

City Library Chief Fired Tuesday Nite

Mrs. A. R. Riggs, assistant librarian for the past year, turned in her resignation to City Manager E. E. Jones at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Riggs said she was resigning "in sympathy with the discharge of Miss Ruth Brown," head librarian, Tuesday night by city commissioners.

The assistant librarian quit her job without notice, but the library was open Wednesday afternoon under supervision of the city manager's stenographer.

Miss Brown's discharge was effective immediately, although she will be kept on the city payroll until Aug. 31.

Miss Ruth Brown, city librarian who was dismissed by city commissioners at a special meeting Tuesday night, had "no comment" Wednesday morning when queried about her discharge.

THE LIBRARIAN indicated that she may have a statement Thursday on the commissioners' action to relieve her of her duties.

Miss Brown's services are to be terminated August 31, this year. The commissioners instructed her to turn over all library records to the library board on that date.

The meeting Tuesday night, at which Miss Brown was present, was attended by four of the five commissioners. Their decision has been concurred to by Commissioner E. F. Kindsvater who is at present recuperating from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

COMMISSIONERS USED their power of discharge granted them under the recent Library Ordinance passed in June. Under this ordinance, the library board may hire employees subject to the commissioners' approval. The commissioners also have the power of discharge of any employee at any time at their own discretion.

Library board Chairman E. R. Christopher reported Wednesday that it was not known when the board would meet to select a new librarian.