

### Nightmarish Art, Heavy Traffic Toll Of Lives, 'Joe Stalin' Textbook Are Topics at Toastmasters Club Meet

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Surrealistic art does not command very much respect in the minds of Roseburg Toastmasters. This fact was brought out at Tuesday night's club meeting in the Hotel Umpqua, when Table-topics Chairman Delbert Parker introduced the subject for one-minute talks by club members. He presented as an illustration pages torn from a popular magazine.

That the surrealist is either a victim of horrible nightmares or is wisely out to reap the revenue his product may net was the general consensus of opinion advanced by the members, who offered some amusing remarks, few of which were complimentary to the modernistic or impressionistic artist.

Most of the members confessed an utter lack of ability to understand the meaning of such paintings and admitted that they glance suspiciously and uninterestedly at the so-called art, then turn the page to something they consider more interesting.

Dewey Bennett, serving as toastmaster, introduced John Dentler, Bill Tipton, Dr. S. L. DeLapp and Russell Stephens as speakers. Roy Barnhart was general critic.

**See Lots Of World**  
Dentler, giving a biographical sketch, said he was born in Corvallis, but since his father was in the service his life was extremely varied. He went with his parents to Cuba with Spanish-American occupation forces. There he learned to speak Spanish fluently. Back to New York for a time, he accompanied his parents next to the Philippines. They returned to San Francisco a short time before the earthquake and his father was stationed there. His father's service took them next to Leavenworth, Kan., then to Washington, D. C., Texas and finally to the Pacific Northwest, where Dentler has remained since. He has been with the employment service several years.

**Traffic Toll Heavy**  
Speaking on the subject, "It Can Happen to You," Tipton quoted statistics to show the "grounding number" of accidents by automobiles. During the last 25 years, he said, automobiles have caused 750,000 deaths and injured 25,000,000 people. Instead of the new automobiles giving us a safer ride, they are bringing us closer to the cemetery, he said. Statistics for 1947 show 32,000 killed, 1,100,000 injured and \$900,000,000 of property damage from automobile accidents. We often say "War is hell," but truthfully we are systematically eliminating ourselves by the lethal weapon ironically called the pleasure car. Nine times as many accidents occur from drivers at 19 years of age than at 50. He commended such training instruction as that given to students at Roseburg High School, where, young motorists are taught how to drive correctly and at reasonable speeds. He advised that we all "slow down" and cut down on the loss of lives in 1949.

Dr. DeLapp told a group of humorous stories in several dialects as his talk.

**Joe Stalin As Exemplar**  
The importance of "knowing more about the people who would destroy us," was brought out in Stephens' talk, who based his information on the current book, "I Want To Be Like Stalin." This book he described as a text for Russian schools, where mil-

the world is under the influence of Communism, the most of us are doing very little about it. The truth is, he said, most people know very little about what is going on behind the iron curtain. The book, he said, is probably one of the best sources of information to acquaint us with the U.S.S.R. He concluded by saying, "I want to be like Stalin" is the prayer of millions of people who are going to affect us. What is Stalin?"

Individual critics included Sam Reed, Jim Vaughn, Allen Clute and Bill Lindell.

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### Delinquency Of Juveniles Topic At Radio Forum

"We must stress to the children they are playing a game of life," Captain Claud Boden, Salvation Army director, said in summing up the juvenile delinquency problem in Douglas County. Boden was one of four persons speaking on law enforcement problems in the county as related to juveniles, during the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored radio forum Wednesday night.

The forum was broadcast over station KRNR.

Other speakers appearing on the program were Police Chief Calvin Baird, State Police Sergeant Lyle Harrell and County Juvenile Officer Agnes M. Pitchford. Boden cited basketball as an example of "playing the game." He told a member of the team violates a rule, he is penalized by a referee and the rest of the team suffers as a result. He pointed out the police force is the referee in life. "They are there to see the game is played fairly," Boden stated.

The broadcast was a departure from preceding broadcasts, with questions being directed to the speakers, which were answered

informally and somewhat extemporaneously.

**Car Thefts Numerous.**  
Asked what are the most serious law enforcement problems, relating to juveniles, Chief Baird and Sergeant Harrell cited car thefts and burglaries in the felony department, while traffic violations appeared to be the major difficulty as misdemeanors go. Harrell said 18 cars were stolen in the Roseburg area during the past six months. "It is safe to say 15 of these were by juveniles." He added, however, that in most cases, the cars were stolen by youths of other cities and states.

All four speakers agreed juvenile crime crimes were on the decrease here, while they decided violators

fell in the 16-19 year age group. Three of the group thought economic levels had little to do with the making of a "delinquent," Sergeant Harrell felt there was a tendency toward felonies by children of the lower income group.

Broken homes, lack of supervision by parents, environment, health, lack of religious training, and certain radio programs, motion pictures and magazines dealing with crime topics were given as causes for juvenile delinquency.

Solutions to the problem and plans being made to curb delinquency among juveniles include supervised recreation programs, leaving car doors locked, obeying traffic laws, and exercising good judgement while operating motor

vehicles. Chief Baird cited the 10 p. m. to 5 a. m. curfew as a step in keeping delinquency down. Parents who allow their children to violate the ordinance can be fined a \$50 maximum penalty or retained as a "guest" of the city for a period of 25 days. Miss Pitchford said parents should be glad such an ordinance exists here. "It prevents crime," she pointed out.

**GRANGE BIRTHDAY NOTED.**  
South Deer Creek Grange will hold its annual birthday homecoming Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Grange Hall. The Home Economics Club of the South Deer Creek Grange will meet at the home of Mrs. Floyd Haas Friday at 2 p. m.



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