

# "Wake Up and Read"



Although National Library week opens today, Jackson school had practically completed preparations by last Tuesday. Among those helping Mrs. Precia Medley, school librarian, are Joyce Funk (stamping book), Rebecca Gordon (at left) and Jean Doods. The three girls, all sixth graders, are among Mrs. Medley's 10 library helpers; they assist with the library work, read a great deal and encourage other students to read. The school plans an open house April 6 in celebration of National Library week; parents and friends are invited from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. There are more than 5,000 books in the Jackson library and they circulate at the rate of about 2,000 a month.



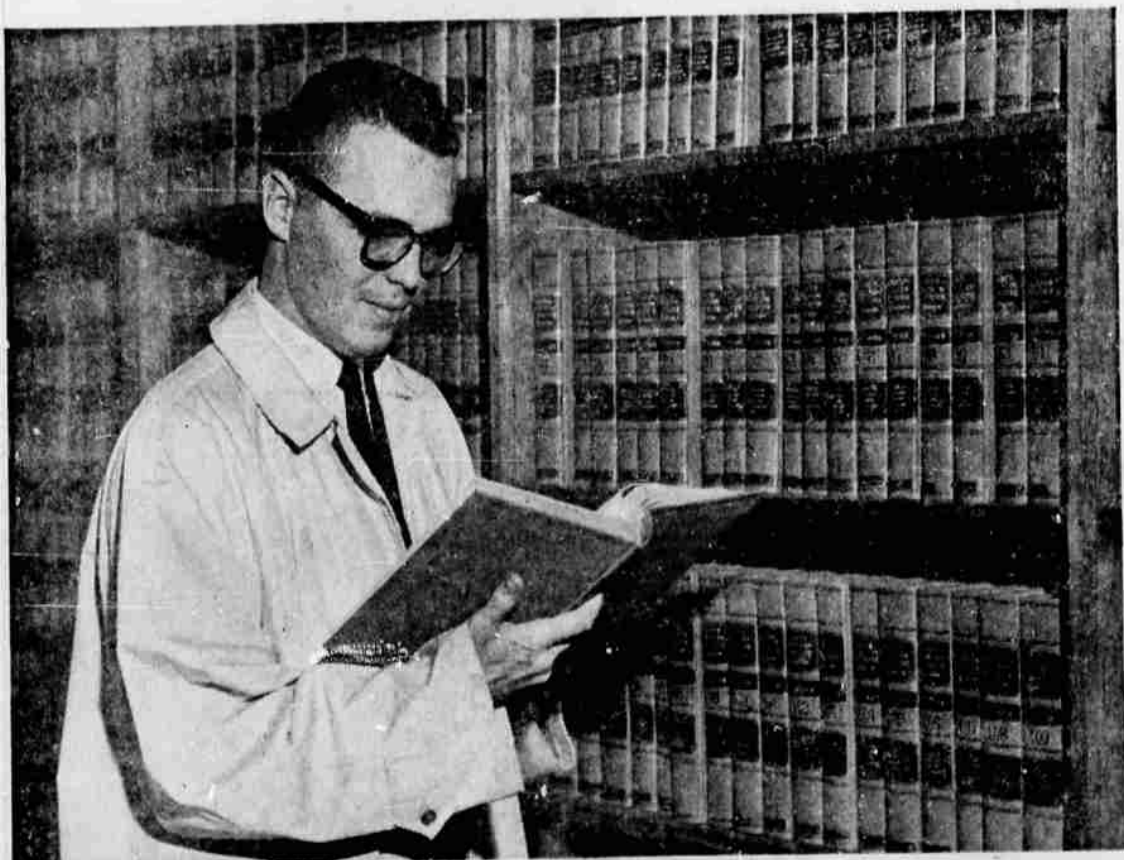
Mrs. Phyllis Hochstetler, school library consultant for the Oregon State Department of Education, visited the Jackson school Tuesday and examined the Library week display arranged by Mrs. Precia Medley and her pupils. Mrs. Hochstetler also spoke for a meeting of school librarians held in Phoenix.



Arranged for the convenience of patrons interested in Oregon history and literature is the new "Oregon alcove" at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county, largest public library in the area. One of the library patrons, Mrs. H. K. Hanna, Jacksonville, posed last week with the Oregon books as a background. Mrs. Hanna, native daughter of the state, was born and reared in Jacksonville. Appropriate to a census year, Mrs. Hanna was photographed with a copy of the First Federal Census of the Oregon territory, published in 1850.



One of the seven branches of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county is in Gold Hill. The branch's oldest patron is Mrs. Claude Scott, 81 (right), who regularly checks out books. Mrs. Scott is shown here with Mrs. Jewel Routh, Gold Hill librarian, who has held the post for the past 17 years. (Routh photo.)



In addition to public, home and school libraries, business and industry and other institutions maintain libraries which serve a specific need. One of these in Jackson county is the law library in the county courthouse. This specialized library, with about 6,000 volumes, is in constant use by attorneys and pictured here is Gregory Hornecker, young Medford lawyer. These law libraries are made possible through an Oregon statute which permits counties to use fees from the clerk's office to purchase the books.



By reading aloud to their children, many parents educate the youngsters in the joy and value of reading good books. Mrs. Donald J. Crawford, 131 Lincoln street, is such a mother and she is pictured here with two of her four children, and a niece and nephew. The children are (left to right) Carole Crawford, 7, holding her small cousin, Mary Parke, Shirley Marie Crawford, 18 months old, and Brian Parke. Due to the camera range, Laura and Donna Parke, Joe Crawford and Cynthia Lynn Crawford, are not shown, although they were also listening as Mrs. Crawford read "The World of Pooh" which she had borrowed from the public library.