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Death Closes Chapter for E. I. Kuratli

Life Ends Suddenly Early Saturday for Prominent Citizen; Funeral Rites Held at Bethany

Death came suddenly early Saturday morning to Emil I. Kuratli, 70, Hillsboro banker, and Wednesday afternoon attendees at his relatives and friends he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethany among the hills of his youth.

Funeral rites were held from the Bethany Presbyterian church in which he had been a member for 50 years, and an elder for 30.

Born December 16, 1866, in New York City, N. Y., Kuratli came to Oregon with his parents in November, 1875, settling in the Bethany community. Here he lived and attended school until 1904, when he was elected county recorder and moved to Hillsboro. He served this office for two terms.

Work Active Part

Previous to that time he had taken an active interest in the affairs of his community and served for a number of years as school clerk in the district. He also worked as a field deputy under George Wilcox, former assessor.

In 1910, he was elected to the Hillsboro city council, where he served during the term of Harry Bagley, mayor. The following year he was elected to the organization of the old Hillsboro National bank and served as a director until the merger with the Commercial National in 1927.

Old-timers relate that Kuratli's greatest public service was to the depositors of the old Hillsboro National when that institution, cramped for funds to continue, needed cash at once and working incessantly for 36 hours, he raised nearly \$10,000 by personal solicitation among his friends to keep the bank in operation.

Banking Official

At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Commercial National bank and in active administration of his private loan business among the farmers of the county.

Suddenly did death strike, that Friday night he talked with his friends along Main street in the evening and visited several times during the day in the home of his brother, Henry, who lives in the same block on Lincoln street.

Friday night, accompanied by Mrs. Kuratli, he drove to Beaverton, where they attended the high school graduation, returning home before midnight. A few hours later he complained of pains in his stomach and before seven o'clock he was dead.

He was the son of the late J. J. and Theresa Kuratli. On October 17, 1895, he was married to Matilda Grossen in the Grossen home at

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Funeral Held for C. Maurer

Funeral rites were held Tuesday afternoon from the Bethany Baptist church for Christian Maurer, 73, who died Friday evening at his home in Hillsboro following a stroke. He had been ill a week. Burial was in the Bethany Presbyterian cemetery.

Maurer came to the United States 45 years ago from Canton, Bern, Switzerland, where he was born March 22, 1864. He first settled in the Bethany community, where he lived 16 years before moving to Mountaineer where he spent 26 years before retiring from his farm to Hillsboro. He had been a resident here three years.

Surviving are his sons, Chris and Edward, Blooming, Solomon and William, Portland, Herbert, Hillsboro, Charles, William and Fred, Pieren, Portland, and daughters, Louise, Hillsboro; Hulda, Portland, and Mrs. Frank Corey, Mountaineer.

Prospects Good for Excellent Legion Junior Baseball Team

Hillsboro is well on the way this year to produce a good Legion junior baseball team with from 15 to 20 boys already reporting for practice Tuesday and Thursday nights, and Saturday afternoons at the Shute park baseball field.

The boys are being taken from all parts of the county and any youngster who did not reach the age of 17 by March 31, is welcome to try out. After a team has been selected, transportation will be furnished for some of the boys who are unable to furnish their own, the committee has ruled.

League Player Coach

Bun Hinson, Cornelius, former coast league player, has been named coach, and Carl Russell, chairman. The coach advisory committee will act with the coach and manager in developing and selecting the team.

Adding to the equipment of the team, Fred Sewell, chairman of the coast league players, is completing a modern batting cage for use in practice. Materials and work have been furnished by himself.

Two Saturdays practices now have been held. These practices are attended by Hinson, Hinson and the members of the advisory committee.

Large Number Recruits Given Physical Test

Between 15 and 20 recruits for the new battery of artillery being organized in Hillsboro, were given physical examinations Wednesday night. The battery requires 60 men to reach full peace time strength.

Musters of the new battery will take place as soon as recruiting can be completed. The battery needs 50 men at once to permit number and recognition as Battery E, 21st Field Artillery, according to Lieutenant Arthur Kroeger, commander.

Big Guns Coming

Equipment of the battery, to be furnished as soon as possible after its organization, includes two 155 millimeter howitzers costing \$17,000 each; two machine guns, for anti-aircraft defense, and 100 automatic pistols for the men.

The big guns will be drawn by trucks with a cruising speed of 60 miles an hour. The guns are almost identical with the 155 howitzers used during the World war. One or two of the guns will be brought to Hillsboro soon for display.

Hillsboro payrolls will be boosted approximately \$5,000 annually. The men draw \$1 to \$2.30 for each drill night and the same amount per day for each day spent in camp.

Clothing Furnished

In addition to their pay, the enlisted men are furnished complete uniforms and in camp have the services of doctors and hospitals. Age requirements for enlisted men are from 18 to 45 years.

The camp this year, at which will be regular army troops and national guard units from several

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School Board Contest Seen; Petitions Filed

Petitions nominating Mrs. R. Frank Peters, Carl Russell, Mrs. S. W. Melhuish and P. A. Anderson for election to Hillsboro school board in the high school election on Monday, June 23, in the high school building. Nominating petitions must be on file with the district clerk at least seven days prior to the election, and other petitions may be placed in circulation and filed for a later election.

Enschede Nominated

Petition for W. J. Enschede has been completed and will be placed on file soon as candidate for member of the union high school board to replace T. P. Goddin who retires. High school election will be Monday, June 23, in the high school building. Nominating petitions must be on file with the district clerk at least seven days prior to the election, and other petitions may be placed in circulation and filed for a later election.

New Bus Planned

Mrs. Christensen plans a new, all steel bus with the latest fixtures and comforts.

County Townsend Picnic Sunday

Washington county Townsend picnic will be held Sunday at Rippling Waters. F. K. Haskell and others will be in charge and there will be a short religious service.

Free coffee, sugar and cream will be served and everybody is welcome. Music will be furnished by the Forest Grove band.

Illness Strikes Ed Schulmerich

Ed for several weeks, and confined to his home for the last two or three days, Ed Schulmerich, Hillsboro banker, suffered a stroke Wednesday and is considered in a critical condition. He celebrated his 74th birthday April 13.

Schulmerich, a familiar figure about the Commercial National bank of which he is president, has been in a habit of spending the working days at his desk in the corner of the bank, where he meets friends and customers for discussion of financial matters and public welfare.

Name Asked for School Building

Confusion over the name of the junior high school has aroused agitation for renaming, it was revealed at the meeting of the board Monday night. Mrs. E. Frank Peters appeared and suggested that the building be called the R. W. Barnes school. The board postponed action until a later meeting and is asking suggestions from Hillsboro residents, who are urged to write to L. C. Lomax, clerk, expressing their preference as to a name.

Audit Contract Awarded

Washington county school audit for year ending June 21, 1937, has been awarded to A. L. Amacher, local certified public accountant. Amacher has also been awarded the Clackamas county school audit.

Many Attend Club School from County

Record number of 4-H club members, boys and girls from all parts of Washington county, were comfortably launched on a two-weeks summer school at Oregon State college, Corvallis, Monday.

Annual 4-H Summer School Draws Unusual Number Corvallis for Two Weeks' Study, Recreation

The youngsters, numbering 75, left from Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tigard and Six Corners, Monday morning in two large school buses. There were 22 boys and girls on the east side loop bus, while more than 40 scrambled aboard at 8:30 a. m. at the court house in Hillsboro. The remainder of the summer by automobile to Corvallis Sunday afternoon or Monday.

Girls in Majority

Girls were in the majority with 44 registered for girls' club work activity, including sewing, cooking, arts and household instruction. Boys were registering for all manner of studies relative to their type of work. Both boys and girls receive physical education as part of the course.

Soil Program Group Suggests Plan Changes

Recommendations for the agricultural conservation adjustment program, as it relates to the development of Washington county, were offered by the county conservation committee at a district conservation meeting held Friday in Forestland. The committee, including W. F. Cyrus, county agent, attended.

Parade Plans Assume Shape

Plans to repeat the successful Fourth of July parade of last year are underway again this year, according to R. E. Wiley, chairman in charge for the Rotary club, sponsors of the event.

Prizes amounting to \$100 again are to be offered for floats and participants in the various divisions including commercial, fraternal, civic clubs, patriotic groups, and individuals.

Seek Automobiles

There also will be prizes for the most original character, float or party, decorated bicycles and decorated automobiles. Decorated automobiles particularly are desired this year as last year there were prizes with no cars entered.

Car Accidents Show Increase

Washington county persons injured in automobile accidents increased 6% last year over 1935, and deaths increased from five to seven during the same period. Total persons injured in 1936 was 233 as compared to 168 in the previous year.

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Guidance Aim Farm Program

Proper land use and preventing settlement on Washington county lands unsuited to agriculture, is one of the goals of the rehabilitation administration's rehabilitation program, reports Victor S. Madsen, county rehabilitation supervisor, Commercial building, Hillsboro.

Fading Records Tell Tale of Early Day Legal Procedures

Yellowed with age, ink faded, legal papers of one of the first estates filed in this locality for probate was brought to light by Arthur Tupper, county clerk. The estate was that of William Johnson, who died in 1848.

Gage Thrown to Rotarians

Declaring that the manager of the chamber of commerce team was maliciously misled as to the time of the game Tuesday night, and that the game was called at 8 instead of 8:30 p. m. as announced, the chamber of commerce has challenged the Rotary club to meet on the lighted field of honor any night that can be arranged, the battle to last seven innings to a finish.

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Farm Groups Reserve Space for County Fair

Washington county fair will be held in Hillsboro this year day and night, September 2, 3 and 4. Buildings, painted and improved last year, will be made still more attractive this year, according to fair board plans.

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Court Calendar Completed Until July; Judge Peters Plans Schedule Outside County for Time

Next week he will be in attendance at the meeting of the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon in session in Portland. He is grand master of the lodge, completing his term with this session. The following week he will spend in Tillamook where he has four cases pending, after which he is slated to hear a case at Dallas for Judge Arlie Walker.

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