Trees . . .

By JOHN GRIBBLE

(Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series during the 'tree planting season" here, now under way.)

Beauty of the flowering plants, shrubs and trees come and go with the seasons – and changing weather. These windy, rain-soaking days are not good for looks nor looking, nor for fruit-setting, and are unfavorable for honey bees on nectar-huntng voyage.

Flamboyant colors grasp our attention, and after winter's more drab appearances the early spring blossoms make us want to linger longer as we drink in the beauty of the varying colors and shapes.

A few specials are on display, and are worth a trip about town. Flowering peach and cherry, Japanese quince, and other exotic flowering shrubs and trees may be seen, as well as our native redbuds and garden flowers. And while looking, one might note odd characteristically shaped trees – as the monkey-puzzle trees – two at end of Woodstock, on Second.

A few others in town: tall, narrow-crowned spruce – sort of self-hugging appearance, one at 325 Jackson towers up like a sentinel. A Cedar of Lebanon is at the northeast corner of Holly and Fourth, and a Metasequoia in front of the north end of Hawthorn park parking strip, is beginning to clothe itself in its summer green, giving it the full appearance of an evergreen.

Some oaks are so full of the life-sapping mistletoe it forms the main part of the tree's crown.

Nice flowering peaches are at 645 Palm, 145 Oakdale, No. 1 Black Oak Drive. See the wide-spreading ornamental crab in full bloom at Crown and Oregon Terrace. While there note the row of Pin Oaks on Queen Anne, where Dr. Reddy's daughter, as a little girl, carried pails of water, before and after school, to keep the young trees alive and growing.

In the yard at 1103 Queen Anne is a globe-shaped beautiful white-crowned tree. Opposite side of yard is a tall slim Tulip tree. See it again when full of blossoms.

Back of the gas station at Jackson and Central may be seen a bright Redbud. More Redbud and the Hawthorns will soon be opening their bright blossoms. Don't miss a drive Sunday in the Fairview-Hillcrest area to see the tiny Daybreak, Akabono flowering cherries. Visit the Winchester-Mount Pitt streets, where the newly planted Bechtel Crab trees line the parking strips.

Watch them grow and enhance the beauty and value of that area.

McCurley Advanced To Loan Officer

Klamath Falls–Gene T. McCurley, agricultural representative for First National Bank of Oregon in southeastern Oregon, is being advanced to loan officer in the Klamath Falls area. Albert J. Haslebacher, former Lake county 4-H agent, will succeed him, Russel Tisdale, vice president and manager, announced.

McCurley joined the bank at Medford five years ago and moved to the Klamath area several years ago. He is a graduate of Oregon State college.

Haslebacher was raised on a farm in the Willamette valley, near Salem, and graduated from Oregon State college in 1957. He was assistant range manager at the Squaw Butte Experimental station before becoming county 4-H head at Lakeview.

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National Library Week Being Observed in Jackson County

By GREG NOKES
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

"Open wonderful new worlds, wake up and read."

This is the slogan for National Library Week April 3-9 in which the many libraries, both public and private, in Jackson county are joining with libraries throughout the United States to observe.

This is the third consecutive year in which a week has been set aside for the purpose of focusing the nation's attention on the values of reading and the sources of reading materials.

Reading is indispensable to the American way of life, because, in the words of Omar Bacon, head librarian of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county:

Explore Forces

"It is one channel which permits an individual to explore in depth and breadth the forces that beset him. Through knowledge gained by reading he can help to master his cultural environment and contribute not only to his own well being but also to that of his fellow man.

"Libraries through their vast supply of books, periodicals and pamphlets, provide for our age the best and also the varied thinking on our problems and our cultural values."

Bacon points out that all medium try to present the important ideas and news events of the day within the framework of their limitation to mass interest subjects, but the result is that many subjects that have a deeper meaning, which are of a controversial nature, or which represent minority viewpoints, are neglected.

What Library Gives

"But our society needs to know about these subjects, which have a lesser mass appeal, if we are effectively to face the many challenges of this age, and it is the library which can give us this knowledge," he said.

It is the purpose of library week, not only to promote use of public libraries but also use of private and personal libraries, of which there are many throughout the county, according to Otto Ewaldsen and Mrs. Harry Fuller, co-chairmen of the week locally.

A partial list of the libraries in the county would include the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county in Medford and its seven branch libraries in Jacksonville, Talent, Phoenix, Central Point, Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Gold Hill. There are also two book stations, one each at Table Rock and Shady Cove, in this system.

Also Included

A list would go on to include the Public Library of Ashland, the Public Library of Rogue River, the library at Southern Oregon college, the libraries in virtually every school in the county, a law library at the courthouse, a medical library at the VA Domiciliary, church libraries, lodge libraries and club libraries.

One would also have to include the many thousands of homes in the county which contain books in numbers from 2 to 2,000 and more, and which must be considered libraries of sorts.

There are other sources of reading materials in the county, such as Swem's book store in Medford and The Mart book store in Ashland.

Not counting the school libraries, (the Medford elementary school system alone has an estimated 42,000 books,) the largest system in the county is that of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county.

Operated Under Contract

This system is operated under a city-county contract whereby the Medford library administers the seven branch libraries and two book stations in exchange for financial support from the county.

The 46,500 books in these libraries are periodically recirculated throughout the entire system, so that patrons of any one branch will have a large number of different and diversified titles from which to choose during any one year.

The Public Library of Ashland, of which Miss Cora E. Mason is head librarian, has an estimated 39,146 volumes on its shelves including the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association's collection of some 1,000 works by and about Shakespeare.

Another sizeable library in Jackson county is located at Southern Oregon colelge. This 45,000-volume library exists primarily for the use of college students but is available for some limited public use, according to Miss Myrtle Funkhouser, head librarian.

Plan Open Houses

Most of the libraries throughout the county are planning open houses or other programs in observance of the week.

The Medford library will officially open the "Oregon Alcove" during the week. The alcove is located in the southeast corner of the main reading room and is devoted specifically to books about Oregon.

The concentration of books on Oregon all in one place will make it much easier for persons who want to read about the state to find the available information, Bacon said, and will also serve to show pride in the state by setting these books off from the rest.

There will be several book displays at the Medford library, including displays of books which stress the value and need for reading, and the notable books of 1959.

Braille Machine

In addition to these will be an exhibit of a braille machine and samples of braille books which will be displayed through the courtesy of Mrs. Annette Gray, who does extensive work with the blind in the county, Bacon said.

The Ashland library will have three downtown displays of books from the collection on Shakespeare and on a comparison of reading in the U.S. and Russia, according to Miss Mason.

On Saturday, April 9, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. there will be a tea in the Ashland library's Gresham room, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi in observance of the week.

Distribute Place Mats

Both the Ashland and Medford libraries are cooperating in the distribution of place mats to various restaurants which will call attention to library week.

Two television programs have been planned by county libraries in cooperation with one another. The first was shown yesterday and consisted of a six-member panel discussion about library week and the importance of reading and an explanation of the high school reading improvement program.

A second television program, this time a film sponsored by the Oregon state library, is scheduled for next Saturday at 10:15 p.m. This 11-minute film is designed to increase reading among teenagers.

Open House Planned

The Gold Hill branch of the city-county system will have an open house Wednesday, April 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The Butte Falls branch will also have an open house on Thursday April 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., as will the Jacksonville branch on Friday April 8, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

These three open houses will feature displays of new books in their respective libraries and refreshments will be served.

The Rogue River Civic Improvement club will sponsor a silver tea, Thursday, April 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rogue River library.

Yesterday, an open house was held at the VA Domiciliary to recognize the week and also to celebrate the recent relocation of the Camp White library into the Domiciliary.

Special Programs

Besides the activities at the various public libraries, the schools in the county will also have special programs in observance of the week.

Mrs. James Medley, supervisor of elementary libraries for the Medford school district, said that most of the schools will have open houses in their libraries, have frequent book reviews by students, display posters, have extra student assemblies and have library orientation classes.

For example, the Jackson school, Mrs. Medley said, will have open houses from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at which the students will be told about reading and the parents will hear suggestions on what they might do to increase the amount of reading their children do.

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