

Music as Well as Literature Is Available on Library Card

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

People who patronize the city library now can get music as well as books merely by showing their library card, but few of them realize it.

A special shelf in the main library holds dozens of specially selected albums of fine recordings; a special room has been set aside for listening in the library, with a record player installed for auditioning the music.

The theme of the whole program—music—is dedicated to a Klamath school music teacher who died here several years ago of cancer, Miss Lillie Darby.

For perhaps 20 years Miss Darby taught and instructed young students in music. Many now-grown Klamath citizens learned their devotion to the piano, and learned their well.

Three years ago, shortly after Miss Darby's death, a group of her friends gathered together and quickly set up the Lillie Darby Memorial record library, a living memorial to the plump, white-haired lady who had done much for music in Klamath hearts.

In that group was Mrs. Arnold Gralapp, Mrs. Addie Mae Nixon, Mrs. Joseph Branner, Mrs. C. A. Henderson, Miss Ruth Lobough, Mrs. Olive Wilson and Mrs. George McIntyre.

A special selection committee chooses the records for the collection—albums of classical and semi-classical music, with Mrs. Gralapp, Miss Lobough, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. McIntyre and Miss Wilson as members.

The playing room has just recently been made available for adults to utilize in determining which album they wish to take out—just like a book—on their library cards.

The record player in that room was purchased by funds donated by many of the civic and fraternal organizations. Miss Darby belonged to among them: AU and U chapters of the PEO, the Soroptimists, Business and Professional Women, Classroom Teachers Assoc., concert proceeds from the Klamath Falls civic chorus, Fremont Junior high's class of 1948, Conger and Fairview schools and Darby's music company. The library club last fall began the donation of children's records to the shelf, and more than 20 individuals have added their contributions of all types of records to the lists.

The records in the library cover most anything in the deeper veins of intellectual and semi-classical music. There are 50 adult albums, dozens of children's albums and many more made up of piano, folk and novelty records.

A variety of Christmas music is on that special shelf too, since this is the season for it. Here are a few: "The Littlest Angel"; "The Small One"; "The Christmas Carol" (Lionel Barrymore); plus hymns and Bible stories and numerous fairy tales.

The Lillie Darby Memorial library of fine music has gotten off to a good start. But now there is need for expansion, as the library becomes better known to Klamath citizens. In the past fiscal year, 450 albums were circulated, according to library records.

Donations and contributions of



CHILDREN'S ALBUMS are among those on the Lillie Darby memorial shelf at the city library, and here Charles, 9, and Ruth Anna, 6, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russell, audition a record on the library's special record player purchased by patrons of the memorial.

both money and funds are being accepted, but the selection committee must have its chance to choose the records it deems desirable to the library collection.

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Bennett Asks Tavern Talk

PORTLAND, Ore.—City Commissioner J. E. Bennett wants the Portland city council, the state liquor commission and the state attorney general to try to settle their differences around a conference table.

In a resolution filed here Friday night, Bennett proposed the meeting in an effort to clarify the issue of pinball machines in taverns.

Attorney General George Neuner recently wrote two letters to the liquor commission. In the first he said the machines were illegal in taverns. In the second he told the commission to use its own judgment about amusement devices in places where beer is sold.

Meantime the city council has been denying license recommendations to tavern owners who refuse to sign pledges banning the machines from their establishments.

The liquor commission, the agency that actually issues the licenses, recently told the council that refusal to sign the pledge was not in itself sufficient reason to withhold the license from a tavern operator.

Bennett's resolution will come before the city council for action.

Tough Guy Falls Long way-Unhurt

FORT WORTH, Tex., (AP)—A rugged 30-year-old parking attendant fell seven levels down an elevator shaft in a garage here last week and—with assistance—got up off the concrete floor and walked to an ambulance.

Charles Caviness, a 5 foot 8-inch 260-pounder, who broke an ankle in a one-story fall at the same garage last July, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where attendants insisted he was in "good" condition.

Caviness landed feet first on the basement floor after the man-lift in the three-foot square elevator shaft tilted and caused him to fall.

Garage workers explained that seven parking levels at the garage is equal to about four stories.

The Chinese drilled wells more than 1000 years ago to depths of several thousand feet, according to the National Geographic Society.

This Guy Has Really Had It

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., (AP)—With a sigh of resignation, Robert Turner today began planning repairs to his unlucky house on 13th avenue which has been hit by motor vehicles 16 times in the last 15 years.

The latest bit of misfortune occurred Thursday night when a runaway truck butted another car into the anatomy of the Turner residence.

Part of the porch was demolished. A passenger in the truck, Charles Pauley, 28, of South Charleston, W. Va., is in serious condition in a Huntington hospital.

The less seriously injured driver, 34 year old W. J. Vickers, of Elkview, W. Va., has the dubious distinction of being the 15th motorist to smash into the well-carved house in 15 years.

Turner has had only two such experiences since buying the house from Sol Masinter, now in retirement at Sarasota, Fla.

Masinter said cars and trucks tore off the porch repeatedly, smashed down front yard trees and even invaded the living room while he lived there.

The house is a likely target for motorists because it is situated at the bottom of a downhill street that takes a turn as it approaches the house. Occasionally, motorists keep right on going.

The Masinters once thought of erecting a fence at the edge of their property to shield the poor old house. But a lawyer advised

them they might be held liable if any drivers were injured on the fence.

There is one consolation. The lawyer said motorists who crash into the house are trespassing. Let that be a warning to number 17.

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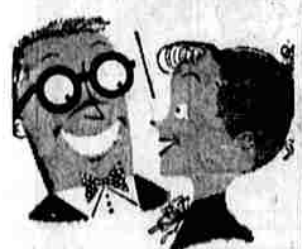


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