

OBITUARIES

Eileen M. Ackerson

Eileen Mabel Ackerson, an East Hoquiam resident for many years, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, in Grays Harbor Community Hospital at Aberdeen. She was 83.

Mrs. Ackerson was born April 22, 1917, at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to Frederick and Lucy (Smith) Parsons. She later moved to Powell River, B.C., where she attended school and lived until she was 19.

One of nine children and the oldest girl, she helped raise her siblings, as well as helping with the vegetable garden, cows and chickens on the family farm.

She also did house cleaning and baby-sitting for neighbors, earning a dollar a day.

On Aug. 12, 1936, she married Allan Delmar Ackerson at Powell River. The couple moved to Hoquiam that year and to East Hoquiam the next. He died in 1983.

The Ackersons raised rabbits, beef cattle, chickens and vegetables. Some of what they raised they traded for other items they needed. Mrs. Ackerson enjoyed canning the vegetables they raised.

She was a member of Hoquiam Eagles No. 252 Auxiliary.

She had visited relatives in Canada and had also traveled with a senior citizen club, including trips to Reno and Jackpot, Nev.

She had also gone to Hayward,

Calif., to visit her daughter Marleen, and the two went sightseeing at Fisherman's Wharf and Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco.

Mrs. Ackerson enjoyed dancing. She also liked classical waltz music.

During the Korean War, she was a volunteer spotter with the Civil Defense, watching the Wishkah Valley sky for enemy aircraft.

She had never driven a car, but she liked riding her three-wheeled bicycle, which had a fringed top and a basket on the back. Her dog loved riding with her.

She wrote poetry and spent many hours watching the birds that visited her birdhouses and feeders.

Survivors include two daughters, Aleta Fuhrer of Hoquiam and Sheryl Sjogren of Longview; 12 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Her daughter, Marleen White Stutesman, died in 1996, and a son, Charles, died in 1999.

A memorial service is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam.

A concluding service with inurnment will follow in St. John's Cemetery in the Wishkah Valley.

The family requests donations in her memory to Wishkah/East Hoquiam Fire District No. 10, in care of Bill Knannlein, 34 Squirrel Road, Aberdeen, 98520.