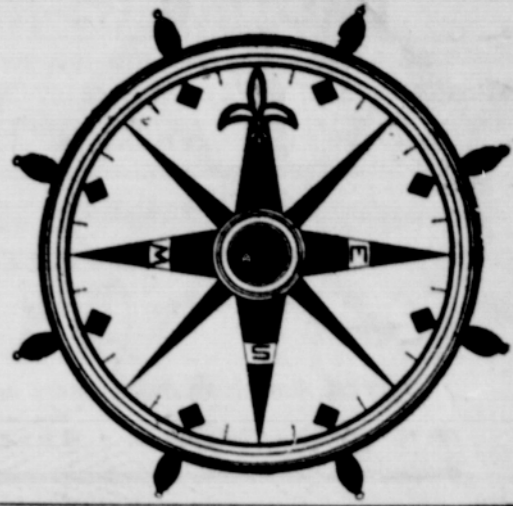


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## O. C. A. Named Officers At Confab Held Last Week

COOS BAY—W. F. Badley, of The Look-out, Otter Crest, was elected president of the Oregon Coast Association at the conclusion of its two-day convention here last week. Badley has been recording secretary of the big highway and tourist development organization for the past year.

Charles Grayshel, Brookings, was named recording secretary of the association; C. S. Rowand was elected treasurer; Wm. P. Manion is past president. Verne H. Tinnerstet continues to be manager.

The new county vice-presidents elected by the membership to office on the new board of directors are: Bud Campbell, Tolavana Park, Clatsop county; H. A. Roberts, Florence, Lane Co.; Walter Asplund, Coos Bay for Coos County; M. E. Kelley, Port Orford, Curry County; James H. Hight, Smith River, Del Norte County, California. Re-elected vice-presidents include: John Epping, Tillamook, Tillamook Co.; Stan Allyn, Depoe Bay, Lincoln County; and George Gratke, of Reedsport, Douglas county.

New members elected to the board of directors include: Carl Jensen, Cannon Beach; H. B. Hammell, Pacific Coty, Harvey Curry, Newport, Stewart Johnston, Florence; Stillman Wessela, Reedsport; Wm. Saunders, North Bend; Don White, Port Orford, J. C. Bragg, Wm. Endert and E. B. Serruys, all of Crescent City, California.

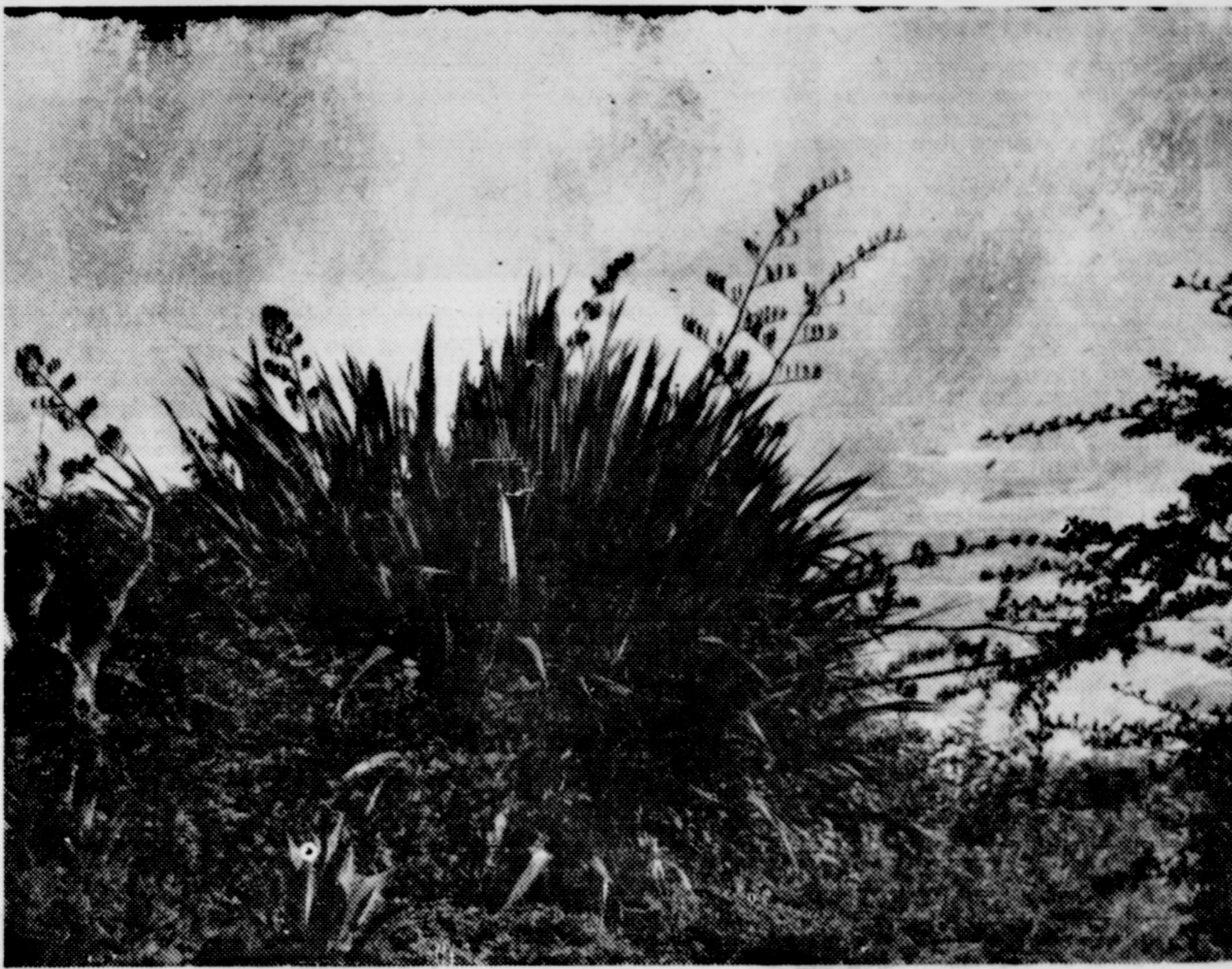
Board members continuing will be Art DeDmpsie, Astoria; John Phillips, Seaside; Jack Weber, Manhattan Beach; Roy Smith, Tillamook; Axel Johnson, Waldport; Orville Cox, Oceanlake; Al Greer, and Jack Jacobson, Florence; E. L. Tolman and Claude F. Sanders, Winchester Bay; P. J. Lesmeister, Brookings; Clayton Driscoll, Coos Bay; Robert Thompson, Coquille and Paul A. Woods, Gold Beach.

Interesting meetings were held with a recommendation that Oregon Coast Association endorse a proposed \$75 million state bond issue for arterial highway improvement. The proposal was outlined before the convention Monday by Ben R. Chandler, state highway commission chairman. It would involve spending \$15 million a year for five years and result in modernizing Oregon's highways several years in advance of the present financing program.

Chandler told the delegates that highway commission plans for Hwy 101 in 1951 include the placing under contract: Improvement of 4½ miles at Cannon Beach; finishing the Agate Beach to Newport section; modernizing the highway between Port Orford and Gold Beach; finishing the Coos Bay-Coquille sector with improvement of the Delmar-Coos Bay stretch.

The Coos delegation recommended that out-of-state sports  
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## New Zealand Flax Offers Possibilities For Coastal Area



This is how New Zealand flax appears at the home of W. L. Crissey, overlooking the Pacific. Culture of this plant offers great economic possibilities for this area, and if processing plants were established, great future wealth is possible for Curry County growers.

BY B. MILLER, Author of "Azalea Row"

The United States government has set its plant sleuths to "investigating" New Zealand Flax *phormium tenax*. No culprit this, but a possible benefactor to inhabitants of the United States, and a brand new industry for Chetco Valley inhabitants.

Henry D. Barker, chief of the department of Cotton and Other Fibers, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, requested Bill Crissey to send seeds of New Zealand flax to the agricultural experiment station, Beltsville, Maryland.

These have been shipped. They will be planted in Beltsville and young New Zealand flax plants distributed to experimental farms throughout the United States to determine what growing conditions best suit them. Then, in five years, the perennial harvest will begin, and in government testing laboratories, the long tough fibrous leaves will be "retted" and processed similar to flax to determine all commercial possibilities.

There is a good reason to believe that New Zealand flax will become a native source of commercial cordage and binding twine. Housewives well recall synthetic substitutes during the past war. Paper string and nylon clotheslines which stretched and broke. Lack of potato sacks was a nightmare to farmers, and worst of all, was the shortage of rope and binding twine in maritime industries and manufacturing plants.

If New Zealand flax proves a substitute or improved source of articles which are now manufactured from jute, sisal, or hemp, imports from India and the Philippine Islands, it will be a profitable industry and a boon to a war-time economy.

Even now Pakistan, which produces the world supply of jute, and India, which processes it,

are engaged in a fiscal controversy which threatens our supply. Jute is used only less extensively than cotton and flax, a source of cheap, durable fabrics, twines, inferior cordage, burlap, bagging and rugs and carpets. Sisal and hemp imported from the Philippines are used for marine cordage, sail and tent cloths. Sisal is an important plant for making cordage fibre.

Donald Fisher, Corvallis, Oregon, representative of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has already established experimental farms in Corvallis and Ophir, where New Zealand flax is being grown.

Occasionally, hereabout, one sees New Zealand flax growing as an ornamental shrub. It is a majestic plant with spear-like leaves, rising to a height of ten feet or more. The flowers, which are insignificant, in size and appearance, are of a reddish-brown color. Humming birds are especially fond of the flowers. The seed pods are dark red, and the seeds burnished ebony.

Just when this plant was introduced from New Zealand is not known. Probably it was brought to this country at the same time as the eucalyptus trees were from Australia. There are many varieties of New Zealand flax growing in California. But nowhere does it grow more luxuriantly than in southwestern Oregon.

About 25 years ago, W. L. Crissey saw a row about 50 feet long growing near the shore-line at Crescent City. It was told that Mexicans had planted them about 40 years ago. It was from these that he obtained the start for those now growing in his gardens.

New Zealand flax thrives in the fog and salt air, takes the wind well, and withstands summer droughts. Growing on a cliff overlooking the sea, is an ornamental plant of dramatic, tropical beauty. (See photograph above).

(Photo-engraving by Pilot and Typo-Print)

## Churches Plan Special Services For Thanksgiving

The local Christian Science Church will hold special Thanksgiving services at the church at 11 a. m. today (Thursday). There will be the regular Sunday services also.

Baptist Community church is to serve a church Thanksgiving dinner this evening, beginning at 5:30 p. m. All church members, their friends and attendants of the church are invited.

The Episcopal church is holding Thanksgiving services at 10 a. m. Thursday (today).

## Redfield Grocery Will Open In New Quarters, Dec. 2

An ultra-modern grocery, being completed by Lyle Redfield, will be put into use Saturday, Dec. 2, at the formal opening. Mr. Redfield told the Pilot earlier this week.

The building 40x80, built by Roy Weideman, has about all the modern conveniences to be found in any large city. A complete butcher market will be in conjunction. An announcement will appear in the next issue of the Pilot.

## 'Hearthstone' Has Proved Popular

"The Hearthstone," a chummy-like lunch room, was officially opened Monday for service to the school children, and already has found many friends among all the youngsters. Just across from the grade school, this new business is serving inexpensive hot lunches, ice cream, candies, sodas and the delights of any youngster.

Owned by C. A. MacKenzie, the lunches are under supervision of Mrs. E. A. Elston.

## Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
Nov. 13	55	42	.11
Nov. 14	51	40	.40
Nov. 15	53	47	1.92
Nov. 16	52	46	1.36
Nov. 17	54	48	1.45
Nov. 18	52	52	1.02
Nov. 19	60	41	.02
Rainfall for week			6.28

Pedrioli Drive has been closed about a week while larger culverts were installed. Every rain has caused the drive to become a regular stream, as the culverts were too small to handle all the water draining in that area. In recent heavy rains several residents along the drive have been flooded, even into their homes or garages.

Mrs. Clara Kerns is visiting relatives near Klamath Falls over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Most of the crew of the Parker-Schram Construction Company has gone for the winter but will be back when good weather comes in the spring. The company uses few local men as it maintains a steady crew.