



War collections displayed

A portion of a collection of World War II pillow covers (above) is part of the display at the Carnegie Arts Center as part of the Produce For Victory exhibit. At the High Plains Museum and the Carnegie Arts Center there are a selection of World War I posters which are on loan from the Big Timbers Museum of Lamar, Colo.



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Rattlesnakes found in car

Eight rattlesnakes were found in an aquarium in an Oberlin man's car last Thursday. The man got a ticket, and the rattlers got a trip to a museum in Oakley.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Valentine Richards had been cited for keeping the reptiles in his home. They chief said he received a report a year ago that Mr. Richards was keeping the poisonous snakes. At that time, he said, police asked him to remove them.

Chief Lockhart said he thought the snakes had been removed, but then another report came in from a city employee who had been out reading meters.

Chief Lockhart said it is illegal to possess any poisonous fanged animal in the city of Oberlin at any

time. Last Thursday, Mr. Richards entered a guilty plea in city court. He was fined \$100 and court costs.

Chief Lockhart requested the right to inspect Mr. Richards' house for snakes. Chief Lockhart said he wasn't very willing for the inspection. The police agreed to give him an hour before going to the house.

Chief Lockhart said the officers were sent to Mr. Richards' neighborhood and watched him take an aquarium out of the shed and into the house, and from the house to his vehicle.

The officers pulled Mr. Richards over and the snakes were in the aquarium. Mr. Richards was cited again for keeping rattlesnakes.

Chief Lockhart took the snakes

and kept them in the police office until Saturday, when a man from the Prairie Dog Museum in Oakley arrived.

Chief Lockhart said he could have had the snakes destroyed, but decided to take a more humane approach and give the snakes to the museum. He said it would be more educational that way.

Chief Lockhart said he wasn't sure how long the snakes were, but a couple of them were two inches in diameter. He said he thought they were pretty healthy prairie rattlers.

He said Mr. Richards said he was keeping them not as pets, but to use to make hat bands and belts.

"We can't tolerate having something like that in the city," said Chief Lockhart. "It is a safety issue."

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