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## EXCHANGITES HEAR CORYELL

Former Village Commissioner Tells Of Experiences in World War

Ralph I. Coryell, of Shirley Drive, Birmingham, former village commissioner and member of the firm of Coryell Nursery Co. here, told Birmingham Exchanges Tuesday noon at the Community House something of his experiences as an aerial bomber and observer in France during the World War. Mr. Coryell was the guest of George R. Averill, honorary member of the Exchange club, in whose charge the program was for the day.

Intimate glimpses of the hazards of war, especially as seen from the point of view of an air bombing squadron, were given by the speaker who, incidentally, is credited with having dropped more explosives over the enemy's lines than any other aerial bomber in the United States Air Service. He is the holder of several citations for valorous service in the defense of his country.

Mr. Coryell saw 18 months service in France, taking part in the drives at St. Michel, Argonne, and the Toul sector. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant. He showed the Exchanges a bandoleer of air-machine gun bullets, capable of being fired from the plane or ground at the rate of 20 per second. During his talk he graphically depicted the method of operating an air bomber, and revealed the fact that most of his flying was at a height of 14,000 feet, practically unobservable from the ground.

"What is the attitude of the ex-soldier toward war?" he asked, and then answered with, "we want no more wars, although we do often argue as to how the next one may be fought. Wars are caused mostly by friction between nations. Clubs like Exchange, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc., are great helps in reducing misunderstanding. Yet the revision of our national tariff laws, as Congress is now doing, so that various foreign countries will find it impossible to market their products in our country, do much harm internationally, and speed up excuses for international conflict. To avoid war, we must adopt the policy that says 'live and let live'; otherwise wars are economic necessities in the eyes of those who determine the destiny of nations."

### SPEEDER FINED

Ernest Britt, 224 East Brown street, arrested Saturday for speeding, was fined an hour in the village, paid a fine of \$5 in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court.

Mrs. J. C. Waldron bought a new hat in Berlin, carried all the way to East Orange, N. J., in a bag and then lost it at the railroad station.

## MRS. STUMPS' FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services were held Monday from her residence on the Rochester road in Big Beaver for Mrs. Caroline Hartig Stumps, 64 years old, who died early Friday, the Rev. Hettel of the Royal Oak Evangelical Church officiating. Burial was in Oak View cemetery, Royal Oak. Mrs. Stumps was the widow of the late Conrad M. Stumps. She leaves four daughters, Lucille Strick, Mrs. Lydia Mouch, Mrs. May Rickabus, and Mrs. Pearl Graham; and six sons, Carl, Raymond, Leslie, Roland, Martin and Louis, all of Big Beaver.

## SAYS IL DUCE SAVED ITALY

Rev. Weldon Crossland, Of Pontiac, Tells Rotarians Of Fascism

"Although I do not believe a dictatorship good for the United States, I do think that Premier Benito Mussolini's establishment of Fascism in Italy since the World War is the only thing that has kept Italy together. I admire Mussolini and his orderly methods. Tremendously, however, and feel that, until the mass of Italians become a more democratic form of government, Mussolini's plans will be retained." The speaker was Rev. Weldon Crossland, pastor of the Pontiac Central Methodist Church; the time and place, the Birmingham Rotary club Monday noon at the Community House.

Rev. Crossland, who spent several months last year touring Europe, offered his observations of the effect of Fascism upon the Italian nation. He painted a picture of an orderly despotism, with Mussolini at its head, raised from a condition of financial and social chaos following the World War, wherein a weak Italian king had proved unequal to leading his people. "Mussolini took over the Italian nation when it was among the world's lowest powers, and has elevated it to a nation of second rank," stated Rev. Crossland. "He has given the average Italian an opportunity to work and be self-supporting."

"Today, Italy is a re-made nation. It is not nearly so dangerous to world peace as it once was; France, because of its military ideas, is the danger spot among European nations, as far as future war is concerned. I believe that the King of Italy is the weakest of the three men who control Italy today; Mussolini is second, while the Pope is first. A hundred years after Mussolini and the King are forgotten, the Pope will be a strong force in Italy."

Rev. Crossland was introduced by Rev. Robert M. Atkins, local M. E. church pastor, and former Rotarian here. Tunk W. Miner was in charge of the program arrangements.

## SONG FESTIVAL BIG SUCCESS

Community Sing Attracts Large Crowds Who Observe Music Week

Old favorites, Negro and war songs, and popular airs of the day were enthusiastically sung Monday night by the crowd which gathered in the Community House to help inaugurate Music Week. Waldo Fellows was the leader, and E. R. Edwards played the accompaniments.

Entertainment at the Sing was provided by the Baldwin High school band, which, under the direction of A. W. Berndt, opened the program; and the Boys' Harmonica band of the Quanton and Pierce schools, organized and trained by Mrs. Edith Roach Coryell.

The Thursday Musicals chorus, led by Frederick A. Protheroe, sang three numbers. Soloists were Marie White Clark, soprano, accompanied by Gail Fairchild Bunge; and Carl Woonberger, a Cranbrook master, who each sang a group of songs. The program was arranged by Mrs. William O. Stevens and Mrs. Charles Burgess.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR CHAS. STURGIS

Civil War Vet., 84, Was Long Resident Of County

Services were held Saturday at S. O. Wylie Bell's Home for Funerals for Charles Sturgis, who died Wednesday night of pneumonia in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Upton, in Flint. Mr. Sturgis, 84 years old, was a farmer in Troy township until 1913, and a resident of Oakland County all his life. He was a Civil War veteran. Burial was in Crooks cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ina Rice, Linden, Mich.; Mrs. Upton, Flint; and four sons, Elton, Pontiac; Bert, Detroit; Clarence, Leonard, Mich.; and Archibald, in Pennsylvania.

## REPORT IS MADE BY JUDGE HUNT

Twenty-nine speeders, arrested in the village, paid \$405 in fines in the court of Justice Malcolm Hunt during April, his report to the village shows. Four drunk drivers were in Justice Hunt's court during the month. Two of them paid a total of \$125 in fines, one committed to jail, and another placed on six months' probation on payment of court costs. One man arrested for drunkenness, paid \$15, and another, for reckless driving, paid \$25.

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## 5 HURT IN APRIL TRAFFIC CRASHES

Police Report Nine Accidents in Birmingham During Month

Five persons were injured in the nine accidents which occurred within the village limits during April, according to the Birmingham police report filed by Miss Carrie Stoddard clerk. The report also shows that there were 22 lodgers in the village jail. The police were informed during the month of the theft of two autos, of one holdup, of four cases of breaking and entering, two of larceny, and one of uttering and publishing.

Fines amounting to \$187 were collected in the violation bureau during April, and six arrests were made for felonies, divided as follows: three for breaking and entering, one for statutory rape, and two for uttering and publishing. The largest number of arrests made for misdemeanors during the month was 109 for improper parking. There were 49 speeders arrested, 11 signal light offenders, six drunk drivers, and three drunks.

## MRS. BASSETT, 72, BURIED TUESDAY

Resident On Fourteen Mile Road Died Sunday; Leaves 9 Grandchildren

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the residence on the Fourteen Mile road for Mrs. Elissif Bassett, who died Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. E. M. Atkins officiated, and burial was in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Bassett was 72 years old and the widow of John W. Bassett.

Mrs. Bassett was the mother of Will, with whom she lived, and nine grandchildren. Lawrence, Jay, Katherine, John, Henry, Mary, Rowland, Allen, and Florence. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ertz, of Southfield township, and the sister of Mrs. Chancey Nixon, of Pierce street.

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