

## Services Held For Rose Curry, One Of Areas Oldest Natives

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Port Orford Community Church for one of Northern Curry county's oldest native residents, Rose Curry, who died Thursday, April 14, at her Elk river home.



MRS. ROSE CURRY

Mrs. Curry was born Jan. 11, 1877, to Mrs. Frederick (Wilhelmina Langensee) Pfisterer at the family homestead, now Humbug State Park. At the time of her birth, an Indian lady (Mrs. Jake Sommers) acted as midwife.

Mrs. Curry never knew her father as he died in San Jose, Calif., six months before her birth. Mrs. Pfisterer, a woman of rare qualities with her son, Frederick Karl, then 17, and daughter, Henrietta, 13, came with her small family to the sparsely settled western frontier and took up a homestead on Brush Creek which at that time was several miles from the town of Port Orford, void of roads or even close neighbors. Indians were plentiful and often passed near their home while traveling from one place to another. From a woman to homestead land with a young family took heroic courage and indomitable will, something few are in possession of in the present modern world.

Rose inherited her mother's characteristics, along with perfect simplicity, unrelaxing conscientiousness, genuine kindness and veneration. Virtues which friends and family members will long remember her for.

She attended school at Brush Creek and another one located on Linvell hill, schools operated mostly during summer months due to the wet weather and disagreeable traveling. Mrs. Curry once remarked, "In early days, it was one solid mudhole between Gold Beach and Coos Bay." She and her sister worked for the Knapp hotel in Port Orford for 10 years. During this time she met her husband, George W. Curry, a distant relative of George L. Curry, Governor of Oregon while the state was still a territory and who was still serving when the state was admitted to the union in 1859. Curry County was named for him.

George Curry, with his brother, James W. Curry, bought a ranch on Elk river which had formerly been owned by Joaquin Miller. George bought out his brother later and James bought land on what is now known as the Knapp ranch at the mouth of Elk River.

George came to Oregon with his parents from Ohio in 1876 at the age of 5 and married Rose Pfisterer June 9, 1907, and they resided at their Elk river ranch throughout the remainder of both their lives. Mr. Curry worked as a miner, timber cruiser, and as a fisherman. He died April 5, 1932. Mrs. Curry had enjoyed good health throughout her lifetime and had recently helped her daughter plant some spring garden. She died quietly in her sleep Thursday.

Pastor Gilbert Krick of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brookings officiated at the service.

Serving as pallbearers were Glen Wagner, Walter and Allan Cram, Ray Whiteside, Calvin Penberthy and Melvin Mecum. Interment was at the Masonic Cemetery in Port Orford.

Mrs. Curry is survived by a daughter, Francis White, son-in-law, Harry White of Elk River; nephew, Harry Wooden of Bandon; nieces, Rose Wooden of Florence, Ella Thrush, Cot-

Albert Moore, enjoyed a tour of Western States Plywood.

Mr. Jules Hicks, superintendent of the mill, showed them the processes, starting with the cutting up of the logs on down to the loading of chips.

They watched plywood being made and saw how it is patched and graded.

The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 29.

### 4-H CLUB BUYS SKIRT MATERIAL

On April 8, nine out of twelve members of the 4-Hettes Sewing club went to Coos Bay on a shopping trip. The two cars, provided and driven by Mrs. Gilbert Rowling and Miss Sharon Surerus, left Port Orford at 3:30 and returned around eight that evening. The girls shopped for material for gathered or A-line skirts and matching scarves. The group had dinner at the AGW Drive-In in Coos Bay before returning to Port Orford.

On Friday, April 15, they cut out and started sewing on their skirts. Becky Still furnished refreshments. They are planning a slumber party after their April 22 meeting at Miss Surerus' trailer home on Garrison Lake.

The interest rate on U. S. Savings Bonds has been increased to 4.15 percent. The maturity period of Series E Bonds under the new terms is now only 7 years.

## Library Week At Langlois



THESE young patrons of the Langlois library, posing for National Library Week, are just a few of the steady book borrowers who enjoy the library services. Left to right they are: Carol Everst, Steven Storm, Kathy Tucker, Wayne Everst, Girl in front is Kelli Storm.

### Flower Arranging Is Class Topic

A class in beginning flower arranging will be sponsored by

the Curry County Home Economics Extension Advisory Committee at the Sixes Grange Hall, April 26, starting at 10 a. m. The public is invited to come and participate.

Mrs. M. M. Romig, Coos Bay, will be in charge of the program. She will give a lecturer demonstration in the morning, and the afternoon session will be a workshop type when those who wish to participate will arrange fresh or dried materials.

Participants in the workshop will furnish their own materials—an open bowl, a bottle, a pin point frog, floral clay, and flowers or dried materials for the two arrangements. They should also bring a sack lunch for the noon recess. Coffee will be served in the morning and at lunch time.

The workshop has been planned to help young and less experienced women of the community learn the basic principles of flower arranging.

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