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## Former Staytonite Dies at Eugene

Ethel "Dot" Olmsted, Former Mainstay in the Mechanical Department of the Stayton Mail, Succumbs to Pneumonia, Following Influenza

Miss Ethel Olmsted, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Olmsted, of Eugene, and well known here, died at the Mercy hospital in that city, on Thursday morning of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

The citizens of Stayton were shocked to learn that the life of one of their most respected and highly praised friends had passed to the Great Beyond.

Word was received here by telephone on Thursday morning, and when it was flashed from phone to phone the report was hard to believe. Upon the report being substantiated her many friends here became reconciled to their fate and simply said, "It's God's wish, not ours."

Ethel Olmsted was born twenty-one years ago in the state of Nebraska and came to the coast several years ago with her parents, who settled in eastern Oregon, where Mr. Olmsted engaged in the job printing business. Later they moved to Stayton, where Mr. Olmsted purchased the Stayton Mail, which he conducted until two years ago, when he moved to Eugene, where he purchased the Eugene Printing Plant.

After one year at school here "Dot," as she was familiarly known, entered her father's office as an apprentice. Her rapid advance soon made for her many

friends among Stayton people, as she acted in the capacity of reporter and printer. The former position taking her into every business house in our town and the latter placing her in the position of meeting our business men in The Mail office.

She fitted the position which she chose for her life's work not only to the satisfaction of herself but to those whom she was associated with. The writer, who was associated with her in the mechanical department of The Mail some time ago, quotes an assertion that "Dot" oftentimes made: "I am going to be the best printer in the world if I live long enough." If any one ever came near fulfilling their mission in life—"Dot" Olmsted did. Those of the printing craft who knew her will substantiate our assertion.

She was a bright, popular young woman and her taking away will be sadly regretted by the entire population of Stayton.

She leaves besides her parents, three sisters and two brothers to mourn her loss.

The remains were taken to Portland, where they were cremated Saturday.

To the parents, sisters, brothers and friends is extended the hand of sympathy.

Peace to her ashes.

## SCENES OF "THE BRAVEST WAY" LAID IN COAST CITY

Sessue Hayakawa Says Characterization Therein Are Typically Japanese.

Although the scenes of "The Bravest Way," the new Paramount Picture starring Sessue Hayakawa, are laid in a West Coast city, the situations are peculiarly Japanese and Hayakawa himself is authority for the statement that they truly represent the people of his country.

The story of "The Bravest Way" has to do with two young Japanese friends and shows how one of them, when the other is killed, sacrifices himself to the extent of marrying his dead friend's wife, so that he can take care of her and her children. This he does in spite of the fact that he is in love with another girl. How the young Japanese is finally reunited with his sweetheart makes a well sustained and interesting story.

"The Bravest Way," which will be displayed at the Star Theatre next Saturday, Dec. 28, is an exceptional photoplay, and one of the best in which this popular Japanese star has been seen. Mr. Hayakawa's support includes Florence Vidor, Jane Wolff, Winton Hall, Clarence Geldart and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Blundell and little son Ronald, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hinz and little daughter Genevieve, of 107 Salina, recently spent Sunday afternoon at the J. F. Mielke home.

## HELEN MIELKE IS FIRST PRIZE WINNER

After the votes had been counted in the doll contest, at Beauchamp's drug store, Christmas Eve, the following ten children were found to be the winners:

Helen Mielke, 1st; Lucile Downing, 2nd; Louine Thomas, 3rd; Helen Righardson, 4th; Marie Weidner, 5th; Wilma Montgomery, 6th; Mary Maurer, 7th; Agnes Clark, 8th; Mildred Clayton, 9th; Jean Cladek, 10th.

Miss Clare Willing, Registered Nurse, of Astoria, Ore., is home on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Rose Willing. She has been first aid nurse at the large Emergency Hospital at the Astoria Marine Iron Works for several months past where approximately 2000 men were employed during war times. She had volunteered her services to Uncle Sam for overseas duty, but will not go now that peace has been declared. She says the "flu" has taken a large number in Astoria. She had seven flu patients in one family at one time. Miss Olivia Funk, formerly of Astoria and Miss Margaret Schuttle of Sublimity, are also in training at St. Mary's Hospital in Astoria.

A. C. Peterson has moved to town from Shaw.

## SOLDIER BOYS REMEMBERED BY RED CROSS

Responding to the call that was issued lately for sweets for the returning soldier boys, the ladies of the Stayton Red Cross shipped a box of pies last Saturday to the base hospital at Camp Lewis. Another box of fruit and jellies will be shipped Saturday of this week so as to reach Camp Lewis in time for New Years day. Anyone wishing to send fruit or jelly should send to the Red Cross room in time for shipment Saturday.

E. W. Worthington, of Minnesota, was in Stayton Tuesday for a few hours on his way to Mehama and Mill City. Mr. Worthington has been in the general store business in Minnesota for the past ten years and has just recently disposed of his business interests there. He says he likes Oregon and may decide to locate in this state.

We raise our hats in reverence to the passing year and say farewell. Of its ills let us be forgetful save as they strengthen us for greater efforts in the year to come. For the gladness it has brought let us feel the warmth of thanks. It is not the overwhelming passions which bring fullness into life, but rather the little joys and sorrows which mark our passage day by day. So as we reach the crumbling milestone of the dying year let us realize that with all its seeming hardships it has stamped upon us all the mark of some degree of progress. We wave the parting hand not with regret, but rather as one thankful to the hand that whipped us into better manhood, each with face turned outward toward the rising sun, determined, unafraid. Too often do we heed the melancholy admonition, "No sooner do we take on life than that moment we begin to die." Facing the advent of the new-born year let us rather realize that no sooner have we started on the great adventure than that moment we begin to live. Here on earth where for the time we must "play house," the race is too swift, the battle too strong. We may not all be fleet of foot, nor powerful in build, but we can play the game with hopefulness and confidence, unconquerable in the conviction that truth and honor are not yet gone, that love and human brotherhood are not dying with the passing year, but will live for us to win the only prize in life worth having, the prize of service.

## ECONOMY SHOWN BY GOV. WITHYCOMBE

Notwithstanding the heavy increase in the amount of clerical work in the office of Governor Withycombe, due to the war, and in spite of the fact that 3-cent postage was established during the biennium, Governor Withycombe has conducted the office without a deficit in the amounts allowed for traveling expenses, postage and incidentals and has a neat remainder to turn back to the state. During the war and since the cessation of hostilities there has been a flood of telegrams passing from the office, increased largely by requests from persons or firms asking the early discharge of men in the service. Telephone messages have increased proportionately and there have been vastly more letters to write than in ordinary times, but considering all the increases in office activity the immediate office expenses have been more than held within the allowance.

"We have not stinted in the expenditure of the office," said Governor Withycombe, "but it has been the policy to economize in every way possible."

## CORPORAL F. M. YOST DIES FROM WOUNDS

Mrs. Richard Hensley of Stayton, received the sad news of the death of her brother, Corporal Francis M. Yost, which occurred in France October 18th, following severe wounds received in battle on Oct. 5th.

He was the youngest child of a family of nine children and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He spent most of his life, up to the time of entering the army in Cushman, Ore. and the Rogue River Valley where he is well known.

He leaves a mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Yost of Cushman, Ore. Two sisters, Mrs. Richard Hensly of Stayton, Mrs. W. R. Jephcott of Fall Creek, Ore., formerly of Stayton. Two brothers, W. A. Yost of Glenada and W. C. who is now in La Valbonne, France.

## OLIVER PERRY LESLEY JOINS THE BENEDICTS

At Pendleton, Oregon last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, Oliver P. Lesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesley, of Stayton, was married to Miss Rhoda Lazinka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lazinka, prominent Umatilla county people.

The ceremony was performed at the Christian church by Rev. H. H. Hubbell. The ring ceremony being used.

The bride was lovely in a beautiful tailor made gown of turquoise blue with hat to match. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom wore his navy uniform.

The bride is a graduate of the Pendleton high school and is very popular among the younger set of that city.

The groom is a graduate of Stayton high school and was employed in the Pendleton Garage up to the time of inlisting in the navy. He was recently released from active duty.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the Quelle Cafe.

The happy couple went to housekeeping immediately in apartments at 612 Thompson St., where they are at home to their many friends who join with the Mail in extending congratulations.

## Reception Given Mrs. Pearey.

Mrs. Earl Pearey who has resigned her position on the high school faculty was given a farewell reception by the students and teachers Thursday night. The earlier part of the evening was spent in playing games in the gymnasium. Later the party went to the high school assembly where all the favorite songs were sung, after which refreshments were served in the lunch room. After lunch the presidents of the various classes gave short farewell talks, and Professor Grover also extended regrets in the name of the school that they were to lose Mrs. Pearey, as she will be greatly missed by all. She leaves here to be with her husband who has recently received his discharge from Camp Lewis.

Kenneth Hornig, the plishing, sweet, young, (about to graduate) high school boy, of Canby, spent the week end with ye editor and family. Besides being an apt student in school, he is an adept at writing poetry, singing love songs and does not take a back seat when it comes to fancy steps in buck and wign dancing. His advancement has been so rapid of late in the above branches that it is just about impossible to say where he will land. He has his eye on the top rung of the ladder of fame.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gardener were hostesses at a Christmas dinner to the following guests: A. D. Murphy, Alger Murphy, Grant Murphy, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sloper, Mr. and Mrs. Dare Sloper, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Miss Marie, Harold Murphy, and Roy Burson. There were twenty-five in all that surrounded the table.

## WILLIAM H. SMITH WRITES FROM SIBERIA

Somewhere in Siberia No. 28, 1918

My Dear Folks:

Being as this is Thanksgiving I will write some. We had a fairly nice dinner today also supper. China pheasants, spuds, gravy, pickles, mince pie, cocoa and candy.

I received the two packages which you sent me for Xmas. At first I was not going to open them till Xmas, but thought there might be something in them that would spoil so I opened them and I and some of the boys had the cake for dinner. It sure was good; the rest of the kids almost went crazy. They said it was the first they have had since they left the U. A. They didn't have anything on me though, for it was the first I had. I will not speak of the jar of jam for I could not find the pieces. It rest came fine and the candy was good.

Have been working all day. It sure is cold over here and one mighty near freezes sometimes. We have some big fur coats that sure feels good, also caps and I think we are going to get overshoes. I don't think we will be here much longer from the way evryone talks. They say sixty days. Here's hopin'. Tell North to tell Fred Rock thanks for the cigars and that I will be back to play a game of pool some day. Tell everyone hello for Bill.

## WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES

On Tuesday the 31st. there will be held in the M. E. Church a Watch-Night Service beginning at 9 p. m., when there will be games; after which refreshments will be served by the League. Last of all there will be a short bright service bringing in the New Year with prayer.

Let us resolve that 1919 will be the best year of our lives thus far. Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Welter, of Sublimity, were Stayton visitors last Friday. While here they made The Mail office a pleasant call and before they left the editor's pocket was enriched by the donation of \$1.50 for a year's subscription.

Dorothy, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Neitling, of Portland, died December 17th of diphtheria, after a short illness of three days. The remains were brought to Stayton for burial. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Father Laimck, of the Catholic church, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Neitling were former residents of Stayton, having moved to Portland about eight months ago, and have a large number of friends here who sympathize with them in their bereavement.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the help and sympathy of friends and neighbors during the sickness and death of our beloved daughter. —Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Neitling.