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Had Lived On East Fork For 68 Years

Mrs. Roxanna Monterey Minard, a resident of the Dora district of the East Fork for nearly 70 years, passed away at Mrs. Timmon's home for the aged and convalescents on Spurgeon Hill here last Monday night. Death was due to the infirmities of old age and a gradually weakening heart.

Funeral services, with Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries of Myrtle Point in charge, are being held at the Dora chapel at 1:30 this afternoon, Rev. A. A. Baker of Myrtle Point officiating. Interment will be in the Dora cemetery.

Born Roxanna Monterey Krantz, in Franklin county, Kentucky, December 27, 1856, she came with her parents to Oregon in 1872.

Her father traded a team of mules for the ranch there which has since been her home. For many, many years after locating there, they received their mail once or twice a month.

In May, 1875, she was united in marriage to J. H. Minard at Dora. He passed away in April, 1896. For several years he operated a grist mill on the East Fork.

Of the eight children born to them, six survive. Her son, Leland Minard, preceded her in death by only a few weeks, he having passed away here in Coquille on the fifth of last month.

Her surviving children are: S. L. Minard, of Salem; M. M. and Fred Minard, of Dora; Mrs. Rutha Barklow, of Gravelford; Mrs. Minnie Mathewson, of Carville, Calif.; and Harvey Minard, of Coquille.

Surviving brothers are D. C. Krantz, of Coquille, and Wm. L. Krantz, of Roseburg. Mrs. A. J. Mayse, of Dora, is a sister.

For 24 years Mrs. Minard was postmistress of the Dora postoffice, which was discontinued a few years ago when the rural route from Myrtle Point began to serve the territory.

George Hathaway Buried Tuesday

George Ervin Hathaway, 72 years, two months and 15 days of age, passed away at his ranch home, at the south end of the dike, last Friday noon. A heart attack caused his death, coming upon him suddenly, as he was working around his place that morning.

Funeral services were conducted at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at one p. m. Tuesday afternoon, C. Adrian Sias officiating. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery, No. 1.

Mr. Hathaway was born at Independence, Iowa, Sept. 18, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Hathaway, who were pioneer residents of this section.

Although he owned the ranch across the valley here, he has spent considerable time off and on at his ranch near Farmington, Wash.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Lydia Hathaway, their two daughters, Mrs. Alice Litzenberger, of Colfax, Wash., and Mrs. Winifred Johnson of Coquille; three sons, Erwin and Warren, of Vancouver, B. C., a brother, Sam K. Hathaway, of River-ton, and four grandchildren.

Eating Houses Close For Two Weeks

The Coquille Hotel dining room and coffee shop will be closed after this evening's meal to permit the annual redecorating of this popular eating place and to allow the help a couple of weeks off duty. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 7.

Another eating house which is taking a two weeks' vacation is the Quelle Cafe, which closed last Saturday night and will be re-opened January 2. The interior is being covered with plywood and both rooms will be repainted.

Epidemic Hits Coquille

The flu or epidemic of colds which has been so prevalent on the coast for the last month, hit the high school for the first of the week. On Monday 24 of the registered 277 students were out because of illness.

The high school has also been hit by the families which have moved from Coquille recently, the number of students in C. H. S. who have thus withdrawn being eight in number.

Coquille Ladies Injured Thursday

Mrs. Florence Hallock of Hallock's Dress Shop here, left Monday evening for San Francisco, where she was to enter the hospital for treatment of injuries received in an accident last Thursday, when her car skidded off a turn on the slippery highway just this side of Delmar and rolled over.

With Mrs. Hallock was Miss Goldie Child, and both ladies were brought to the Belle Knife Hospital here. Miss Child is still there receiving treatment for head injuries.

Mrs. Hallock is entitled to hospitalization in San Francisco. She suffered torn ligaments in her shoulder. After leaving the hospital there she will do some spring buying for the dress shop here.

To Dedicate M. P. Church Sunday

The dedication of Myrtle Point's new Catholic church will be held Sunday. The church, finished on the interior in myrtlewood, is one of which all Coos county may be proud. Though the building is small, only 30x60, it is a masterpiece of craftsmanship.

Smith Wood-Products company veneered plywood for the church. Although no more than four myrtle logs were needed to make the veneer, the interior of the church is completely finished in the fine and rare wood. Even the pews have backs and seats made of myrtle.

The loveliest work is found on the altar and reardos. According to Father Daniel J. Kelly, parish priest, 10,000 feet of myrtle were picked over to find the best grained wood for inlay work on the reardos. Above the altar is a solid myrtlewood cross, made by Father Kelly.

Father Kelly worked for two years to raise money in the East for the church. He then spent another year persuading Smith-Wood company to take the contract to make the myrtle veneered plywood. The church was started in May. Much of the work on it has been done by Father Kelly. He was grading the grounds about the church at the time he was interviewed by the Sentinel's reporter.

Five Frosts Before Sunday's Rain

Low so far this winter was recorded last Saturday morning in Coquille when the thermometer registered 17 degrees above zero. Friday morning's mark was 20 degrees.

The old saying this writer heard when he first came to Coos county—"three frosts and a rain"—did not hold good last week for from Monday night until Sunday there was frost every day, the temperature ranging from 25 down to 17 with frost every night.

The rain may be a little disagreeable at times but the people of this section are used to it and it is not a breeder of flu and sickness as is the below freezing temperature.

Teachers Leaving For Holidays

Local teachers will take off for the holidays Friday and Saturday. Vesta Miley, Jean Polson, Tom Cauthers and Mrs. Hazel Hanna and her family plan to go to Portland. Ruth Towne expects to spend part of the holidays at Eugene, as does Cleona Hill. Aileen Demont and Segra Young will go to Portland and Seaside. Marjorie Jones will spend the holidays with her parents at Woodburn and Lunelle Chapin will visit her parents at Salem.

24 More Phones Than A Year Ago

Despite over seventy families having moved from here during the past two months, the local telephone office reports that a survey of telephone installations shows 22 more subscribers on Dec. 1 than there were a year ago.

Having sold their house here on Knowlton Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kay will make their home in Vallejo, Calif., as soon as he can find a place to live. He is already down there, being associated with his brothers, Logan and Ned, who are contractors, and Mrs. Kay will join him later.

Fred Bull Lost Left Hand Yesterday Afternoon

Fred Bull was the very unfortunate victim of a shot gun firing shortly after noon yesterday, and as a result has lost his left hand.

The gun had been lying around home useless for a year and he put it into his car when he brought Mrs. Bull down after dinner. After letting her out he went on down the street, looking for Ira Johnson to make repairs on the gun.

Not knowing that there was a shell in the gun he grabbed hold of it to remove it from the car. In some way the trigger was pulled and his hand was practically blown off.

He was immediately helped up to the Belle Knife Hospital where the mutilated hand was amputated at the wrist.

Although he was suffering great pain this morning there is no probability of any more serious results than the loss of his hand.

His accident recalls that three years ago his son, Leland, was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hand of a companion as the two were ascending the Pistol river trail in Curry county.

Santa Coming Here Tomorrow

Santa Claus has sent word from the cold north that he will be in Coquille each day, starting Friday, until Christmas, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. The genial St. Nick will be here for the four days, with candy each day for the youngsters. He will be in and out of all the stores and on the street and children may give him the letters telling of their Christmas wishes.

They should also give him a little information as to whether they have been good girls and boys or not.

Decorations Reflect Holiday Spirit

One of the very attractive private business decorations which augment the beautiful street decorations in Coquille this holiday season is the electric lighted American flag atop the Romy Theatre building. It was made by O. L. and Gros Wood and the colors show up as distinctly at night as during the day.

The city hall entrance is another spot decorated with greenery and electric lights, and the Mt. States Power Co., as usual has a lighted tree on the corner of the building above its office.

Home decorations are also beginning to show up around the city and by the first of the week Coquille will have an even larger than heretofore display of scenes and lights emblematic of the Yuletide season.

Stores To Remain Open Four Evenings

Coquille store owners agreed this week that they would stay open, as long as the trade justified, on Friday and Saturday evenings this week and Monday evening next week. On Christmas eve, next Tuesday, they will be open until seven o'clock.

This applies to dry goods, clothing, variety, hardware stores, dress shops and there may be others who will observe the same hours.

Mrs. R. M. Waggoner's Brother Died While Out Hunting

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Waggoner returned Monday evening from Springfield, where they were called last Thursday night by a message stating that her brother, Ray McPherson, had disappeared. He had gone duck hunting Thursday and when he did not return at the usual time Mrs. McPherson became worried and called a brother.

A search was immediately started, but it was not until early Friday morning that his car was found on the eastern shore of Coquille and Harrisburg. His body was found about eight o'clock that morning. The doctor called said he had suffered a heart attack and probably did not draw a breath after being stricken.

A baby boy, weighing six pounds, eleven ounces, and who has been named James Ivan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waterman of this city, at the Coquille Hospital yesterday.

Last Session Of Old Council Held Monday Eve.

Mayor Milne and all councilmen, except O. L. Wood who was in Portland, were present for the regular session in the city hall Monday evening when it was decided to purchase equipment for putting black top surfacing on streets where repairs are needed. The funds used will be from the road tax which the county turns over to the city after taxes are paid. A call for bids is to be made after S. V. Epperson designates the kind needed. Frank Dungey, street commissioner, says the crew can just as well get along with the small black-topping pot it now has unless the blower type of equipment is purchased, and the street department needs one of that kind greatly.

A permit was granted Geo. W. Swinney to repair the Lorenz building on Front street, where the bowling alley is located, by shingling the lean-to at the rear, putting down about 180 square feet of flooring at the rear of the main building and making other repairs.

The transfer of the dance hall license at the Riviera from Beatrice Bergquist to her brother, Hugh A. McMahon, and its renewal for the year 1941 was approved.

Applications were approved for beer licenses, some for package and some for retail sales were approved for the following: Bowling Alley 2, W. O. Morris 2, Sawefay 1, T. Verie Johnson 2, S. H. Donsted 2, Beatrice Bergquist 1, Eagles Club 1.

No bids having been received for the laying of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Hall street, between Front and First, the council ordered that it be done by day labor under the supervision of the city engineer.

The property owners whose place abut on that alley between Henry and Coulter, alongside the A. O. Walker home and the E. L. Vinton place, are to be asked to put in new planking for the block distance. To avoid further accidents there the council ordered that both ends of the alley be barricaded until the new planking is laid.

City Engineer Gearhart reported that J. N. Shuck had given permission to put a drain across his place on Spurgeon Hill, near the Odd Fellows cemetery, so that the lake on North Willard street would be drained, to the relief of the property owners there, and that the street department had done the work at once.

Permission was refused for the setting of "no parking" signs in front of halls where meetings are held in the evening, the idea being that if permission was given one hall it would have to be granted to anyone applying, and the council believed it a poor precedent to set.

The Jno. E. Perrott's Golden Wedding

(Western World)
Mr. and Mrs. John Perrott have announced that they will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at their home at Bandon Beach, Tuesday, December 24, by holding open house. Friends are invited to call between two and five in the afternoon and seven and ten in the evening.

The Perrotts were married on Christmas Eve in 1890 at Randolph on the lower Coquille river. They have spent most of their lives in Coos county and have many friends who will be pleased to extend felicitations on their golden wedding.

Legion Celebrates At Port Orford

Legion Commander George Oerding and Mrs. Oerding spent the weekend at Port Orford, where the American Legion held a large and well attended celebration. A feature of the weekend festivities was the Kiltie band of Oakland. Over a 100 legionnaires attended the celebration. Among the prominent guests were Captain Meiring, district Legion president and Mrs. Meiring, who is president of the Auxiliary for this district.

A parade furnished entertainment Saturday afternoon. In the evening there was a big dance and Sunday morning the women of the Port Orford Auxiliary gave a bacon and waffle breakfast at the Legion hall. A number of Coquille people attended the festivities.

Nature Threw Rock At Him

Police officers always are in jeopardy from the whims of law violators, but when Nature begins to throw rocks at them they cannot always escape.

Such was the case of Thayer C. Kessler, state police officer who lives here and works out of the local state office.

He was travelling down the Umpqua highway Tuesday afternoon, at 35 or 40 miles per hour, when a boulder weighing 140 pounds slipped off the bluff, about twelve miles east of Reedsport.

The rock struck the pavement in front of his car with such force that it bounced up to the height of the cowl of his car and smashed through the windshield, striking the officer on the shoulder. Glancing from his side it struck the barrel of his rifle at the rear and bent it two inches.

Mr. Kessler saw the boulder land, shut off his motor and applied the brakes, and fortunately he was able to keep the car on his side of the road where it runs between the high bluff on one side and the river on the other.

A highway truck driver assisted the officer to Reedsport where first emergency relief was given and he was then taken to the McAuley Hospital at the Bay. He was suffering from shock, cuts and bruises, but no serious results are anticipated as he was resting easy this morning.

The damage to the car is estimated at about \$300.

Mrs. Gladys Gano Heads Eastern Star

The men of the Eastern Star gave their annual banquet Thursday evening. The tables, beautifully decorated with red cyclamen and poinsettias, were no finer to the eye than was the excellent turkey dinner to the table.

After dinner the following officers were elected to head the chapter next year: Gladys Gano, Worthy Matron; Clarence Osika, Worthy Patron; Gertrude Ulett, Associate Matron; Julius Ruble, Associate Patron; Emma M. Pierce, secretary; Susie Folsom, treasurer; Edna Taylor, Conductress; Leona Bryant, Associate Conductress.

The outgoing officers, each wearing a pastel colored lei, gave a flower drill, while everyone in the audience hummed 'Aloha'. As a climax to the drill, Maxine Jeub, outgoing Matron, was presented with the Past Matrons jewel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jeub presented the chapter with a white bible in which there is space to record the names of all previous Past Matrons and Past Patrons. The chapter, which was legally instituted June 2, 1883, has a complete list of the officers since 1880. Two hundred and twenty members of the order of the Eastern Star, masons and their families attended the banquet meeting.

Poets Demonstrate At Rotary Party

The local amateur poets or would-be poets had their inning at the Rotary Christmas Exchange Party at the hotel yesterday.

Some of their effusions were quite worthy of comment and some were pretty terrible but at any rate they furnished a lot of amusement for the assembled members.

Rotarian Ed Cliff, of Grants Pass, was present and extended the season's greetings from the Rotary club of that city.

The Lions and Rotarians will hold a joint meeting next Wednesday, Christmas Day, from eleven to twelve noon.

Free Christmas Show At Liberty

The Romy and Liberty management announces a free show for the kiddies at the Liberty at 1:45 on Tuesday, the day before Christmas. The picture will be a special Christmas feature for youngsters but no one is barred from attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roake, their daughter, Judy, and baby boy, Peter, arrived here last Friday from Portland to spend the two weeks of Mr. Roake's vacation at the F. A. Fook home. Bob expects to spend a great deal of the two weeks in fishing.

Suggestions For C. of C. Activities For Coming Year

"How are you?" not "Who are you?" as a salutation to a new business man or a newcomer in Coquille was one of several suggestions made by Lloyd Claver at the Chamber of Commerce session Tuesday noon.

President Stewart stated that he had been contacting various members of the board of directors of the chamber as to what might be done to make the Chamber of Commerce a more effective force in advancing Coquille this year than it ever had been before.

"But I found one man way ahead of me," continued Mr. Stewart. "He already had his list made up." And then he called on Mr. Claver, who made a most interesting talk in presenting six or seven ideas that will be considered in the near future.

One of them was the fact that Coquille has not had a Santa Claus visit in Coquille during the business hours and his motion that the chamber appropriate \$50 for necessary expenses to bring St. Nick here for a week, and that it be made a regular feature hereafter was unanimously approved.

Santa is to spend several hours every day, visiting stores, passing candy to the youngsters and a committee consisting of Geo. Witters, David B. Biegger and L. W. Claver was appointed to get in touch with Santa and endeavor to get him to make a daily visit in Coquille, until Christmas.

Another of his suggestions was for an annual celebration in Coquille, and he thought the carrying out of the proposed Coquille river fishing derby might be the occasion.

A Farmers' Day when the families of all rural citizens should be invited to come in and be entertained with various forms of amusement, a free public lunch and music by a revived Coquille band, followed by a free public dance in the evening was another of Mr. Claver's excellent suggestions. The need of public rest rooms and the turling of Athletic Park were also on his list.

The other subject he mentioned is a delicate one, but Mr. Claver asserted that he did not know any practice which had cost Coquille merchants the loss of more business than the Saturday evening closing of all stores. Very few, if any, other towns or cities in the state close at six o'clock Saturday evening and this city offers no inducement of any kind to the people here to stay in town or to others to come here for their week-end.

Mr. Claver said he was not belittling the big things the Coquille Chamber of Commerce had done in the past, such as getting the dike across the river raised, but he did believe that there were a lot of little things which the chamber might do which would make it more attractive, far and wide.

The next two meeting dates coming just before holidays, it was decided there would be no Chamber of Commerce dinner sessions on either Dec. 24 or 31, but the first would be held January 7.

The president appointed the membership committee which will arrange for soliciting 1941 memberships in the chamber early next month. Dr. De La Rue was named as chairman, with O. L. Wood, Tal-lant Greenough, J. L. Smith and Don Gillespie as the other members.

George Ulett reported that an agreement had been made and signed with the Plywood union for next year's operation of that plant.

Big Reductions For One Week

Southwestern Motors is offering Christmas gifts of from \$50 to \$100 on their stock of used cars. A comparison of the prices quoted in their advertisement in this week's advs. show them to have made anywhere from \$50 to \$100 reduction in price per car this week.

Maurice Williams is expected to arrive in Coquille the latter part of this week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jane Williams, at the J. A. Lamb home. He has just completed his three months course at the Babson Institute, which is a business school for men, near Boston.