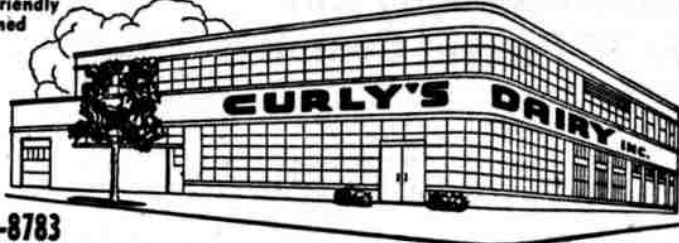


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This is One of Two Oldest Community Mausoleums in State and First Crematorium Outside Portland; Crypts, Niches, Urns and Cremation Service Available; Mausoleums Dedicated Memorial Day, 1914
 By R. KENNETH EVANS

The bodies and remains of many pioneers to this section of the Oregon country, including ex-governors, statesmen, community builders, and just good Oregon citizens, are entombed and inurned in the Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum & Crematorium. This imposing, impressive, vine-covered building stands on the crest of a mountainous hill with a picturesque view of the Willamette Valley, snow-capped mountains surrounded by beautiful foliage, adorning unsurpassed anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. This is one of the two oldest mausoleums in Oregon. It was formally opened to the public and dedicated on Memorial Day, 1914, with 273 crypts. Literally, Mt. Crest Abbey is a spot deeply revered by Salemites and Oregonians.

This community mausoleum came under the direction of Lloyd T. Rigdon, who with associates, took over the operation of Mt. Crest Abbey in 1926. The following year, 1927, the Mt. Crest Mausoleum Company was in corporation, with Dr. B. L. Steeves as president and Lloyd T. Rigdon, secretary-treasurer. Such a fine acceptance had been given the mausoleum that it was found necessary to construct the first addition in 1929-30, and 330 additional crypts were added. In 1938 the south corridor was completely marbled, which added to its distinction.

More and more through the years, without any loss of reverence for those who have passed on, there has been a trend on the part of thinking people to give consideration to arrangements for the last resting place for their dear ones "In Advance of Need." Many have come to realize that no resting place is superior to "indoor memorials in marble and bronze." This acceptance has been so universal in this section of Oregon that five additions to the original mausoleum have been necessary to meet the normal requirements.

A new addition was completed early in 1949 providing for 300 crypts, and columbariums of niches in both bronze and marble providing memorials for some 800 cremated-remains. Today the rough construction work has been nearly completed for a new corridor which will provide for 300 entombments, single crypts, couch crypts, and couch-companion crypts. These latest additions are being finished in beautiful matched and polished Tennessee with areas of beautiful foreign marble.

No description of the beauty and impressiveness of Mt. Crest Abbey could do it justice. One must visit it and be conducted into its various sections to fully appreciate the thought and planning that has gone into its arrangements. The new corridor will be completed about July of this year. However, this construction work will not, in the least, affect the selection of compartments, or of holding services.

Those who might consider or contemplate selection of crypts or niches can do it at any time they desire. An invitation by Lloyd T. Rigdon is extended to everyone to visit Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum & Crematorium, located at the west end of Hoyt street, and see for himself or herself the arrangements that have been made. Entombments will be made in this new corridor, according to present plans, in about 60 days. In the meantime temporary entombments may be

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