.

The next committee meeting minutes are for a meeting held in the Rolleston Street Hall on 11th June, 1909. Mr Tanner presided. This meeting decided that the Library officers be a Patron, President, Vice-Presidents (no number mentioned), Secretary and a Treasurer and that the Management Committee consist of 12 members. The annual meeting was to be held on the second Friday of June in each year.

The trustees (decided at the meeting held on 5th May, 1909) were Messrs D. Richardson, W. W. Tanner and G. W. Russell, M.P.

The election of officers on 11th June, 1909 was as follows:—

Patron: His Worship, the Mayor of Christchurch.

President: W. W. Tanner.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs T. N. Horsley, A. Henderson, H. Otley, A. Marshall, G. W. Russell and W. R. Smith.

Treasurer: J. Clarke.

Hon. Secretary: W. Harvey.

At a meeting held on 25th June, 1909, Messrs Tanner, Rutland Marshall and Archbold were appointed to set up rules for the Library.

The first meeting of the Linwood Public Library building was held on 13th July, 1909. Mr Tanner presided. Those present were Messrs Archbold, Aitken, Otley, Meers, Richardson, Rountree, Rutland, Smith, McKay, Henderson, Clarke and Harvey (secretary). Preparations were made for the opening of the Library to be on 22nd July, 1909 at 3 p.m.

A further meeting was held in the Library building on 20th July, 1909. Mr Tanner presiding. Mr Butterworth agreed to perform duties on Monday evenings and Mr Marshall on Saturdays. Various members of the Committee and interested outsiders apparently guaranteed to supply the Library with various magazines and periodicals, i.e. Century, Punch, Graphic, Daily Mail, Standard of Empire, Red Funnel, Strand, Clarion, London Daily, Progress, Bradford News, London Weekly. The Licencing Committee was permitted to use the Library building at a charge of 10/- per diem.

There is no record in the minutes of the actual opening of the Library, but apparently 72 joined up during the month of July, 1909.

The next meetings are shown as on the 4th August, 1909 and 8th September, 1909. At the latter it was decided to hold the Committee meetings on the third Wednesday of each month instead of

on the second Wednesday. Arrangements were made for the display of a notice relating to disturbances and to the destruction of property etc.

On 20th October, 1909, the Committee decided that owing to the financial position, no books were to be purchased for the next month. Mr Fowler was appointed to the Committee replacing Mr Lough who had resigned. Mr Maclean was also added to the Committee. The Press Coy. was requested to supply a free copy of the weekly "Press." This also applied to the "Dominion" and "Post" supplies.

On 17th November, 1909, it was decided that owing to damage to periodicals no boys were to be allowed in the Reading Room.

On 15th December, 1909, the hours of opening were extended to apply to every night except the Committee meeting nights and certain holidays, i.e. New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday Kings Birthday, Labour Day, Anniversary Day, Christmas Day and Show Day. A proposal to include women to work in conjunction with the men's committee members was deferred to a later meeting.

In January, 1910 there were (apparently) some cash shortages and a cash book was introduced. Messrs Cooper and Frazer were appointed to Committee. Books purchased from Whitcombes, Simpson and Williams and McCormacks. Decided to claim on City Council for £1 for £1 subsidy as promised. (granted February) Two auditors appointed, Messrs Butterworth and Fowler. Librarian's duties to be for one full week.

23rd February, 1910. Committee members not carrying out duties to be asked to fulfil same or resign. Proposed that 6 vols. (bound) of Illustrated London News be used to form nucleus of Reference Library. Two weeks to be limit of period of issue of each book. Mr Chappell resigned as transferred to Rangiora.

18th May, 1910. Mr W. W. Tanner resigned as Chairman of Committee. Moved that a letter be sent to Sir Joseph Ward expressing sympathy of committee in great loss to British Empire as a result of the death of King Edward VII. (was acknowledged by telegram.) Library to be closed on day of the funeral, 20th May.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

At the first Annual Meeting held on 24th June, 1910 the following were elected:—

Patron: The Mayor of Christchurch, Mr C. Allison.

President: The Member for the District, Mr G. W. Russell

Vice-Presidents: Messrs W. W. Tanner, H. Otley, T. N. Horsley, A. Marshall, W. A. Smith and Dr. Inglis.

Treasurer: Mr J. A. Clarke.

Secretary: Mr W. Harvey.

Committee: Messrs Butterworth, Rountree, Archbold, Rutland, Frazer, Machin, Rickard, McKinny, Cooper Burson and J. A. Clarke, jnr.

Others: Messrs Meers, Richardson and Courum on various sub committees.