

Court Rules Koskey Will Ignoring Kramiens Void in Memorandum

L. C. Kramien of Hillsboro was one of two persons who recently contested the will of the late E. J. Koskey, who bequeathed his tract of land on the Washington river in Washington to McDannell Brown, OPA district director and Portland attorney.

Koskey's will was held null and void in a memorandum decision by Judge Howard J. Atwell of Washington, who ruled that the will was void because of undue influence on Koskey when the aged man was in ill health and worried over disposition of his property. Koskey was 78 at the time of his death.

The Kramiens stated that assignment of the estate had been made to them by Gustave Kramien, father of Clarence, a direct heir, and by Minnie H. Brown, an incompetent, through her guardian.

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Community Club Ends Contest; Installs Officers

CEDAR MILL—Community club held its January meeting at the Grange hall on Wednesday evening of last week. The membership contest was concluded at the meeting with a total of 99 new members obtained during the drive.

New officers of the club were installed, with Mr. Kneeland, president of the Federation of Community clubs, acting as installing officer. Also present were Jay Jones, vice-president of Park Avenue Community club, and Mr. Sar-lain, also of that club.

Ernie Nelson spoke to the group on the proposed bond to be issued for the water district, raising its purpose. He told of the possibilities of the growth of the community, stating that 100 new homes would be built next to Cedar Mill this year. It is expected that there will be 100,000 people west of the Portland hills in 1949.

Ernie Nelson said that when she suggested that Koskey engage another lawyer he seemed reluctant to make the necessary trip to town to make the change in counsel.

Koskey and Brown became acquainted when the latter went on fishing trips from his summer home in the river district.

The Kramiens introduced letters to them from Koskey dated after the will was drawn in which Koskey professed friendly terms with them. One of the letters was post-

scripted, "to those whom I trust."

The local druggist has denied statements of Brown that he, Kramien, had visited Koskey only once in two years. "Letters written to me by Koskey and introduced into court evidence proves that statement false," Kramien said. "I visited him at least a dozen times during those two years and the letters written to me by Koskey prove it."

He also termed erroneous Brown's statement that Koskey needed money and contemplated disposing of half his 12-acre tract for \$1000.

The druggist said that Koskey left \$1525 in cash assets, a matter of court record, in addition to other property left in a strongbox in the United States National Bank of Portland. Contents of this strongbox will soon be revealed.

Kramien said, following action by his attorney, Louis Schaefer.

Kramien also branded as erroneous Brown's contention that he, Kramien, was only a "third or fourth cousin" of the elderly landowner. "The court records show plainly," he said, "that I and Clarence Kramien are first cousins to Koskey, who was a son of my father's sister."

The trial was held in the fall of 1942 in Clark county, Washington, according to Kramien, and the judge withheld his ruling until final briefs had been submitted by the attorneys.

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Laurel Ladies' Club Meets; March of Dimes Discussed

LAUREL—Ladies' club met at the home of Mrs. Leola Coolidge Wednesday with a good attendance. Mrs. Ralph Christensen spoke on behalf of the infantile paralysis fund. Mrs. Ruby Meyers read a letter from Charles Homin of the navy, thanking the ladies for his "badly" box. His home is at Newburgh, N. Y. After the business meeting resolutions were served.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Martha Yager next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Donker of Bridget Veil have been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rollin Meyers.

Lt. and Mrs. Harold Carlson arrived from Jacksonville, Fla., in time to spend New Year's with the Max Reehers. Mrs. Carlson is the older daughter of the family.

Raymond Lane is home on a two-month furlough. He will report to the hospital at Menlo Park, Cal., on February 5.

Wayne Eastgate, S. 1/2, was stationed at the Mare Island naval yard during the war, but was unable to come home according to word received by his mother, Mrs. John Spiering. He is with the troopship USS President Jackson.

Outstanding Youths To Be Selected at Coming Meeting

The Rock Creek home extension unit held its January meeting at 1 p. m. last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ben Leu at West Union with 17 members and seven visitors present.

Mrs. Arthur Connell reported a county 4-H club meeting to be held in Hillsboro January 25 at 8 p. m., at the chamber of commerce rooms, at which time the outstanding boy and girl in 4-H work and the outstanding club in home economics and agriculture in the county would be selected. Members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Lee Hicks demonstrated "Sewing Skills" giving instructions for insertion of zipper plackets, and the making of a dickey from a small piece of material or a man's shirt.

Sherwood Census Registers Increase

City of Sherwood is following the population growth trend in Washington county as shown in the latest census figure of 562 on January 9, a boost of 115 over the 1940 census of 447.

The city council has announced plans to grade and rock all ungraded streets in the city limits so far as is necessary to open up building sites as soon as equipment and materials are available. Also planned is the enlarging of all the small water mains in the city and increasing the capacity of the reservoir.

Ida McKnight Rites Held in Hillsboro

Ida Ellen McKnight, 82, resident at route 1, Oregon City, and formerly of Hillsboro route 3, died at an Oregon city hospital last Thursday.

Funeral services were held at Donaldson & Sewell chapel in Hillsboro Tuesday with interment at Tualatin Plains cemetery.

Mrs. McKnight was born in Indiana, September 30, 1864. Her husband, Robert, died in 1933. Surviving are three sons, Ivan, of route 1, Clackamas; Roy of Hillsboro; Robert of Portland; two daughters, Mrs. E. A. DeBuhr of Bend, Mrs. T. Johnson of Portland; one brother, Louis Combs of Denver, Colorado; and one sister, Mrs. Ralph Snider of Gresham.

Local 634 Meets, Elects Officers

The Cannery Union, Local 634, at its meeting on January 7 elected officers for the coming term. They are: Ethel McGlasson, president; John Anderson, vice-president; Bob Melquist, secretary-treasurer; Lucy Fleming, recording secretary; Ann McGlasson, conductor; and Carl Wilhelm, guard. William Darnell, Odda Holt and Roy Pearson are the trustees.

The next meeting will be held at 8 o'clock on January 21 at the union hall.

State School Lunch Committee Meets Cedar Mill School

CEDAR MILL—The state committee for the school lunch program met Friday at the schoolhouse. Eleven of the committee members were present and were served the same luncheon as that served to the school children. They were most favorably impressed with the lunch program as it is being handled. They are looking for helpful lunch program ideas to pass on to other schools.

Housewarming Given

Surprise housewarming and pot-luck dinner was given Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Walters, whose new home is nearing completion. The occasion was also to honor Mrs. Walters' birthday. Guests present numbered 32, six of whom were discharged veterans and one who is still in medical training. The Walters were presented with a monetary gift from the group besides individual gifts for their home.

Two camellia plants were presented to Lois O'Connor, retiring secretary of the club after four years of faithful service.

A stork shower was held Saturday night at the home of Mrs. C. H. Katterman, honoring Mrs. Betty Smith.

Sunday School Elects Officers

HAZELDALE—Hazel Dale Community Sunday school held its general meeting January 9 at the R. H. Kinchelo home. The following officers were elected: R. C. Doty, superintendent; Allan Hughes, assistant superintendent; Mrs. R. C. Doty, treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Hesterlee, general secretary; Mrs. R. E. Santoro, trustee for three years; Mrs. J. C. Smith, birthdays secretary; Louise Hesterlee and June Golden, Sunday school secretaries; Mrs. Jensen, mission superintendent; and Mrs. R. C. Doty, cradle roll superintendent.

Observe Clothing Drive

Happy Hour club met at Hazel Dale school next Sunday at 7:45 p. m., with special music from the Siltman School of the Bible. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. It is being sponsored by the Christian Endeavor society.

Attendance at Sunday school was 69. Birthdays observed were those of Mary Smurthwaite, Miss Howey and Catherine Stout. Beverly Smith observed for her grandmother.

'Home Sites Being Planned

McKINLEY-ELMONICA—The Neupert property on Walker road, recently sold, will be plotted into home sites. The residence has been moved to a site near Reedville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Kolstad are visiting in Seattle. The two children, Evelyn and Wayne, are staying with Mrs. Sigvart Kleppe.

Drivers' Test Slated

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hillsboro Thursday, January 24, at the courthouse from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

'Haymakers' Honor Veteran and Wife

McKINLEY-ELMONICA—The "Haymakers" held a party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith. The affair honored the birthday of Mrs. Lytle Smith, who recently returned from the service. There were four tables of pinocle. High scores were won by Sigvart Kleppe and Mrs. William Parker. Low by George Struger and Mrs. Leonard Houk. Mrs. Smith was presented with a gift and Mr. Smith was showered with small gifts.

William Parker is spending some time in charge of a ship at Beaver.

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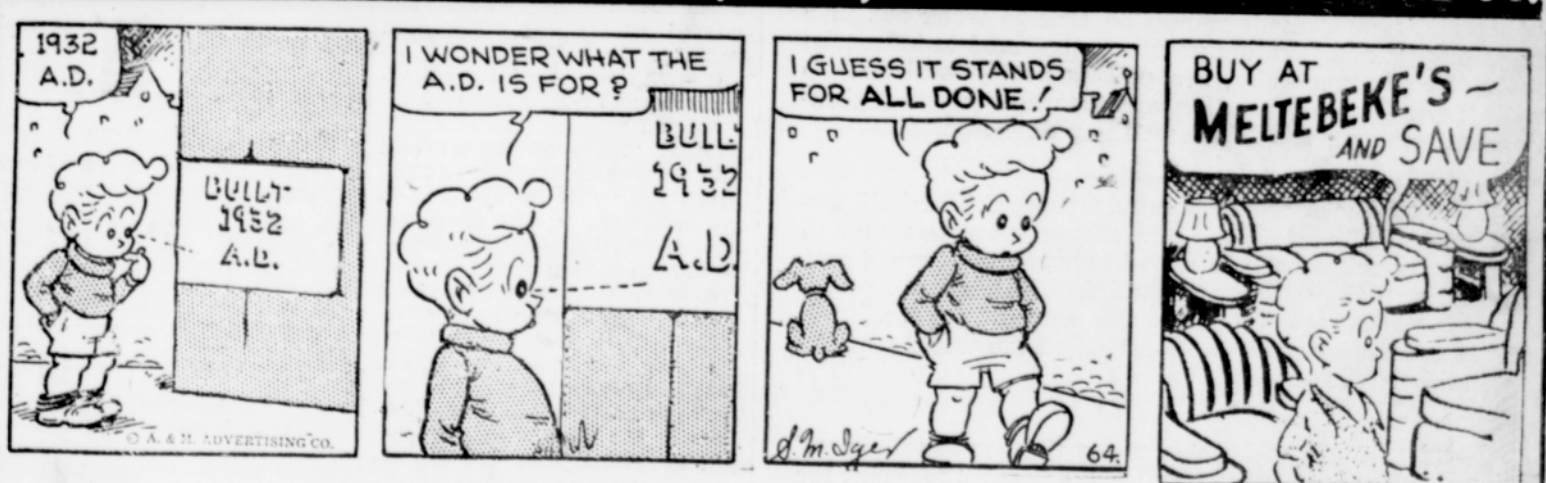
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