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## "Safety" The Theme For Woman's Club Meeting Tuesday

E. J. Loney, Clarence Osika, Henry Lecocq Made Interesting Talks During Session

The Guild hall was most attractive with banquets of Japanese Quince and Pussy Willows for the regular meeting of the Coquille Woman's club Tuesday afternoon. Valentine hearts suspended on pussy willows added a festive note to the occasion. The meeting was opened with the singing of "America the Beautiful" led by Mrs. R. E. Boober with Mrs. Skeels at the piano. This was followed by the salute of the flag.

The club voted to give \$75.00 to the library and renew the membership with the Oregon Roadside Council. The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. B. W. Dunn, Mrs. Bert Folsom and Mrs. O. C. Sanford. Mrs. T. B. Currie reported \$32.30 cleared on the recent Sam Gordon lectures. The president, Mrs. Godard, announced the club would hold a birthday party in the form of a silver tea (25c) at the meeting in March to raise funds for the Golden Jubilee of Women's clubs to be held in 1941. Mrs. Fred Kunz is chairman of the affair.

The May Day dance will be held Saturday, April 27, and the May Day luncheon date is changed to May 3 on account of the speaker not being able to come on the original date.

Mrs. A. E. Harbison gave a brief talk on Campfire work, reporting there were now 85 girls in campfire and \$18.44 in the treasury. She said that one group made the cakes for the club refreshments and one group had made a complete layette. She presented Henry Lecocq of Marshfield, a representative of the N. Y. A., who explained the meaning of the work which provided employment to needy young men from 18 to 25 years of age. Following this, Miss Muriel Dae most graciously presented one of her violin pupils, Ronald Williams, who played two delightful solos. Miss Dae accompanied him.

Mrs. K. P. Lawrence presented the two speakers for the afternoon, E. J. Loney and Clarence Osika. Mr. Loney spoke on safety in industrial plants, his subject being "Safety, what it is and what it means." He has charge of the safety angle at the Smith Wood Products Plant and cited the average compensation for the injured worker as 50 per cent of what he actually earned. He said that during the last year, accidents in the mill had been reduced 60 per cent.

Following his worthwhile talk, Mr. Osika gave a splendid talk on "Education and safety," telling what the school and teachers were doing to safeguard the pupils from accidents on the ball field, the school room, highways, etc. He said that excellent football equipment had been provided minimizing the danger of accidents at the games. He said there had not been an ankle accident from football plays and very few others of any kind. Short talks on home accidents and what to do to prevent them were discussed by the various members led by Mrs. Boober. At the close of the meeting refreshments, carrying out the Valentine motif were served by Mrs. R. T. Slater, Mrs. Birdie Skeels, Mrs. H. L. Claterbos, Mrs. Frank Leslie and Mrs. Ernest Whereast to the following: Mesdames W. H. Mansell, Ida Owen, K. P. Lawrence, R. E. Boober, F. C. McNelly, B. W. Dunn, C. M. Gray, H. R. Godard, Julius Ruble, F. S. Emery, C. V. Smith, Louis Hohman, Bert Folsom, Sam Nosler, Elton Savage, J. D. Gillespie, Ralph Taylor, Harold Zeigler, Luckey Bonney, W. C. Ulett, Clay Brown, C. A. Rietman, C. W. Kline, Lefe Compton, R. B. Rogers, Guy Mauney, M. Earl Wilson, Hal Pierce, J. R. Bunch, O. C. Sanford, R. T. Slater, G. W. Tyrrell and R. E. Harbison.

## A Perfect February Day

Southwest Oregon is the garden spot of the world. While the east is shivering with a blizzard and a record-breaking snowfall blankets Pennsylvania and nearby sections, Coos county is today basking in as perfect a spring day as Nature ever produced. What if it has rained the past week! It has not been a cold rain and is so much to be preferred to the zero weather of the east and middle west.

## Rotarians Hear District Governor--Entertain Wives

District Governor Fixott, of Portland, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club at the hotel yesterday and gave a most interesting talk on the origin, progress and aims of the organization. He told how, from a single club of six persons organized in Chicago about thirty years ago Rotary had grown to an international organization of over ten thousand clubs, with a membership of nearly a quarter of a million.

The district governor was accompanied by Mrs. Fixott and about twenty wives of the club members were also present as guests. After the luncheon the ladies repaired to the home of Mrs. H. L. Claterbos, where they were entertained at contract bridge.

In the absence of Rotary President Muriel Pettit the meeting was conducted by Harry Claterbos, vice president, who introduced the speaker.

Other guests present were Rotarian Ed Loney, from Marshfield; Rev. Chas. Guilbert, Ray Jeub, Geo. Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Oerding, Lewis Wiltshire and Oscar Mintony.

## Water Supply Now Assured

The almost continuous rains of the past week have practically insured that the big reservoir at the head of Rink creek will be full by the end of the rainy season. At the deepest point back of the dam the water is now about 35 feet deep and a further raise of around 15 feet would bring the level up to the spillway.

The bottoms in the Coquille valley were pretty well covered yesterday, although the river was not yet bank full, but with snow on the higher elevations back of Powers a warm rain would bring out a real flood and give the highway dike, which did not get a test last year, a real opportunity to show whether its base is broad enough to withstand any flood that might happen.

The rainfall for the past week has been nearly four inches.

## Myrtle Point vs. Red Devils Friday Night

The Myrtle Point Bobcats who have not yet won a game this year but who have been a definite threat in each of the ten games they have played, will be the Red Devils' opposition at the C. H. S. gym Friday evening. The Bobcats always make the game interesting to watch, win or lose.

Next Tuesday, also in the gym here, the Marshfield Pirates will provide the competition for the final game of the county schedule, prior to the tournament. Should Myrtle Point win tomorrow night the Pirates would be leading in the county standing at that time for Marshfield's Friday night game is with Roseburg. Should the Bobcats win Friday the Red Devils would have to win from the Pirates Tuesday to escape a third place standing in the county race.

## Naturalization Day Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday bids fair to be a busy day in circuit court. The grand jury has stated that at least a partial return and report on their investigations will be made that day. It is also to be motion day.

But the heaviest schedule for the day will be the consideration of the claims of 23 applicants for citizenship papers. The examiner from Portland will be in attendance to hear and pass on the request.

## Marshfield, Bandon Constables Named

The county court this week appointed two constables to fill vacancies in the offices at Bandon and Marshfield. For Bandon No. 6, L. E. Osborne was appointed to succeed Axel Erickson, who recently passed away, and C. L. Barnum was named for Marshfield No. 6 to succeed Tom Coke, resigned.

Both officers will serve until their successors are elected and qualify.

Mrs. Clarence Barton, of Miss May's Shop, is in Seattle this week on a buying trip.

## C. of C. Meeting Tuesday Noon

Arch B. Saunders, secretary-manager of the Coast Highway Association, was a visitor at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors here Tuesday noon. He said the association is in a better position to go places this year than ever before and the 1946 issue of publicity folders will be ready for distribution in about 30 days. It will be a more attractive publication, with more illustrations depicting scenes along the Coast highway.

Something novel, which has as yet been revealed only to the association directors, along the line of advertising the Oregon coast, will be ready for use in a few weeks. He said the indications are that travel records along the Coast highway will be broken this year.

Some work is promised on the North Bend-Coquille section this summer, but how much, or when it is to start, has not been announced yet by the state highway commission.

The secretary read letters from Oregon Congressman Jas. W. Mott and Homer T. Angel, and from Geo. Pratt, of the NLRB in relation to the Coquille protest against the kind of publicity given Coquille by Maps Davidson. Mr. Mott said that bills for amending the National Labor Relations Board, or Wagner act, have been introduced in this session of congress.

In a letter to the Chamber concerning the 100 per cent membership of the Coquille teaching staff, B. W. Dunn said they would like to be informed of such events as the annual chamber meeting, or a trip up the Rogue. The Sentinel might suggest to them that such events are always chronicled in its column before they take place, and that all members, or visitors, are always welcome at any Chamber function.

The secretary was instructed to write Oregon's congressional membership at Washington, according to the Marshfield Chamber's request for federal co-operation with the state geological bureau in making a survey of this district's mineral resources.

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## N. Y. A. Needs Young Men Here

Henry Lecocq, Coos county head of the N. Y. A.—National Youth Administration—who was in Coquille Tuesday to talk before the Woman's Club meeting that day, says that the reason work on the ball park improvement here did not start on Feb. 6 as announced was because only one or two young men have registered here, and he prefers not to bring workers in from elsewhere if there are unemployed young men, between 18 to 25 years, in Coquille, who want to work 50 hours a month for 30 cents an hour. Even if they are employed part time elsewhere they can earn this \$15 a month, and what they learn on a NYA project frequently leads to steady employment, as has been demonstrated at the county highway shop.

Any young man, between 18 and 25, may apply, the only prerequisite being that he has registered with the state unemployment agency which has a representative at the city hall here every Wednesday morning.

Blanks to apply for the NYA may be held from either Mayor Milne or R. E. Harbison at Bergen's here.

Mr. Lecocq also said that work would be started by the NYA in Bandon next week, cleaning up the fallen trees and debris on city-owned lots and grubbing out the furze.

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## Court of Honor Last Evening

This is National Boy Scout week and an interesting display by the Sea Scouts, in the Mt. States Power Co. window, and one by Troop No. 63, at the Tip Top, have attracted considerable attention.

A court of honor was held in the city hall last evening at which time many advancements were approved by the court.

Advancing to second class scout ranking were Ronald Williams, of Troop No. 14; Bob Mosby and Merrill Tozier, of No. 63; Billy Noah and Arden Harrah, of No. 86.

Second class merit badges awards were to Merrill Tozier in animal industry and music, and John Saylor in firemanship and carpentry.

Jim Howe, No. 63, was advanced to first class scout rating.

First class merit badge awards were to the following:

Troop No. 2—Donald Hurlbutt in weather, mechanical drawing and life saving; Charles Mulkey, life saving; Robert Nelson, aviation interpreting.

Troop No. 14—Marion Denzer, reading.

Troop No. 63—Jack Newton, firemanship and safety.

Troop No. 86—Don Boone, carpentry, wood work, personal health; Ralph Duncanson, wood work, public health; Harold Morris, personal health, pioneering; Edward Stevenson, safety and reading.

Raymond Morris, of Troop No. 86, was advanced to the rank of star scout.

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## Services To Continue Through Friday Evening

Rev. Clifford Lewis Has Drawn An Attendance That Filled Pioneer Church Nightly

The meetings at the Pioneer Methodist church will continue through Friday night, instead of closing on Wednesday as originally planned. Interest is increasing with every service and large crowds are attending each service. Delegations are coming from surrounding towns and as far away as Eugene. Many decisions are being made for Christ and quite a number have given their names for church membership.

The Evangelistic Crusade has been sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Coquille and the following churches have worked officially in the meetings: the Pioneer Methodist, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, and the Baptist. The four pastors have taken turns in leading a short devotional each evening.

A special feature of the campaign has been the union choir under the leadership of C. Adrian Sias. Everyone who has attended the meetings has received a great blessing from their singing. By special request they will render a repeat number tonight, Thursday. It is "The Old Book and the Old Faith." Clifford Lewis will speak on the topic, "The Old Time Religion." The closing topic for Friday night will be, "Keep Looking Up."

A Young People's Fellowship club has been organized with about 60 members. The young people are from the different churches and they plan to meet every two weeks for Bible study, prayer and testimony. They are yielded Christians and take the following pledge:

1. To read my Bible daily,
2. To pray at least twice a day,
3. To attend my church regularly, especially prayer meeting,
4. To try to win others to Christ.
5. To attend the Fellowship Club meetings whenever possible.

This is an interdenominational youth movement and the clubs have been started around the world. This movement is destined to be a great help to the youth of Coquille and vicinity.

Clifford Lewis leaves after the service Friday night on the 10:43 bus and begins a campaign Sunday morning in Modesto, California. On Sunday, Feb. 25, he starts a three weeks city-wide crusade in Salem, with at least 16 churches co-operating. His friends in this section will follow his work in their prayers.

## Heard Thos. E. Dewey Monday

Jos. E. Axtell and Dr. Heller, of Coquille, were two of the 5000 who jammed the auditorium at Portland Monday evening when Thos. E. Dewey, district attorney of New York and candidate for the republican nomination for president, made the Lincoln day address. Besides the thousands in the auditorium there was an overflow crowd at the Multnomah hotel where a loud speaker had been installed and Mr. Dewey made a personal appearance there after the main meeting.

It was a very enthusiastic crowd which heard Mr. Dewey and he made an excellent talk.

## Camera Club Being Formed

A meeting of camera enthusiasts was held in the city hall Monday evening, looking to the foundation of a club which will meet regularly to discuss the problems of picture-taking and how to secure the best results. Another meeting is to be held there next Tuesday evening at which time it is hoped a sufficient number will be present so that the club can be formed and officers elected.

## Dr. Stark Buys Denison House From F. S. Emery

Dr. G. E. Stark this week purchased the former Tom Denison residence on Knowlton Heights from F. S. Emery.

Ward McReynolds, examiner of applicants for Oregon drivers' licenses, will be at the Coquille city hall again next Wednesday, Feb. 21, eleven to five o'clock.

## Pinkstons Enjoy 10,000 Mile Trip

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## Coquille Motors Have Formal Opening

A parade about the streets of Coquille of eight shiny new models of Dodges and Plymouths started the formal opening of Coquille Motors off with a bang Saturday afternoon and attracted a crowd of over 500 people, which packed the new show room from four to eight p. m.

Hot dogs and coffee were served to three hundred and fifty adults and numerous children.

Although the final touches have not yet been made, such as painting, etc., the building looked very attractive, with the flood lighting on the cars and several business firms sent flowers, which added to the gala appearance.

Messrs. Canterbury and Cook expressed themselves as very much pleased with the interest shown, both in their new establishment and in the new models.

## Census Taking To Start April 1

The census enumeration will start April 1 all over the United States. Four enumerators will be required in Coquille, one for each precinct, and to date not that many have applied for the jobs here. Anyone applying should have the endorsement of either the republican or the democratic county central committee chairman, or have the signed endorsement of five local business men that he or she is qualified to do the work.

## Transient Here Recently Killed By Train at Reedsport

Clyde Ball, the man who told Officer Kolkhorst that he was a World War veteran and would let the Germans come over and get him, Kolkhorst, the next time they threatened the peace of the U. S., was killed last week at Reedsport. He had evidently fallen from the night passenger train north and was not found until 4:00 a. m. the next morning. One leg was crushed and one amputated. He was still alive when found but died on the way to the hospital.

Identification was made possible due to the fact that Kolkhorst took Ball's fingerprints, when he locked him up on the intoxication charge, and the office in Salem reported them as Ball's. He lived in Portland.

## First Candidate Filed Friday

C. B. Frayer, of Hauser, retired electrical engineer, was the first candidate to file with County Clerk Oddy for the May primaries. He paid the \$20 fee required last Friday and his name will go on the ballot as a candidate for county judge nomination on the republican ticket.

Mr. Frayer formerly lived above Myrtle Point and has been a resident of Coos county since 1915.

## Pro-America Meets Next Monday

The Coquille Unit of Pro America will meet in the council chamber at the city hall at 2:00 p. m., on Monday, February 19. Miss McGraw, of Marshfield, is to be the speaker. Members and others interested are cordially invited to attend.

All members are requested to attend a no-host luncheon at Bandon on February 21, at 12 p. m., at the Minute Cafe, in honor of Mrs. Roy T. Bishop, of Portland, the new state president.

## Don Farr Buys Fuhrman Home

Don Farr, whose engagement to Emma Frances Mulkey was recently announced, has made a deal with C. J. Fuhrman for the purchase of the latter's home place at the west end of Fourth street. He and his bride will have a very nice home and considerable land, the lot being over 200 feet north and south.

## Stevens Buys Laird Home

T. S. Stevens, proprietor of Steve's Grocery, last week purchased of Geo. Laird the latter's house on East First street, the former H. E. Hess home. Mr. Laird and his family expect to move next week into the former Fred Von Pegert house on the Marshfield highway, now owned by F. W. Laird, and Mr. Stevens will take possession of his new home at that time.

## Junior Women Sponsor "Under-Pup"

"The Under-Pup," to be shown at the Roxy theatre next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, which will receive a percentage on all the