

News About Books From the Library

A total of 394 volumes were added to the Medford Public Library during the first two weeks of February. These included 70 new titles.

The difference between the number of new volumes and the number of new titles mentioned in each of the library's biweekly reports arouses curiosity in some readers. One reason for this is the large number of gift books received—96 this month—which are counted, of course, as new volumes; however, since they are often duplicate copies of titles already owned by the library, they are not listed as new titles.

Duplicates are very helpful in building up the collections of Jackson county branch agencies, and sometimes in providing circulating copies of a title as well as a copy to be retained in the library for reference use.

In many other cases new volumes are added to replace the volumes which have been lost or destroyed, or simply worn out in use; neither are these counted as new titles. In a library which for many years had no funds for purchase of new books an exceptionally large portion of the book budget must be used for replacements of standard works which continue in demand long beyond the physical life of their first editions. For example, the library has just purchased its 35th copy of Jack London's "Call of the Wild." This title is still in frequent demand long after the first 30 copies were worn out.

Duplicates and multiple copies are purchased of the most popular new titles in the library for circulation among the branch agencies of the county, since the readers of Butte Falls and Jacksonville, for instance, are quite as eager to read the latest best-seller as are patrons who visit the Medford public library.

In children's books it is often more important to have many, many copies of "Pinocchio" and "Little Black Sambo," and other such favorites than to have a wider variety of less popular titles.

Donors of books during the past two weeks were: Edith C. Brown, William H. Bartlett, D. O. Myers, Mrs. Alfred Carpenter, Helen Donker, Lillian Salade, William L. Hart, and a patron of the Eagle Point branch who wished to remain anonymous.

With our next report of new titles we shall outline our policy and procedures for selection of new titles. The new adult titles added during the first half of the month are as follows:

Mysteries: The Scapgoat, Du Maurier; My Kingdom for a Hearse, Rice; The Nine Tailors, Sayers.

Science Fiction: The Naked Sun, Asimov; Red Planet, Heinlein; The Star Beast, Heinlein; Time for the Stars, Heinlein.

Other Fiction: Home Before Dark, Basing; The Distant Music, Davis; The Night of the Tiger, Dewlen; Intruder in the Dust, Faulkner; Requiem for a Nun, Faulkner; The Wild Palms, Faulkner; Pesquera Bay, Gilman.

Biography: Much Ado About Me, Allen; Background to Glory, Bakesless; Wyatt Earp, Gunfighting Marshal, Johnson; Far Memory, Grant; Captain of the Discovery, Haig-Brown.

Crafts and Hobbies: Let's Broadcast, Braun; Beginning Radio Production, White; Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening, Taylor; A Book of Dolls, White.

Entertainment: 101 Best Magic Tricks, Frederick; What's New in Magic, Gibson; Showers for All Occasions, Haney; Pastimes for Two, Ostrow.

Reference: The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates, Carruth; Columbia Dictionary of Modern European Literature.

Religion: The World Within, Cerninara; The Buddha, the Prophet and the Christ, Hillard; The Fruits of the Spirit, Underhill.

Other Non-Fiction: Communism in Our World, Caldwell; Pirate: Rascals of the Spanish Main, Whipple.

For Young Adults: Going Steady, Emery; What's Happening to Me?, Lerrigo; Learning About Love, Lerrigo; Borrowed Boots, Pultcraig; When Boy

Congress May Open Question of Work Week for Employees

BY A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—The Civil Service commission wants more time to study the implications of reducing the work week for government employees below the standard 40-hour week.

As a result, opening negotiations here between a small group of federal workers and one government agency have momentarily slipped away from the idea of cutting the work week. But Congress, which established the 40-hour week, is expected to reopen the question later this session.

The commission believes its own study of the matter may take another several months. It is canvassing states, cities and counties around the country to determine how much of a trend has developed to shorten the working week. Since this is being done by mail, it is slow being completed.

This week the commission sent a letter to Public Printer Raymond Blattenberger, head of the U.S. Government printing office, just as he was starting wage and hour talks with the photoengravers who are employed there and wanted a 35-hour week. The letter stated:

"The commission feels it is impractical to consider a change in the basic work week on a federal service-wide basis. Any one agency considering such a change should take into account conditions throughout the federal service as well as any special factors which apply only to its situation.

"Factual information is needed to serve as a basis for such an important personnel management change. Therefore, we cannot recommend a change in the work week until the results of the government-wide study are available."

Blattenberger has offered his workers a small increase instead.

Dates Girl, Stowe.
Vocational Education: Opportunities in Optometry and Optics, Pollock; Opportunities in Horticulture, Brantley; Opportunities in Plastics, Deale; Opportunities in the Hotel Industry, Henkin; Opportunities in Electrical Trades, Hyman; Opportunities in Ceramics, Scholes; Opportunities in Travel, Short; Opportunities in Machine Shop Trades, Stern; and twenty-three other pamphlets on vocational guidance.



AWARD WINNER—Crater High school student Ruth Thurmond won the Gold Key award in photography for the fourth year in a row in the National Scholastic Art Awards competition held in Portland recently. The competition is held for high school students, with winners from the state competing for cash prizes and tuition scholarships at a national exhibit in Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, May 10 to June 2. Miss Thurmond is shown examining a negative in the Crater High school photo lab.

Medford, Crater High Students Win Awards In Art Competition

Results of the Scholastic Art Awards competition for Oregon high school students, held last week in Portland, show that at least two Jackson county high schools came away with their share of the honors.

Crater High school winners were Brenda Bennett, Beverly Little, Mary Savage, Ben Hathaway, Grace Gail and Ruth Thurmond.

Work which won Gold Key awards will be sent to the national high school art exhibition at Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh May 10 to June 2. The work will also be shown at an exhibit at Lipman-Wolfe in Portland from Feb. 27 through March 9, along with other pieces which received honorable mention.

Art work submitted by the students included water colors, casein paintings, drawings in pen and ink, conte crayon and pastels, as well as sculpture and photography.

According to Warren Wolf, art instructor at Medford High school, the advanced work group of the high school art department will attend the Regional Art Exhibit at Lipman-Wolfe in Portland, and visit the University of Oregon art school in Eugene and museum art school in Portland.

Theodor Heuss Postpones State Visit to U.S.
Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—West German President Theodor Heuss is suffering from a lung infection and has been forced to postpone his state visit to the United States in March, it was announced Saturday.

The 73-year-old president has been confined to bed for a week with a severe attack of bronchitis.

An official bulletin signed by the president's five doctors said that an examination yesterday disclosed a "center of infection" in the lower part of the right lung.

Butler Predicts Long Filibuster in Senate

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler Friday night predicted a possible two month filibuster in the Senate over civil rights.

Butler, speaking to young Democrats here, urged speedy action by Hawaii statehood supporters to get their case to Congress before May, when there will be "a probable civil rights filibuster in the Senate which will occupy a number of weeks, perhaps two months."

El Centro, San Diego Report Earth Tremors

El Centro, Calif. — (U.P.) — A light earthquake jolted the El Centro area about 12:45 p.m. PST Saturday, two hours after San Diego, 125 miles east of here, reported a similar mild shock.

Residents said the tremor was strong enough to rattle dishes but not hard enough to knock them from shelves.

Plywood utilizes more cubic inches of material from a log than sawed boards.

Pickup in Lumber Market Expected

No signs of the usual early spring pickup in the lumber market have yet appeared, but can be expected soon, Random Lengths, a Eugene lumber market report, said last week.

Another lumber market news service, put out by Crow Publications in Portland, failed to predict any upturn, and said its pine price index dropped during the week.

The two services agreed that ponderosa pine, particularly in the common grades, were the

strong point of the market during the week, with prices inching upwards.

Random Lengths predicted that a good year still can be looked forward to, with an upturn in another 30 days or so. Other industry sources said a market rise can be expected hinges on weather and resulting construction activity in consuming areas.

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School News

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH
By Mary Milne

Friday, Feb. 15, Hedrick Junior High had a pep assembly. Douglas Brooks, our coach, awarded the seventh, eighth and ninth grade wrestlers for their fine work this year.

We have a gold plaque on which every year the most outstanding seventh, eighth and ninth grades have their names engraved. This year Jim Berg was the seventh grader, Stanley Hobbs was the eighth grader, and Carl Siege was the ninth grader.

Also king, queen, prince and princess candidates for the FHA dance Feb. 15 were announced. Out of these candidates the ninth grade will have a king and queen, the eighth grade will have a princess, and the seventh grade also will have a prince and princess. The ninth grade Queen of Hearts was Nancy Beckon, the king was Kenneth Jensen. The eighth grade senior princess was Nancy Donahue, the prince was Dennis Burnum. The seventh grade junior princess was DeEtta Lawson and the prince was Chuck McNair.

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH
Audiometer tests were given to all pupils this week. Miss Patricia Beaudoin of the State Board of Health gave the tests. Parents will be notified if hearing deficiencies are found.

The National assembly on Feb. 19 was provided by Bob Dill, a champion trick shot archer. He explained the advantages and methods of using the bow and arrow for hunting and recreation, and displayed his skill with demonstration shots.

Don Darnelle took 18 ninth grade speech students to the Linfield Tournament of Champions, held at McMinnville. This annual forensic contest is for high school students, and our group left Wednesday noon.

Those making the trip were Bonnie Allingham, Janice Butts, Elgan Cook, Penny Linn, Marian Parsons, Eldon Bennett, Bob Hamilton, Anne Matthews, Dean Goddard, Ray Konopasek, Keith Berg, Clinton Stiger, John Shaw, Gary Cummings, Rosiland Randles, Mike Noble, Barbara Tyler, and Cathy McCoy. Mrs. Louise Davis accompanied the girls.

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