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## Many Have Passed in Coquille and The Coquille Valley the Past Week

### Mrs. Emily A. Hersey

Coming as a release from suffering Mrs. Emily Hersey passed away at her home on Second street at 5:15 Wednesday evening.

The funeral services under the direction of Schroeder Bros., and with her pastor, Rev. Chas. G. Brown officiating, will be held in the Pioneer Methodist church at 2 o'clock on Saturday, interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Born Emily Ada Figg, March 30, 1868, in San Francisco, she was brought here when only a few weeks old by her mother, Mrs. Ben Figg, and lived her girlhood life on the Figg place a short distance up the river from Coquille.

She was married in 1887 to Myron H. Hersey who passed away in 1925, and since that time has managed her own many business affairs until shortly before her death.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Rubie of Coquille, and Mrs. Marguerite Hartley of Murtaugh, Idaho, a son, Ben Hersey of Beaverton, a grandson, James Hersey of Portland whom she had raised and considered just the same as a son, a granddaughter, Laura Emily Rubie of Coquille, and two great grandchildren, Fae and Harry Lloyd Hersey. A surviving sister is Mrs. W. T. Dement of Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Hersey was a member of the Eastern Star, a Past Noble Grand of Mamie Rebekah lodge, a devout member of the M. E. church and was active in its U. S. C. Society, and also in the Coquille Woman's Club.

She and Mr. Hersey operated one of the first businesses in Coquille, a racket store, and for years she conducted a millinery store here.

She had been planning on her trip all summer to go and set her children in Portland and Idaho, and she had a nice trip, but at the end of her two weeks' stay with Mrs. Hartley she suffered her first attack. Her physician, Dr. Richmond told the family that her heart trouble had been coming on for some time and that the exertions of traveling had nothing to do with her affliction. She greatly desired to come home before the end and Mrs. Hartley came with her and remained here. Ben and James are expected in today from Portland.

Mrs. Hersey was a good woman, of a kindly disposition and never hesitated in helping relieve the sufferings of those who were ill or in trouble.

### Mrs. Brownson, 93 Passes At Bridge

Mrs. Melissa Brownson, 93 year old resident of Bridge for the past 69 years, passed away at her home there Tuesday night.

Other than that the funeral services are being held in Myrtle Point today the Sentinel has not been able to secure any information.

### No Heat Because Of Ashes On Floor

A good large percentage of the homes in Coquille have had one or more of its inmates down with the flu the past few weeks but the most serious condition is at the Belle Knife Hospital where Dr. G. E. Stark called this writer's attention to a cold furnace, which should be furnishing heat to the rooms and wards in the hospital, but was not.

Complying with the state law that forbids the dumping of ashes on a basement floor, even though it is concrete, the furnace attendant would not build a fire Monday, and neither the doctor nor the hospital management was able to get the garbage disposal operator to remove the ash.

It's a serious condition here now, which could easily result in fatalities. And the shortage of coal in a section as underlaid with coal as is Coos county is another trouble which has had a bearing on the spread of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. True have now moved back to Coquille, from Broadbent, and are settled in their new home, the former E. E. Johnson home at the west end of Fourth street.

Mrs. Beulah Cornwall Bricker came down from Portland the first of the week to attend the funeral of her grandfather, John Dugger on Monday. She lived with her grandparents here until Mrs. Dugger's death about four years ago.

### Mrs. Margaret McLeod

Funeral services, Rev. W. B. Smith officiating, were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday for Mrs. Margaret McLeod, at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. McLeod passed away early last Saturday morning after suffering with pneumonia since Christmas eve, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Belloni.

She was born Margaret McKenzie, in River John, Nova Scotia, July 16, 1860, and was five months and 22 days past 80 years of age.

On May 18, 1888 she was united in marriage, in Nova Scotia, to Allan McLeod of New Glasgow in that Canadian province.

Four daughters were born to this union, two of whom passed away before the family moved to Coquille 42 years ago, and Mrs. McLeod has resided here since that time, the past seven years at the home of her daughter.

For nearly ten years Mr. and Mrs. McLeod managed the County Farm out on Cunningham creek, and after moving back to Coquille they operated the McLeod rooming house for several years.

Mr. McLeod passed away in 1921, and the third daughter to precede her mother in death was Mrs. Margaret Davis who died five years ago.

Mrs. McLeod was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church from early girlhood until the Coquille church disbanded several years ago, since which time she has been a member of the Pioneer Methodist church.

Mrs. McLeod was one of God's noblewomen, a good woman in all that designation implies, of Scotch ancestry, which meant she practiced what she professed, and one who never turned a deaf ear to appeals for help. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Belloni, she is survived by five grandchildren.—George Belloni, U. S. Army at Camp Lee, Va.; Mrs. Al Tallon, Springfield, Oregon; Miss Margaret Belloni, Coquille; Betty Hawthorn and Margaret Davis, both of Eugene.

Two great grandchildren also survive, Margaret Tallon and Gail Hawthorn.

### Vandalism At The Masonic Cemetery

There is no more appropriate term to apply to those who are committing depredations at the cemeteries north of town than that of marauders. Desecration of the last resting place in those who have passed away is as despicable and contemptible as any crime that a human being can be guilty of, whether adult or youngster.

R. H. Mast reports that many acts of vandalism have been perpetrated at the Masonic cemetery such as shooting at and breaking vessels or urns in which those left behind have placed flowers or other commemorative articles in honor of the dead. Headstones, too, have been tampered with, and if the culprits can be caught they should be severely punished.

### 24 The Low Now For Winter

This winter's low of the thermometer was last Friday night, or early Saturday morning when the mercury had registered 24 degrees above zero, two less than the previous low. Sunday morning it stood at 28 and since then above freezing. Wednesday morning it stood at 40 after being 10 degrees higher during the night.

### Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Towne Welcome Children Home

The A. L. Towne family had a most enjoyable get-together here Tuesday when children from as far east as Texas were all home at once. Lieut. Quenton H. (or Jack as he is more familiarly known) and Mrs. Towne were here on furlough. He has just graduated from the Army Air Force school at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz., and must report the first of next week at Mather Field, Sacramento. Mrs. Mabel Camp from Vancouver, Wash., Miss Ruth Towne who came from Lubbock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Towne and daughter Sharon, from Eugene, Oregon, were other members of the family group assembled at their home, 190 North Hall.

Calling cards, 5c for 24.00.

### Men Who Left For Induction Tuesday

The following men were ordered to report for induction on January 11 by Coos County Local Board No. 2, Court House, Coquille:

Elvin Oscar Hasel, Marshfield. Ernest Harrell O'Dell, Coquille. George Elmer Woolley, Myrtle Pt. Weldon Clifton Curtis, Coquille. Robert Frailey Hurrell, Coquille. Elwood Roland Wylie, Coquille. Ronald Douglas Burr, Coquille. Elmer Arthur Barrows, Coquille. Wesley E. Clark, Powers. Robert Wayne Baker, Coquille. William Jesse Pullen, Bullards. Erwin Virgil Hamlin Jr., Redmond. Henry Alfred Eaton, Vallejo, Calif. Robert Green Hogan, Gladstone. Earl Stanley Griffith, Los Angeles. Emmett Davis, Jr., Portland. William James Johnson, Bandon. Joseph Lyle Buus, Coquille.

### H. E. Watkins Home Destroyed By Fire

The H. E. Watkins 9 or 10 room house, four miles above Arago, went up in flames about 7 o'clock Sunday morning and the occupants escaped with their lives, but with very little else.

Mrs. Watkins had been down with the flu for five weeks and after building a fire had gone back to bed to wait until the house warmed up. The next thing she knew was hearing the crackle of the flames as the wooden structure burned.

She awakened her father, A. T. Hill, and her daughter, Miss Jean, but aside from a little old clothing little else was rescued. Miss Jean, in only her pajamas, suffered blistered feet in getting out of the house.

There was no insurance on the house and Mrs. Watkins was unable to estimate what their loss is.

Mr. Watkins was called at Camp Parks, Calif., where he is stationed. He will be up this week and Mrs. Watkins will go south with him. Mr. Hill left Sunday to join Mrs. Hill who has been in Salem for some weeks, and Miss Jean will move into Coquille.

### Two Slug and Rob M. Clausen

George David Smith of Coquille, and Harlan Dale Stanley, who hails from Crescent City, are in the county jail awaiting an opportunity to waive grand jury investigation and plead guilty to the charges filed against them in justice court last Thursday, that of robbery by force and violence, not armed.

The complaint was filed by Martin Clausen who said the pair beat up on him, some where along the railroad track between the Cream O'Coos and the depot. After slugging and pummeling him they took something over \$50 from his pocket, the exact amount not being known.

They had been arrested by the city police, prior to their attack on Clausen for disorderly conduct.

Because of the naturalization session in circuit court on Tuesday Judge King held no motion day this week, but the two have said they would plead guilty when court again convenes.

### Maury Williams Is At Home For a Week

Maury W. Williams who has been in the Army Air Corps for nearly a year, and recently stationed at Brownsville, Texas, where he was engaged in administrative work at base headquarters, came in by bus Tuesday evening on a furlough. When he leaves next week it will be to go to Hamilton Field, near Palo Alto, where he will attend a short term school devoted to Traffic Priority. Maury looks as though life in the Army agreed with him although he did find it pretty hot down on the Mexican border where he was last stationed.

### School Quota in Fourth War War Bond Drive

\$22,914 in E bonds has been allotted to the schools of Coos to be sold during the Fourth War Bond drive. The Drive will extend from January 18 to February 15.

This amount has been quoted to the county superintendent by Gertrude Blum, chairman of School War Program. It will mean that every school in Coos will have to put forth its greatest effort in order to accomplish this.

### C of C Enjoyed Splendid Session Tuesday Evening

"A splendid meeting" was the declaration heard from everyone after the Chamber of Commerce annual election session in the hotel dining room Tuesday evening and not the least of its attractive features was the fried chicken dinner served by Mrs. Menning.

The result of the election and the fine musical portion of the program is mentioned elsewhere on this page.

President Oerding presided over the session and after the singing of "America," and the prayer by Rev. Robt. L. Greene, the president called upon Mayor Wood to introduce Tommy Hoxie of the public relations department of the Kaiser Shipbuilding corporation at Portland.

The mayor told of the fine work Mr. Hoxie is doing and the latter, when he rose, said he doubted that he rated the build-up the mayor had given him. He wanted to talk about ships and he did for a few moments.

He said the tanker "Coquille," recently launched was the champion tanker of the U. S. Figures on its building, carrying capacity and time of building were recently given in the Sentinel. It was built in a shorter time than any other tanker, was outfitted in 15 days, and is now carrying gas and oil to the fighting fronts in the Pacific. The first tanker built by Kaiser was the Schenectady which carried millions of gallons of gasoline for the Tunisian campaign. It was launched in 1941. In 1942 three tankers were launched and 43 slid down the ways at Portland last year.

Mr. Hoxie predicted that the Swan Island yard would be a permanent business there after the war and said that Mr. Kaiser had definite ideas in mind for development of industry in the Northwest after the war. He said of a motto which hangs in the shipyard office: "Miracles done in a few minutes; impossibilities take a little longer."

To Mayor Wood Mr. Hoxie then presented a large size picture of the tanker Coquille, and a piece of steel suitably embossed, which was a part of the steel which held the vessel on the ways before it was launched.

Mayor Wood said he would have a hardwood easel made for the picture and plaque, and that they would later be kept in the library. At present they are on display in Geo. E. Oerding's office window.

"Slim" Hogan, another from the Kaiser plant, said that notwithstanding any and all reports, he honestly believed that all Kaiser ships have been "honest, well-built vessels."

Neils Rogers, state forester, who is a member of Gov. Snell's post war planning commission, was introduced and gave the planning program as his subject.

He stated that he and "Slim" Hogan must have gone on the same vessel to France in World War I but that they had never met until in the hotel lobby that evening.

Mr. Rogers is chairman of the state commission of 15 for winning on the home front after the war. There is no question now of winning the war," he declared, "But we must win the peace, something we did not do after the last war." Declaring the truth that the U. S. has never lost a war, he commented on the failures in the past to plan for readjustment, from the Revolutionary War on, and referred to Abraham Lincoln's post war plan. "Uncle Sam has a farm for every family in the United States."

Mr. Rogers declared that there were fewer men engaged in the Spanish-American war than Oregon now has in the service, the number today being 110,000 men and women. There are now 103,000 people in Oregon who are under the Social Security program of the government, and that it will be the duty of the committee he heads to see that 200,000 find jobs after the war.

The lumber industry, which supported 35,000 in the state in 1940, has a very favorable outlook for after the war, and he declared there is a deficit of 1,400,000 new homes which will need to be built following the war.

If this county is to catch up on the home building and other needed improvements a billion dollars' worth of lumber will be needed and the industry will need thousands of men.

But every community in the state must co-operate in providing employment for those returning from the war, and industry must manage properly to be in position to take care of post war needs and unemployment.

### Kenneth Tally's Singing Delighted

"I'm glad to know there is a cop who can do something beside hand out tickets," was the remark made by Tommy Hoxie of Portland, after Kenneth C. Tally, member of the state police force stationed at the Coquille headquarters, had delighted those attending the Chamber of Commerce banquet in the hotel Tuesday evening. Tommy's commendatory facetiousness was heartily approved by those attending the banquet and one and all agreed that the officer "could sing."

The audience was loath to let him stop and he obliged with four encores to his original selections.

Accompanied by Mrs. Tally at the piano, he sang during the evening "The Hills of Home," "Without a Song," "Thine Own," "Sylvia" and "Oh My Dear."

J. L. Smith who had received Mr. Tally's consent to sing at the meeting, caused an uproar of applause when he announced that Mr. Tally had formerly sung with the Salem Gleemen, and that he, Mr. Smith, now had hopes that the Cornfield Canaries could be reviewed and again delight Coquille audiences with their vocalizing with Mr. Tally making the fourth member. The other three members of the Canaries still here are Mr. Smith, F. G. Leslie and O. T. Gant.

### C of C Directors Chosen Tuesday

George E. Oerding was unanimously re-elected as president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce at the annual election held in the hotel dining room Tuesday evening.

Tellers appointed to count the ballots were H. A. Slack, R. M. Harbison and Larry Lundquist who brought in a report that the following had been chosen:

Vice Pres.—Geo. H. Jenkins.  
Sec.—Treas.—C. G. Caughell.  
Directors—R. L. Stewart, O. L. Wood, Lufe Compton, John Purkey, Geo. Burr, J. L. Stevens, Geo. Ullath, Dr. R. F. Milne, Dr. C. G. Stem, Andy Anderson, Phil Alborn, Ray Jeub, D. E. Rackleff, Don Gillespie, Wm. Barrows, J. L. Smith, Clarence Osika, Dick Connarn, J. P. Beyers and H. A. Young.

### Boy Scout Rally For February 13

At a district meeting held at the city hall last Thursday evening, plans were made for a yearly Boy Scout meeting and public rally to be held in the Coquille Community building on Sunday afternoon, February 13.

Lloyd Claver, district chairman, appointed the following committees: Program, Burton Dunn, chairman; Robert Greene, A. A. Kyle, Phil Alborn and Donald Farr; publicity and registration, Evan Alborn, chairman, Conrad Phillips and Wayne Smith; arrangements, Ed Dorman, chairman, G. B. Howe and Clarence Fiser; dinner, Joe Axtell, chairman, George Oerding and Wm. Barrows.

The tentative plan is to have a pitch in potluck dinner in which everyone will be invited to participate. This will be followed by a full afternoon of program and entertainment pertaining to Boy Scout activities.

One large project needed in the state, Mr. Rogers said, is the reseeded of the immense area known as "the Tillamook burn" of several years ago which has not responded to previous attempts to get timber growing there again.

Other projects mentioned were flood control in the Willamette valley, Columbia river further development, the need for main and secondary highways, for which sixty million dollars has tentatively been allocated to Oregon by the federal government.

Another industry Mr. Rogers urged was the development of manufacturers using hard wood, such as the Portland furniture manufacturers. There are now in Oregon more than four billion board feet of standing hardwood timber, but plants are still importing such wood from the east.

The speaker closed with an admonition to industries in Oregon to begin planning now to capture the trade of foreign countries across the Pacific and in South America.

Following the singing of several selection by Mr. Tally the meeting closed by all singing, "Oregon, My Oregon," which it should be voted was not as well known to all those present as our state song should be.

### Woman's Club Hears Ensign Hill of Portland

Of the fifteen charter members who founded Coquille's vigorous civic organization, the Coquille Woman's Club, only six are living. Three of these are resident members, Mesdames L. H. Hazard, M. O. Hawkins and J. S. Barton. Founders and past presidents were honored Tuesday at the regular January meeting. Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president, is also a past president and officiated, with Mrs. Kennett Lawrence in charge of the program. Mrs. Lawrence related something of the club's history and traced the changes from the original study club with fine musical and Shakespearean programs to the present.

Out of the twenty-seven past presidents several have passed on. During the past few months Mrs. Pearl Smith and Mrs. Hettie Leslie have gone.

A timely style review narrated by Ensign Elizabeth Hill, of Portland, with uniforms of the Waves modeled by members of the Junior Womens Club, was an interesting feature of the program. Back ground music by Inez Rover was played while the five young women crossed the stage showing in turn the outfits for all occasions. From the Wave arriving at the (Continued on page two)

### Critical Need For Saving Paper

The waste paper shortage is becoming more critical all the time, Geo. F. Burr, Coquille Salvage chairman, has been advised by the state salvage committee which urges on all communities the need to cooperate in this campaign, vital to the war effort.

Because the schools were closed last week, and collection facilities were lacking, the campaign did lag in Coquille last week, but Mr. Burr said yesterday that it will be resumed with increased fervor at once.

He urges those who have waste paper supplies to deliver them at the salvage depot—the Train building, corner of Front and Hall—or to have them ready for collection. Not only are old newspapers and magazines needed, but paper boxes and cartons, anything made of paper can be used. The text of the telegram Mr. Burr received reads as follows:

"This to advise waste paper shortage becoming increasingly critical. Gravity of situation cannot be minimized; therefore necessary we once again call upon every county salvage committee to lend all possible aid toward meeting vital home front crisis. If not already accomplished may I sincerely urge everything possible be done at earliest date to set up comprehensive county wide paper collection programs.

Previously I issued plans which should be adhered to at all times. Schools, newspapers and all cooperating groups and organizations given opportunity to participate to fullest extent. Especially may I urge careful consideration be given in advance to problems pertaining to transportation and disposal of all paper collected and that maximum available voluntary effort be summoned to do job which must be done."

### Take A Passenger On Your Trip

Motorists who can "share the ride" or are making a trip are again reminded that one way to preserve tire and gas, critical supplies at this time, is to file your name, date and destination with the local ration board who will also have on file the names of those who desire transportation.

This activity of the American Legion post is a very commendable one and if those driving cars will cooperate it can be made a most worthwhile campaign in the saving of gas so greatly needed in the war effort in the Pacific.

### Only One Standard Station Open At A Time Now

Because of the shortage in gasoline, oil and tires, E. A. Walker of the Coquille Service Station is keeping but one of the two stations open each day. The station open on Sunday from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.; is also open on Wednesday and Thursday. The station across the street is open on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Except on Sunday one of them is open from 7 till 7.