

OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lans Leneve

Almost opposite the beautiful little lake that nestles besides the Coquille-Marshfield highway, a fir tree leaned far out over Isthmus Slough. It was something to attract the eye—especially upon a day, or rather at eventide, when the wind had died down. Calm water flowing silently, the solitary tree, like a sentinel, outlined against the dimming light of the sky, presenting a picture never to be forgotten. It was truly a thing of beauty. For years and years it stood on silent guard above the ever changing tides of the slough. Lashed by the gales of winter, basking through summer's sunshine, standing silent and majesty beneath the mellow moon; leaning farther and farther over the water as the years sped by, until finally, with a heaving sigh of wind-tossed branches, it loosed its hold upon the earth and tumbled into the water that it had guarded down through the years. Just another old landmark gone, but one that I shall miss sadly, for with its passing another thing of beauty has been erased forever from the landscape.

Grover Gouthier, one of the most ardent archers in the state, was telling me not long ago of his hunting experiences with the bow. To say that they were interesting is putting it mildly. To bag a big mule deer going "on high" with a single arrow is quite an accomplishment. Grover performed this very feat last hunting season. Hundreds of digger squirrels have fallen beneath his deadly aim. I am deeply indebted to him for a collection of good pictures of his kills in diggers and also his mule deer picture.

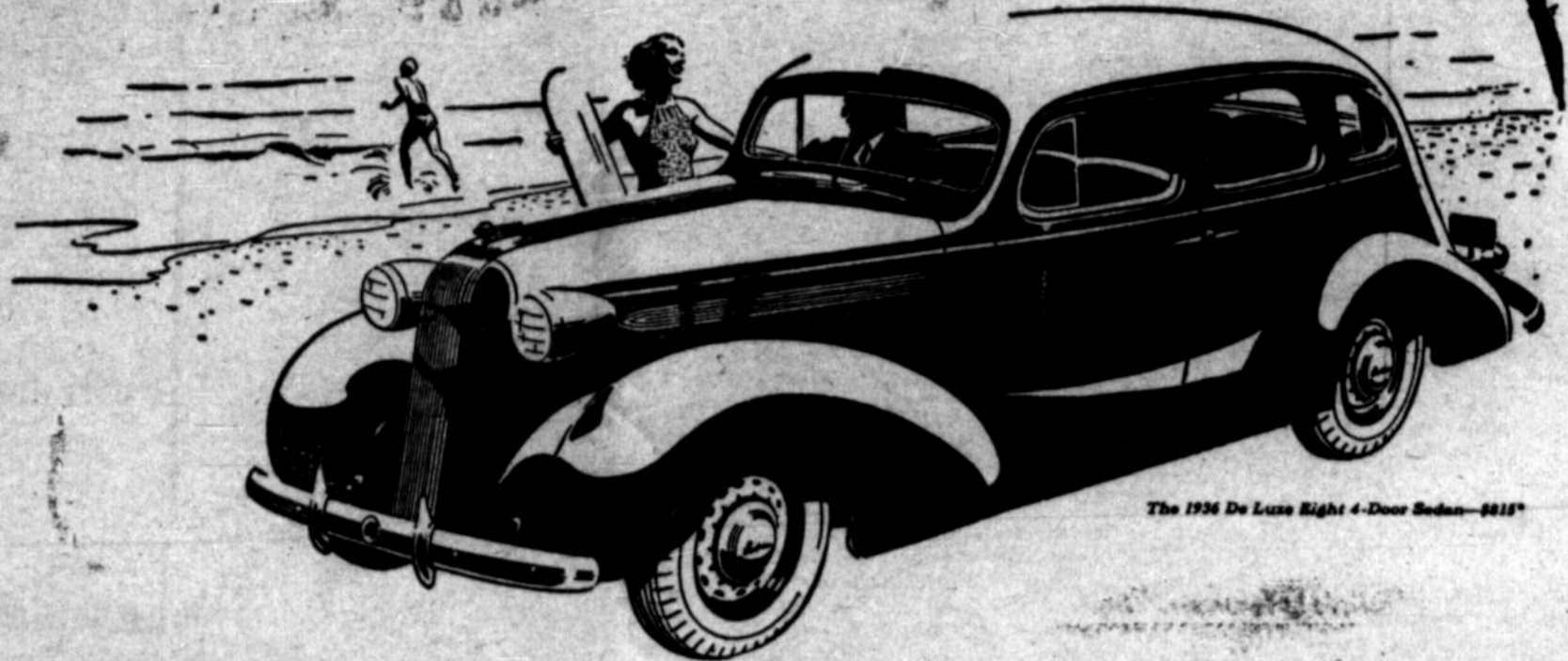
Grover was telling me of trying to shoot the wise old crows with a bow and arrow. It is an impossible feat to perform. The crow will dodge the arrow every time. Young crows may be fooled, but not an old one. They will make a monkey out of an archer, no matter how strong the bow nor how swift it sends an arrow in flight.

How many of you have ever seen a quackless duck? Although a good many of you have, most of you were no doubt not aware of the fact that they are actually quackless. They are larger than the regular domesticated duck and, believe it or not, they are worse than a sharp-shinned hawk on baby chicks.

A lady of this county had a pair of these ducks and she also had a flock of chickens. The ducks were kept in a separate pen that adjoined the chicken pen. One of the hens came off with a nice brood of chicks. The little fellows began to disappear and one day the lady discovered one of her quackless ducks sitting by a small hole in the fence and each time a baby-chick came through the hole the old duck opened up his big bill, grabbed the chick and swallowed it at one gulp. So if you have a yen to possess any quackless ducks I would advise you not to let them associate with your baby chicks.

Hats off to little old Vermont. That state turned down flatly all offers of CCC road projects. She was tempted with millions of relief employment money to build a skyline drive along the crest of her Green mountains. She refused to sell their beauty and is preserving them inviolate. Vermont has set a fitting example to the entire nation but one which has not been heeded. The beauty of Oregon's own forest trails has been converted into automobile roads. The beauty of all Nature is threatened and the fire hazard increased by the building of roads into wilderness retreats. It means that there will be an influx of tourists, of hunters and of fishermen who never would stray far from civilization if they had to hoof it or go horseback. Yes, man will flock into the wilderness along the new roads and where man goes fire always follows. Perhaps the huge sums set aside for the building of roads might have been meant for a good cause in the first place but the big timber interests have stepped in and either pulled the wool over the eyes of government officials or have been directly favored by said officials to the extent that the so-called "conservation roads," (the Lord only knows who classified them as such), are in reality timber interest roads. The building of these roads have saved timber companies hundreds of thousands of dollars as it has paved the way to get their timber out. In addition to this it has opened up the forests to every

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Tom, Dick and Harry to the extent that it has practically doomed the game animals and birds of the Northwest. The roads are of no direct benefit to anyone aside from the timber interests and forestry officials, who now can ride through the timber in their automobiles instead of riding horseback and walking. The government has simply gone "nuts" on this outlandish road-building program and have even carried it to The Virgin Islands. There have been 27,936 miles of road constructed with 6,386 still under construction. The small sum of \$400,000,000 is all that has been expended by one recovery act, while \$200,000,000 in addition has been expended by another act, making a total of \$600,000,000 spent for big timber interest, forestry officials and in other instances by creating skyline roads, like the one proposed for Vermont's Green mountains; and in each instance taking away the natural beauty of Nature and opening up wilderness retreats to every automobile owner in America. Vermont has set an example by her flat refusal to entertain the idea of putting a road through her precious mountains. It is an example that should have been followed by other states. Again, I say, hats off to Vermont.

Something like 150,000 CCC youths have been engaged in this nutty venture that is listed as a conservation measure. Any school kid could have picked a more worth while project on which to blow \$600,000,000. That same amount of money put upon our state highways and market roads would have eliminated all dangerous curves and fenced every grade and would have benefitted the people as a whole and not a select few. If each CCC youth would have driven one post along the edge of dangerous

curves it would have spelled greater safety than all the roads that have been bulldozed into the forests. Instead of being called "Conservation roads" they should be called "Destruction Roads" and listed, photographed and numbered, as public enemies are in the Department of Justice. For truly they are the greatest enemies to our wild life and beauty spots in existence today.

There have been more roads built than can be kept in repair by state and local communities—roads paralleled, roads criss-cross, roads elevated, roads depressed, roads circular and roads in the shape of four-leaf clovers, a madness of roads, too many, when federal funds are exhausted, that will be left untended to fall in disrepair and disrepute in many states; while in others, where the forestry service functions, they will be kept in repair for the use of that service and for the city tenderfoot to travel in his automobile, in order to shoot game, catch fish and start forest fires. Yep, "Roads of Destruction" are indeed fitting names for them.

B. P. W. Club Met Monday

The Business and Professional Women's Club met Monday evening, April 20, at the Coquille Hotel, for the regular business meeting. It was voted by the members to attend the Christian church in a body the first Sunday in May. At the next meeting of the club, May 4, the program will be in charge of the past presidents and Oregon will be featured.

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Twelve Future Farmers of Coquille High School will participate in the eighth annual convention to be held on the Oregon State College campus in Corvallis, April 30, May 1 and 2.

These members will compete against 300 other Future Farmers from the 41 chapters in Oregon in the various contests, demonstrations, identifications and evaluations. Two features of the convention will be the \$50 prize given by the Horse and Mule Association of America for the best horse judge and the \$75 prize given to the best public speaker by the Oregon Bankers' Association, State Grange and the State Future Farmers organizations.

The members who will make the trip and the contest that they are to enter are: Harold Neal and Ben Holverstott, demonstration on the selection of farm water supply; Bill Snyder and Harold Shull, general demonstration; Donald Graham and Merle Davis, potato seed demonstration; Donald Bailey and Jack Hunt, uses of the steel square; Melvin Wheaton, budding and grafting and how to use a plane; Raymond Halter, seed corn selection; Orville Clifton and Frank Biasca, dairy cow evaluation and seed and weed identification. Teams and contestants will participate in other events. Two of the members will act as delegates of the local chapter at the state meetings.

During the three-day meeting the group will have the opportunity of seeing athletic events, including a baseball game between Oregon State College and Washington State College, attending a banquet at which Governor Martin of Oregon will be the main speaker, living at either fraternity houses or the dormitory and many other interesting events.

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Church of Christ

Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 10:45 a. m. Sermon topic, "The Resurrection and Christian Living." Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. Special music by Flora Dey. Sermon topic, "The Story of Naaman." Midweek service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Earl F. Downing, minister

Coquille Assembly of God

Mrs. Hazel MacLeod, pastor Sunday: 9:45 a. m. Sunday school Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Young People's Meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting. Friday, 7:30 p. m. Bible study.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Evening preaching 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Scriptural, spiritual preaching. Everyone welcome.

G. A. Gray, Pastor. 107 E. 2nd St., Coquille, Ore.

The Holy Name Catholic Church

Mass on first and third Sundays at 8 a. m.; second Sunday at 10 a. m. and when there are five Sundays, Mass on fourth Sunday at 10 a. m. Last Sunday of each month Mass at Myrtle Point at 8 a. m. and at Powers at 10

Father M. G. Hart, Bandon

St. James Church (Episcopal)
Sunday School, 10 a. m. each Sunday. Clarence Oiska, superintendent.

The Pioneer Methodist Church

W. Raymond Wilder, Minister Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Epworth Leagues 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Coquille, Oregon Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Sunday Service at 11 a. m. Subject for next Sunday, "Probation after Death." Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

Free public Reading Room open in Church Building every Tuesday and Friday afternoons except holidays from two to five o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and to visit the Reading Room.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

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