

# Coquille Valley Sentinel

**MARRIED COUPLES**  
This week our popular new feature, "Coquille Married Couples in Business" visits Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz of the Lorenz Department store for a picture and story on their partnership. Just another extra bonus presented our readers by Southwestern Oregon's Largest Weekly.

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**CHURCH AND SOCIETY**  
One of the reasons The Sentinel has its great readership among the women of the area is the complete news coverage on clubs, lodges, parties, and churches. If your club isn't on Ellen Nesbitt's list, phone 353 or 359 and give her your news. It is gladly received.

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## They All Liked Him



**GOVERNOR DEWEY HAD FRIENDS**—Part of the huge crowd of people who heard Governor Thomas E. Dewey were school children of Coos county. Pictured here are some of the Coquille students. Governor Dewey was introduced by Clarence Osika, executive secretary of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. (Sentinel Photo)



**WELL-MET**—Governor Thomas E. Dewey is shown here being greeted by Coquille citizens as he jumped off the special Greyhound bus which brought him to Coquille last Thursday when he appeared at the Community building for a talk advocating his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. The decisive date will be next Friday, May 21st, when the Oregon primaries will show his Western strength. (Sentinel Photo)

## Dewey For Strong Foreign Policy

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, hearty and well sun-tanned, took the stand for a strong foreign policy when he appeared at a special public meeting in Coquille on the steps of the Community building last Thursday afternoon.

Urging a realistic and decisive attack upon the problems of the world, the New York governor said, "No one has ever started a fight with Gena Tunney or Joe Lewis, and the United States should be so strong that no one would ever want to pick a fight with us."

In a well-accepted talk before some six or seven hundred people, the New York governor scored Harold E. Stassen's approach to communism. Terming New York one of the strongholds of the Reds, Governor Dewey stated that he had always found ways of combating them by using the legal methods at hand, and that he did not believe in driving snakes under the ground. He preferred to have them out in the sunlight. He said he had had no trouble in fighting them, even though he had had plenty of fights with them.

Dewey also spoke of the need of a secretary of the interior from the West and said that if he is elected president he will do away with carpetbaggers running the problems of the western part of the United States. Governor Dewey was a half hour late, and had several hundred of his crowd leave who were on hand at four o'clock to hear him. The Coos Bay Pirates had fouled up his schedule by some of their antics, and consequently many dairymen were forced to leave for their farms when it was announced that the New Yorker would be a half hour late.

Clarence Osika, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Governor Dewey. On the stand with Osika were Don Farr, Clarence Barton, Lewis Wiltshire, Ray Jeub, and other prominent citizens.

The high school band under the direction of Carroll Nickels played, and were complimented by Governor Dewey who remarked on the number of girls playing in the band.

**SLATES MEETING**  
A meeting of the Coquille Grange will be held in the Union hall on Friday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock. The Juvenile and Subordinate Granges will present a special Mother's Day program.

## Four Year Old Becomes Carpenter

A youthful aspirant to a partnership in the firm of E. L. Perrott and son, is David Metcalf of Bandon, four-year old grandson of the senior firm member, E. L. Perrott. David, equipped with carpenter's rule, and pencil, and a pint-sized hammer, went to work Wednesday on the new Southwestern Motors building on the corner of Second and Hall which is being built by the Perrott firm.

## Active Convention Here This Week

Representatives from all over the state of Oregon and from sections of the state of Washington will be in Coquille this week-end to attend the Active Club district convention.

The opening feature will be a noon luncheon at the Coquille hotel, on Saturday. An afternoon business session will be held in the junior auditorium of the Community building, at the conclusion of which a public speaking contest will be held. Judges of the contest will be members of the Coos County Toastmasters club.

A banquet at the Coquille Valley County club will take place on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning there will be an election of district officers.

Chairman for the convention will be Edward Doll, of Portland, district governor. Coquille chairman is Bob Mason.

## Stassen Slates Bay Meetings

Harold E. Stassen, aspirant for the Republican party's presidential nomination, has slated three hours in Coos county next Wednesday morning, May 19th. He will speak at North Bend from 10:30 to 11:30 at the North Bend city hall, and will talk at 1 p. m. at the Marshfield high school gymnasium.

## Teacher Shortage Persists In Coquille

Coquille schools are still short six teachers for the 1948-49 school year. Supt. Ray Hunsaker stated this week. Needed are teachers in English, Latin, Home Economics, physical education, and a teacher for science and basketball coaching.

Discussed Wednesday night at the school board meeting was a possibility of a trip to the middle West to interview teacher applicants by Supt. Hunsaker.

## Equalization Group Meets This Month

The board of equalization for 1948-1949 assessments convened at the County court house on May 10, according to Lloyd Oddy, county clerk.

The board will be in session for three weeks but all petitions or applications must be made and filed at the office of the county clerk not later than Saturday, May 15.

**In Eugene On Sunday**—Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ruble motored to Eugene on Sunday, accompanying their daughter, Laura Emily, who was returning to Maryhurst college after spending several days in Coquille.

## Tax Collections On Delinquent List Hits Quarter Million Dollar Mark Since 1943

Nearly a quarter of a million dollars in old delinquent personal property taxes have been collected in Coos county during the past five years, according to a report submitted to the county court by A. O. Walker, tax department deputy under Sheriff Wm. F. Howell. Walker, under a re-organization plan, took charge of the tax department July 1, 1943, and has been making relentless effort to bring the county tax structure, both in real and personal property, up to date.

Collections in old delinquent personal property taxes between July 1, 1943, and April 10, 1948, according to the report, amounted to \$243,399.14. These delinquencies extended back to 1925 and included every year up to the 1942-43 fiscal year.

Remaining uncollected for this period of delinquencies is an amount totaling \$150,369.40. Much of this, unsecured and otherwise in question, is believed to be uncollectable, according to Walker, but further effort is to be made. Such accounts as show prospects of collection are eventually to be included in a suit to secure judgment, while those considered hopeless may be written off by order of the county court.

Personal property taxes since the 1943-44 fiscal year, have been close to 100 per cent, according to the report, which shows a total collection for the years 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46 and 1946-47, as \$896,024.71, compared to the total amount charged on the tax rolls of \$916,995.52, leaving uncollected \$20,970.81, the major portion of which is collectable. The percentage of collection for the four years is 97.71.

The combined real and personal property taxes for the years 1943-44 to 1946-47 inclusive, as charged on the tax rolls, were \$4,452,752.22, of which \$4,352.88 were collected up to April 10, 1948, leaving uncollected \$100,179.34. The percentage of collection was 97.75.

## Five Sets of Twins Born This Spring

Very unusual is the report which comes from the Lester Clausen Dairy ranch operated by O. O. Wilson. Mr. Wilson says that five different sets of twin calves have been born on the ranch this spring.

## Mathews Services Set For Friday

Funeral services for William Oscar Mathews, an old timer of Coos county who died in Falk hospital, Coquille, on May 12, will be held in Schroeder's Funeral Chapel, Coquille, at one o'clock on Friday. Rev. G. A. Gray will officiate and Mrs. Jennie Griggs and Mrs. Bertha Bird will be the soloists.

Interment will be in the Fairview cemetery. The casket bearers will be Ernest Hatcher, Hap Boone, Bud Boone, Andy Parks, Harry Holverstott and Charlie Holverstott.

Mr. Mathews had ranched at Fairview for nearly forty-seven years. A year ago he moved into Coquille from the ranch. He died Wednesday after an illness of two weeks.

Eighty-two years of age, he was born in Douglas county, Oregon, on July 30, 1865. Surviving are two daughter, Mrs. Alice Holverstott, Coquille; Mrs. Edith Lundgren, Haywood, California, and three sons, William H. Mathews of Eugene, Elden Mathews of Coquille and James A. of Yakima, Wn., fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**Two Weeks In Coquille**—Charles M. Skeels returned to Seattle on Tuesday after spending two weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. Birdie Skeels.

## Community Concert Renewals Now Due

Renewals for the 1948-49 Community concert series are now being taken, Wayne Smith, Coquille chairman stated today. The concerts which are the same price as last year will include four concerts. They will include top notch artists, Mr. Smith said.

Prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Sales of renewal memberships will be taken until Saturday, May 22nd. After that the sales of memberships to new members will start and run for one week until May 29th.

Mr. Smith said all old members may send their money to him in care of the Lincoln junior high school.

## Uncleaned Shellfish Again Are Unsafe

Uncleaned shellfish are unsafe to eat from May 1st to Oct. 31st, it was announced today by the Oregon State Board of Health.

Serious illness and occasionally death results from the highly toxic poison of a minute organism which clams and mussels harbor in the digestive tract.

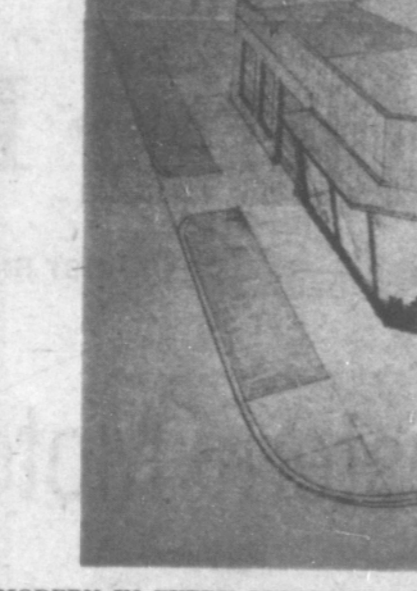
## Shelley Building Sold This Week

The Shelley building at the corner of First and Hall streets housing the Logsdon Jewelry, Igloo lockers, and other businesses, was sold this week to John Perkins and Mrs. C. M. Perkins of Coquille. No plans have been announced by the new owners.

## Appointed Lieutenant

Harold Kolkhorst, former Coquille police department member, was appointed a lieutenant on the Coos Bay force this week. Mr. Kolkhorst has been a member of the Coos Bay police department for several months. During the war he was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation school.

## New Home of Southwestern Motors



**MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT**—Pictured here is an architect's drawing of the new home of Southwestern Motors, Inc., Buick and Chevrolet garage, which is being erected between Hall and Elliott streets on 2nd street. Started this week by E. L. Perrott and Sons, contractors, the building

will be modern and complete in every respect. In commenting on the new building, Paul McElwain stated that it is being erected at this time because of his faith in the future growth and sound economic future of Southwestern Oregon. (Sentinel Photo)

## American Legion Elects Officers

Members of the Coquille Post, No. 36, of the American Legion elected officers for the following year at a regularly scheduled meeting in the Legion hall Monday evening.

Successful candidates for the various offices are Clarence Barton, commander; Richard Walker, senior vice-commander; Al Branham, junior vice-commander; Jess Barton, adjutant; Fred Kunz, chaplain; Delbert Driskell, finance officer; Jack Ralback, sergeant-at-arms; Chuck Pritchard, historian; J. D. Rankin, band officer, and Sigurd Peterson, William Head and Jack Hansell, trustees.

Installation of the new officers will be held Monday evening, June 7th, at the Legion hall, Coquille.

**Visits Mother Here**—Miss Bonita Miller, who is majoring in pharmacy at Oregon State college, spent the week-end in Coquille visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Rooney.