

THE REGIONAL LIBRARY

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There is little hope of seeing a regional library established in the immediate future. In fact, only one town, Lockeport, has definitely committed itself to the scheme, and there are, in all, 11 towns and municipalities in the tri-county area. In other words, it is a case of one down and 10 to go.

An encouraging sign is the growing demand for such a library in Yarmouth and elsewhere. The only danger is that those who want the library may be lulled to sleep in the weeks and months before the towns and municipalities start making up their budgets for 1969. If the campaigners get weak hearted and do not keep up their work, then by the time the various councils hold their budget meetings, the elected representatives of the people may have forgotten it. There is only one way to carry a campaign to a successful conclusion and that is to keep on fighting in season and out of season until the victory is won.

In these times when there are so many demands upon public funds, elected representatives are not so keen on doing new things, especially when they are not convinced what the majority of the people really want. Thus, whether it is a regional library, or anything else new, the only way to assure success is by a sustained effort and behind which public opinion is thoroughly aroused.