Collection Of Jewels Shown Here

April, the month of diamonds, is to be celebrated by Rickys Jewelers here with the elaborate showing of a round half million dollars worth of lovely diamonds and other gems, jewels from the famous Harry Winston collection.

The showing of the jewels, including the gorgeous 29.95 carat ring from the famous Vargas diamond found in the bed of the Rio Santo Antonio in far off Brazil, is slated for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 24, 25 and 26, at Rickys, and a cordial invitation to the public has been issued by the firm.

Vargas Diamond

Probably outstanding in the collection is the beautiful ring which is just one section of the $400,000 Vargas diamond which, in the jeweler's language, weighed 726.60 carats—about five ounces to the layman. Also in the collection is a replica of the Presidente Vargas prior to its cutting which took 14 long months of concentrated study before the first cleaving; thousands of dollars worth of other scintillating gems, including historical diamonds and fabulous emeralds, rubies, pearls and sapphires, all fashioned into gorgeous designs. The Diamond of Good Hope, center of the huge clip and one of the outstanding gems in the display, weighs 88 carats.

One of the most exciting finds of the jewelry world was that of the Vargas diamond. The history of this stone reads like fiction.

Dull Rock

On the afternoon of August 13, 1938, two brothers, Joaquim and Manoel Evancio, farmers, discovered a dull looking piece of rock, looking more like a chunk of salt, in the bed of the Rio Santo Antonio in Brazil. At first they tossed it back but Manoel insisted upon a second look and for a moment he saw the rays of the sun pierce the dull exterior. Then he knew. He brought the "rock" to a broker in Rio de Janeiro who, quickly satisified it was a diamond, paid the brothers a good-sized fortune for it. He named it the Vargas after Gen. Getulio Vargas, president of Brazil.

Merchants Bid

Within a few hours, diamond merchants in Amsterdam, Antwerp, London, Johannesburg and New York were thrilled to hear of the discovery. Dealers from diamond capitals began to converge upon Rio in the hope of purchasing the diamond. One of them was Harry Winston. Winston finally came into possesion of the Vargas about which, incidentally, there is a lengthy story in the April issue of Cosmopolitan.

Although the diamond, now in a thrilling setting after it was cut with precision from the Vargas, will probably be the gem on which to feast your eyes, other lovely gems in the collection are just as exciting, according to Rickys, now readying for the public display.

Youths Fined For Larceny

With felony charges of larceny from an automobile reduced to petty larceny, misdemeanors, Freeland McLeod, 19, and Willis Pigg, 21, were fined $50 each by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, on their pleas of guilty.

The youths, who were caught in the act of stripping a parked car the night of April 6, also pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and were fined another $50 each, plus suspended jail terms of 90 days.

Like charges against two girls who were arrested with Pigg and McLeod, Berdene Pearce, 18, and Jacqueline Newlin, were dismissed in court, with the stipulation that Berdene Pearce pay for the damage to the car, which was owned by C. R. Clark, 924 Jefferson.

A third girl, 17 years old, has been turned over to the juvenile court.

Dairy Councils Name Directors

PORTLAND, April 23 (AP)—A meeting of Oregon, Washington and California dairy councils here October 13-14 was reported today by the executive committee of Oregon group.

New directors of the council were named yesterday as the executive committee met jointly with the Oregon dairy products commission.

Directors include: Elmer Gustafson and Fred Keasey, both of Eugene; D. R. McIntosh, Corvallis; H. Michel, Grants Pass; Joseph Crocker, Albany; J. W. Calloway and W. A. Johnson, both of Grants Pass.

George Fullenwider, Carlton, was elected chairman of the dairy commission and Frank Hettwer, Mt. Angel, was reelected secretary. Members of the commission attending included Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls.

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Crown Jewels For A Royal Queen

Pretty Nina Sue Fernimen of Klamath Falls, queen-elect of Junior Week-end festivities at the University of Oregon, came from Eugene Monday to pose with the thrilling jewelry including a ring from the famous Vargas diamond, on display Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Rickys. Queen Sue wears the Diamond of Good Hope in a clip at her throat and on her wrists are beautifully set emeralds, rubies, diamonds and sapphires in gorgeous bracelets. The public is cordially invited to inspect the display, part of the Harry Winston collection.

Grants Pass, Salem Called "Bad Towns"

PORTLAND, April 23 (AP)—Grants Pass and Salem are considered "bad towns" for negroes to find employment, a National Urban league speaker told a Portland audience last night.

Julius A. Thomas, New York, an industrial relations director for the league which seeks improvement of negroes' working opportunities, said prejudice in those communities was a reflection on Portland's views. He said Portland, where a third of the negro population is unemployed, is one of the worst on the coast.

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KUHS Students Attend Contest

Klamath Union high school will send several contestants to the district music contest to be held at Albany, Friday and Saturday of this week. Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Roseburg, in which district are also Klamath Falls and Lakeview, voted not to hold a contest this year, which prevents the participation of the larger musical organizations. Two of the outstanding instrument ensembles in the school, the brass sextette, under the tutelage of O. K. Warcup, and the clarinet quartet, under John McManus' direction, will compete.

Included among the solo contestants will be Barbara Zinn, piano; Wilbet Elliott, Catherine Blanas, Gerald Fales, and Doris Weaver, voice, and Bruce Crawford, tuba.

Members of the clarinet quartet are Norma Smith, Lois Larson, James Pearson and Charles Martin. Members of the brass sextette are: cornets, Charles Anderson and John Epley; French horn, Bill Mosby; baritone, Cameron Stewart; trombone, William Southwell, and Bruce Crawford, tuba.

Contestants will travel by car and will be accompanied by Mrs. Hunt, O. K. Warcup, and John McManus, of the music faculty.

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Pendleton Man Heads Wheat Group

PORTLAND, April 23 (AP)—Jens Terjeson, Pendleton, was elected chairman of the Oregon wheat commission when that group met Tuesday for its organizing session.

The commission, authorized by the recent legislature as a step toward finding ways of of using surplus wheat, named Marion Weatherford, Arlington, vice-chairman. An administrator will be named later.

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