

[Coburn, George Seymour]

C. [sic] S. Coburn Dies; Perry Ex-Mayor

PERRY—Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Universalist Church here for George Seymour Coburn, 59, of Derby, whose death occurred about 5 a.m. yesterday (March 31, 1962) in Buffalo General Hospital. Rev. Raymond R. Nasseman [Naseman] will officiate and burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery. Mr. Coburn had entered the hospital last Tuesday with a heart condition. He was a former mayor of Perry.

The body will be at the Eaton Funeral Home, 59 Lake St., until the service.

A resident of Perry for most of his life, until about seven years ago, Mr. Coburn had been one of Perry's outstanding civic leaders. For the past three years he had been on the teaching staff of Lakeshore Central School. From 1932, when he returned to Perry from the principalship of Newark Valley Central School, he had served in many capacities, including the office of mayor.

President of the Perry Rotary Club and 1944-45, he was elevated to the office of district governor of the 712th District and served in 1946-47. For 12 years he was chairman of the district's International Student Exchange program being its first head following its inception.

Interested in youth activities, Mr. Coburn was a past president of the Genesee Council Boy Scouts and had filled other council offices. He was a past master of Constellation Lodge, F&AM; a past patron of Perry Chapter, OES; past district grand lecturer of the Genesee-Wyoming District, and during World War II had headed many civilian war efforts, both in Perry and Wyoming County.

In 1945 Mr. Coburn became a village trustee and a year later was elected mayor of Perry, serving until 1951. He was a past president of the Perry Central School Alumni Association, Universalist Church and other groups. For several years Mr. Coburn was superintendent of the Duracraft Knitwear Co., and later engaged in home building in this area through the Tri-County Homes Inc.

After quitting industry he taught two years in York Central School and at Clyde, leaving there for his last position with the Lakeshore Central School.

He was closely identified with Wyoming County Red Cross affairs, and had served as its chairman for a time. At one time he also had been associated with the local welfare office.

Born in Perry May 19, 1902, he was a son of Waldo and Mabel Jenks Coburn. His father was a Perry business man. He was graduated from the local school, and from the University of Rochester, Class of 1925. He was married [on] Dec. 27, 1928 to Marion Kelly of Rochester.

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Surviving are his widow and three children, Mrs. Donald (Helen) Stedman of Nashville, Tenn., Phillip Coburn of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Richard (Leila) Moore of Largo, Fla. His mother, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., also survives, and there are six grandchildren.

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