

Library Has Collection Of Rare Oregon Books

By BEN MAXWELL

A selection of rare volumes, some recently acquired and relating to the early history of the Willamette valley and Oregon, has been made by Hugh Morrow, librarian, and is now on display in a case at Salem Public Library.

Among the more valuable, but by no means the oldest item in the display, is the large "Lewis and Dryden Marine History of the Pacific Northwest." E. W. Wright, former commercial editor of the Oregonian, edited this volume, published at Portland in 1895. In those depression times the elaborate and expensive book, supplied with pictures and comprehensive details about every phase of northwest marine history, did not sell well. Remainers—and there were many—were stored in a damp base-

Arrest Follows Abduction, Rape

Portland (AP)—Charles L. Wells was booked at the city jail Tuesday on a charge of kidnaping. It was based on the Monday abduction and rape of an 8-year-old girl.

Police Capt. William D. Browne said Wells in a signed statement said he had induced the child to get in his car as she left a Southeast Portland school. Wells, a shoe repairman, drove her to a nearby garage and there raped her, Browne said.

Wells' statement also said he had tried to get a 9-year-old girl to enter his car a few minutes earlier, Browne reported. That girl ran away.

Wells was held under \$20,000 bond.

His arrest stemmed from the description of his car given by the girl.

Dairy Co-op Claims Loss

Portland, (AP)—The Oregon Dairy Co-operative Association lost money in its milk distribution operations last year, Will Henry, manager, told the association's annual meeting here Tuesday.

He blamed what he said was the low markup allowed distributors under state milk price regulations. He added that the co-op's profits from its manufacturing division permitted the co-op to break even.

Treasurer Marvin Davidson reported that the association's Mayflower distribution system had a record high sales volume of \$8,095,000 and that milk volume totaled 25,902,000 quarts, up 5.8 per cent over the previous year.

But receipts for grade A milk were down 1.3 per cent and for manufacturing milk, down 13 per cent, he said.

Production of ice cream, ice cream mix and milk powders increased last year compared to the previous year but production of butter and cheese was down.

Dreamer's Holiday

Woodburn—"Dreamer's Holiday" is the theme selected for the annual May Day program at Woodburn high school and the date has been set for May 1. Members of the committee are Janice Painter, Shirley Anderson, Sharon Guthrie, Joanne Schmid and Mattie Sue Clark.

Dogs Interested in Eight Legislative Bills

Dogs had their day before the House Agricultural Committee Tuesday.

The committee heard witnesses on eight bills to tighten laws against marauding, for stricter licensing, and giving dog control boards more authority to regulate dogs.

Dog control officers indicated they want a law to give them control of licensing.

Coquille Fishing Bill With Committee

The Senate game committee will hold a hearing next Tuesday on a proposal to close the Coquille River to commercial fishing.

A similar bill died in committee last session.

The committee recommended passage of a bill to bar hunting in state parks. It split on a bill to forbid carrying loaded guns in a car or truck.

Fewer Aged Persons Getting Assistance

Washington (AP)—The Federal Security Agency said Wednesday the proportion of aged persons receiving public aid is dropping as old age and survivors insurance reaches more and more of them.

FSA estimated that 20 percent of the population 65 years of age or older received old age assistance on June 30, 1952, but that the proportion would be down to 17.9 percent by June 30, 1954.



Verh Lew manipulates the "ticket mixer" while a little girl selected from the crowd draws out the winning tickets at Capitol Shopping Center.

Coronation Days Drawing Big Shopping Center Event

The first big Coronation Days drawing was held at the Capitol Shopping Center Monday night when 13 big prizes were awarded to people living in and around Salem.

Winner of a \$1 inch table-top model television set was Ferdig Hall of 1165 South 15th street. Hall also took home an orchid corsage for his wife.

Mrs. Troy Plumb of Woodburn won a Textron Electric blanket and Carrie Green of 1109 Oak street was the recipient of a Toastmaster automatic

Music Lovers Thrilled by Pianist and Orchestra

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

Salem music devotees have heard many outstanding artists, but none more brilliant than Rudolph Firkušny, Bohemian-American pianist, soloist with

the Portland Symphony orchestra, in its final concert of the season Tuesday night.

The audience, somewhat larger numerically than for previous concerts, responded enthusiastically to Firkušny's performance in Concerto No. 1 in G Minor by Mendelssohn and the very modern Concerto in G Major by Howard Hanson.

The Mendelssohn number was probably enjoyed more by the audience than the second selection, one reason being that it is better known although not heard as often as many other concertos for piano and orchestra. Another reason is that it appeals to the lover of melody.

The Hanson concerto, resembling as it does in the final movement the work of Gershwin, is difficult, not only for the musicians, but to the listener who has not been schooled in musical gymnastics.

The andante movement of the Mendelssohn work was particularly effective with the cellos and violas presenting the principle theme, with the pianist repeating.

The concert opened with the Haydn Symphony No. 104 in D Major and closed with the popular Carnival Overture by Anton Dvorak. "The White Peacock" by Griffes, a short work, followed the intermission.

The orchestra, again directed by James Sample, was entirely pleasing and gave an excellent account of itself, particularly in the Mendelssohn concerto.

State-Wide Drill Sunday

An air search and rescue drill will be conducted by the state civil defense agency Sunday in a 40-mile-wide area extending from Pendleton to Klamath Falls.

Jack Bartlett, director for the State Board of Aeronautics and chief of civil aviation operations for civil defense, said both private pilots and Coast Guard aviators will participate in the drill to improve coordination in searching for lost aircraft.

Methodists Ask Bids For Retirement Home

Portland, (AP)—A call for bids for construction of a 1 1/2 million dollar Methodist retirement home was authorized Tuesday by the trustees of the Oregon Methodist Homes.

Bids are to be received in about three weeks.

KEISER QUILTING PARTY
Keiser—The Keiser Ladies sewing club will meet Thursday, March 5, for a day of quilting at the home of Mrs. Albert Minturn, 1990 Minturn Dr. A pot luck lunch will be served at noon.

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