



Increased Home Use of Library Books Noted in Monthly Report

Branch library home use of books has increased almost 133 per cent over July a year ago, Omar Bacon, head librarian of the public library of Medford and Jackson county, reported to the county court Friday.

The total library use has increased 36.8 per cent, Bacon told the court in his monthly report.

"We recognize and appreciate the fact that the increased support from the Jackson county court and the City of Medford have made this possible," he said. "The increased open hours at the branch libraries have aided patrons in finding the libraries open when they needed them. We feel, too, that the gift of \$3,000 of books from the state, many other gift books, the dedicated work of our personnel, the generous support of the local communities, and the wide publicity of newspapers, radio and television have all contributed to increasing the use of the library."

"Central Point can be proud of the new library which opened July 1," he added.

State Grant Funds
State grant funds have provided new books and "given the impetus for massive-cooperative effort with the Ashland library for the benefit of all Jackson county patrons," the librarian said. "A patron's library card is good in any public library in the county without charge."

Of the branch libraries, Gold Hill showed the greatest circulation increase compared to July a year ago, Bacon said. Gold Hill residents took 926 books home compared with 278 a year ago, an increase of 233.09 per cent.

Butte Falls was second with 183.88 per cent increase of

775 books taken home compared to 273 a year ago. Central Point was third with a 178.42 per cent increase; 2,194 books in circulation compared to 788 a year ago.

Bacon noted that 543 paperback books, a comparatively new group of library books, were added in July with 43 withdrawn. A total of 501 non-fiction books were added in July and 17 withdrawn. A total of 342 fiction books were added to the adult section and

Herter's Demand Weighed by OAS

San Jose, Costa Rica—(UPI)—Western Hemisphere foreign ministers Friday weighed a dramatic demand by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter that the Dominican Republic submit to supervised election.

At Thursday's session of the foreign ministers' conference here Herter proposed the creation of a special inter-American committee to supervise Dominican elections "within a specific and reasonable period of time."

If the Dominicans reject the plan, Herter said, the foreign ministers should consider rigorous imposition of the diplomatic and economic sanctions envisioned by the Rio Defense Pact.

NO WHEELS ATTACHED

Jacksonville, Fla.—(UPI)—Percy Kirkland figured he could get a square deal at a police auction of unclaimed vehicles. He bid 50 cents and bought a 1946 car. But he had to pay \$7.50 in wrecker charges to get it. The auto had no wheels, and no motor.

15 withdrawn. Seventy-eight pamphlets were added in July.

Juvenile Department
In the juvenile department 346 fiction books were added and 15 withdrawn. A total of 280 non-fiction books were added in July in the juvenile department and 16 withdrawn. Eleven paperbacks and 15 pamphlets were added to the juvenile section in July.

A total of 633 gift books were added in July. Forty-three books were received from state library loans and three from other inter-library loans. A total of 234 books were repaired.

Medford during July had 310 new borrower registrations, 181 adults and 129 juveniles. Central Point was second with 207 new registrations, 62 adults and 145 children. Other registrations in the county system were: Butte Falls, three juveniles; Eagle Point, 5 adults and 16 juveniles; Gold Hill, four adults and three juveniles; Jacksonville, two adults and nine juveniles; Phoenix, six adults and five juveniles; Talent, four adults and 14 juveniles; and Shady Cove, four adults and four juveniles.

Requests Received
The central library received requests for 102 books from branch libraries.

Chief expenditures in July were \$4,812.90 for salaries, \$1,622.86 for rural library service, \$2,453.87 for books and \$1,383.90 for office equipment. A total of \$30.50 was spent on periodicals.

The library system received \$298.33 in overdue charges with \$293.52 from Medford. The library also received \$11.21 from rentals, \$22.31 for books lost and damaged and \$45.76 from book sales.

Committee Formed To Take Action Against Alcoholism

Alcoholism is a disease. But sufferers from it can be helped. And it takes organized community action to help them most effectively.

These were the key points made at a luncheon meeting here Friday by George Dimas, executive director of the Oregon Alcohol Education committee, a state agency which assists communities in planning and taking action against alcoholism.

The meeting was arranged by a group of local people interested in such action, and was attended by some 30 persons representing police, welfare and social agencies, education, churches, cities, the county, and including others interested in the problems of alcoholism.

As a result of the meeting, a committee was set up to further explore ways and means of alcoholic education and assistance. Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin will serve as temporary chairman, and other members include Dr. L. D. Inskip, Medford City Councilman Don Hansen, Mrs. Tom Cardona, and Hale Greenman, all of Medford; Debbie Potts, mayor of Grants Pass; the Rev. Albert Sayers of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Grants Pass, and Dr. John W. Bradshaw of Ashland.

State Committee's Role

Dimas, in discussing the role of the state committee in this field, pointed out that it is an official state agency, that the group is appointed by the governor, and that it has about a quarter-million dollars a biennium to spend. It can assist in education and organization, and funds on a matching basis can be provided local groups for treatment and education.

He pointed out the immense cost of alcoholism, not only to the individual and his family, but to society in general in lost tax revenues, in welfare and police services, broken homes, dangerous driving, and in other ways.

An alcoholic is generally defined, Dimas said, as one who has lost his ability to control his consumption of alcohol. And in describing the size of the problem, he indicated that it is estimated there are some five million alcoholics in the United States today, of whom some 26,000 to 31,000 live in Oregon. One out of every 14 of the 70 million or so drinkers in the nation becomes a "problem drinker," Dimas indicated.

Usual Treatment
He described the usual treatment now prescribed, which includes medical attention, and then extended psychotherapy, as individuals or in groups. Success has been marked, he reported, although it is always difficult to give a percentage figure on the extent or nature of help offered.

But, it "really works," he declared. He encouraged the formation of a local organization to look into the needs here, and to set up a program. Such a program, Dimas suggested, should be able to call on the facilities of many existing agencies and organizations, as well as on volunteer help. He described progress of similar organizations re-

cently set up in Astoria and Pendleton.

Various methods of financing were suggested, and Dimas offered the cooperation of his committee in doing what it can to help.

The new local committee here, outlining objectives, listing costs, finding what com-

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Sheriff's Office To Seek Car Bids

Bids on three new cars for the Jackson county sheriff's office will be opened at 2 p.m. Aug. 31, according to the county court.

The county court plans to purchase two new vehicles of the compact car type for the civil department and one standard sedan for the tax department. It was explained. Specifications call for two new 1960 four door six passenger sedans of 90 horsepower and 106 inch wheelbase. The other car will be the same as the other 10 cars purchased for the sheriff's criminal department. Specifications call for a 118 inch wheelbase, V-8 engine of 318 cubic inches and 230 displacement.

A recent attorney general's opinion stated that sheriff's deputies cannot be reimbursed for mileage when they use their private cars on routine county business.

Purchase of the cars will be financed from \$3,372.72 allowed in the current county budget for mileage expenses for the tax department and \$1,789.84 for the tax department.

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