



CROWD ATTENDS DEDICATION — New Yakima Valley Regional Library is dedicated in ceremonies held in main area of \$800,000 building Sunday. One thousand persons attended the program despite rainy weather. Library officials conducted customary from mezzanine while guests stood on main floor. Open house was conducted until 5 p.m.

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New Library Attracts 1,000

A thousand persons crowded into Yakima Valley Regional Library despite the rain Sunday afternoon for the dedication of the new \$800,000 building.

The Rev. Owen J. Beadles, regional library board vice chairman, conducted the dedication.

The building was dedicated "to the ministry of education and all good learning; to the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge; to the loyal service of those whose training and devotion have prepared them to lead those who search for truth."

Flag Presented

A 48-star flag was presented to the library by William Wharton Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ted Adler, senior vice commander, made the presentation with the assistance of Mrs. David Milhoan, Auxiliary president, and members of Cub Scout and Pack 8.

Congressman Catherine May (R-Wash.) is attempting to obtain a new 49-star flag for the library within the week, Adler said.

Martin Presides

George M. Martin, building committee chairman, presided. The benediction was by the most Rev. Joseph P. Dougherty, bishop of the Yakima Diocese.

Key to the newly opened building was presented by Gilbert Moen contractor, to John S. Vil-

lesvik, architect, who passed it on to Mrs. Ernest Carpenter, chairman of the board of trustees. Mrs. Carpenter then introduced Mrs. Helen Gilbert, regional librarian, and turned the key over to her.

"I'm so pleased with the response of the community to the new building," Mrs. Gilbert commented today on the ceremony and turn out. "It was most gratifying to have a thousand persons

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attend and they had nothing but high praise for the building."

An open house until 5 p.m. followed the dedication.

Between seven and eight thousand persons went through the new structure from Wednesday through Saturday, Mrs. Gilbert said today. It was open to the public for the first time on Wednesday.

Circulation of books and records at the main building and through the bookmobiles during the period totaled 12,701.

Applications for borrowers' cards, at the main building only, totaled 557 of which 288 were for new cards and 269 renewals, the librarian said.

Mrs. Gilbert said she and library board members were happy that many librarians from throughout the state attended the ceremony. Among those attending were Bruce Carrick, president of the Washington Library Assn. and Librarian of the Spokane County Library, and Ronald Ley, Pacific Northwest Library Assn. president and librarian for the Fraser Valley Library, British Columbia.

Among the many telegrams received were good wishes from Mrs. Lura Currie, president of the public library division of the American Library Assn.