

Temperatures for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 72; minimum, 40.

Monterey Bay Area — Overcast night and morning, clearing afternoons through Wednesday; little temperature change; west wind 10 to 20 knots.

Vandals Hit SC Library



Some of the most valuable books from the shelves of the Santa Cruz public library were damaged or destroyed by vandals last night who poured a waxy, viscous liquid into the book drop on the library lawn.

Mrs. Geraldine Work, librarian, said actual damage will "run to \$500 or more. But the damage done to books that can not be replaced will be much higher."

The librarian estimated 100 books were in the container when the vandals fed the liquid down the drop slot. "Some of the books cost \$12 to \$15. Others were in the \$4 range. Some can be salvaged, but most of them are beyond hope," she said.

The incident was discovered this morning when Theobald Gaub, library worker, started his morning chore of bringing books from the drop into the library, in picture above. He noticed a partially filled bottle by the container, opened the door and saw the mess.

Ironically, one of the first books to be pulled out of the gumbo and handed to Mrs. Work was "Commitment to Youth," a report on five years of progress in guidance, counseling and testing.

As though attempting to tell a story in titles, Mrs. Work, in the picture at right, picked up "Games People Play," followed by a copy of "Mute Witness."

Low mutters of anger and disgust were heard from the group of adults who paused on their way to work to watch Gaub and Mrs. Work in their efforts to keep



books from tearing and ripping as they were pulled from the book drop.

"Horsewhipping wouldn't be good enough," an attorney said, "The trouble is, the whipping wasn't started soon enough at home," another replied.

Mrs. Work called in extra help to "get right at the cleaning job to see if we can get the stuff off before it dries." She didn't hold very high hopes.

She picked from the pile at random. The title was "My Name Is Death." Looking up at a fellow worker, she remarked, "That's what I'll be if I ever laid my hands on the persons who did this."

Vandals also had thrown a big glob of paint onto the facade on the Church street side of Leask's department store, leaving an unsightly mark.

Santa Cruz police are investigating the vandalism.