

Median salaries paid to librarians in various positions in university and college libraries in 1958-59 increased substantially over the previous year. The median salary for chief librarians rose from \$6,000 to \$8,214, for assistant chief librarians from \$5,333 to \$5,833, for division, department and branch heads from \$4,573 to \$4,804 and for general librarians from \$3,595 to \$3,943.

The report of the survey from which this information is drawn is now in preparation and will be released in the spring of 1960.

FISH FOR EMERGENCY MEALS

Fish was the main dish at a recent mass emergency feeding exercise conducted at the Canadian Civil Defence College, Arnprior, Ontario. The demonstration, carried out under simulated field conditions as part of a training course for volunteer civil defence workers, proved to be an unqualified success, with the meal being prepared and 250 appetites fed in short order.

Prepared in "Soyer" boilers, which can be easily improvised from 40-gallon oil drums and which date from the Crimean War, the main fish course proved to be succulent and nutritious, as was demonstrated when the 250 paper plates were gathered up. Noodles, baked apples, milk and coffee formed the remainder of the menu.

Civil defense officials cited canned fish as being an ideal basis for a mass emergency meal, in that it is readily available, easily prepared and, by reason of its containers, free from contamination. The recipe for the fish dish was supplied by the Home Economists of Canada's Department of Fisheries.

CANADIAN SCHOOL TELECASTS

A series of television programmes for use in classrooms across the country, planned by the National Advisory Council on School Broadcasting and produced by the School Broadcasts Department of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, are broadcast by a national network consisting of both CBC and privately-owned stations.

The National Advisory Council on School Broadcasting was organized in 1943 to advise the CBC on all programmes planned for use in the classroom. The Council consists of representatives of the ten provincial departments of education and of other national groups interested in education, such as the Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the Canadian Education Association, the Canadian School Trustees Association, and the Conference of Canadian Universities.

NEW HOMES

Starts on the construction of new dwelling units in Canadian centres of 5,000 population and over in October declined to 10,724 units from 12,678 a year earlier, dropping the January-October total 13.8 per cent to 87,281 units from 101,257 a year ago, according to advance figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The month's completions fell to 11,564 units from 13,057, but the 10-month total edged up 0.9 per cent to 85,675 units from 84,900. Units in various stages of construction at the end of October this year numbered 63,585, a decline of 3.8 per cent from last year's like total of 66,085.

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE LIBRARIES

University and college libraries reported an average expenditure of \$48.80 per full-time student during the academic year 1958-59 as compared with \$46.77 in the preceding year, according to preliminary figures from a survey by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The survey covers 32 libraries in universities and colleges with full-time enrolments of 500 and over, representing 89.3 per cent of the total enrolment of all universities and colleges in Canada. During the year under survey more than 274,000 volumes were added by these libraries and the total bookstock at the end of the year amounted to more than 6,000,000 volumes or approximately 18 volumes per full-time student.