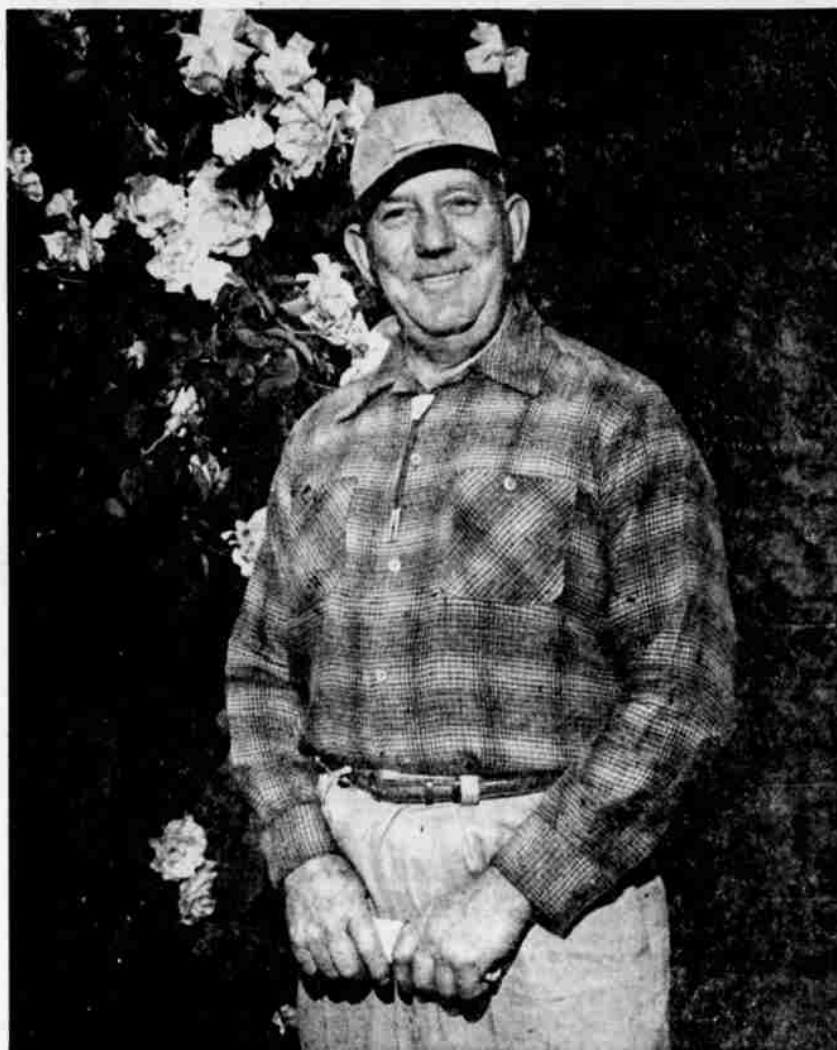




GENERAL AND MRS. CURTIS T. BEECHER, top left, came here in 1946 and first bought a ranch on the North Umpqua, were four years at Days Creek and then later purchased property on the South Umpqua at Winston. General Beecher first heard of the wonders of Oregon from a fellow prisoner during World War II, when he was a Japanese prisoner from Corregidor in the Philippines, later in Japan and then in Korea for a period of 40 months. Upon finding a catalog advertising products of this part of the country, General Beecher, who was with the U. S. Marine Corps, made up his mind to retire here. He is interested in politics, is chairman of the American Red Cross for the county and for six years has been working with the Water Resources Committee in the county and state. Both General and Mrs. Beecher are active in the Episcopal Church.



BRIG. GENERAL AND MRS. JOHN T. PIERCE, top right, have seven acres on the North Umpqua on Fisher Road, where the former has a beautiful garden boasting more than 250 roses, besides a number of other interesting plants and trees. General Pierce, who retired here in 1947, loved the Pacific Northwest and picked Roseburg, because he believed it "The very best of all places." He and Mrs. Pierce have both been active in many civic affairs as well as the Episcopal Church. In World War I, General Pierce was with the 8th Infantry Division and in World War II was the assistant division commander of the 103rd division commanded by the famed Tony McCauliffe. General Pierce has been stationed at various points in the United States and in Hawaii. They have a son, Major J. T. Pierce III, who is on duty at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., with the research and development department, and a daughter, Mrs. William Burgess, of Bend. They have nine grandchildren.



MAJOR ROBERT MILLER, center left, retired after 34 years in the Air Force. During 1933-34 he was with the CCC at Lake O the Woods, Klamath Falls and Butte Falls and fell in love with Oregon and at that time made up his mind to retire and make Oregon his home state. He and his wife and their 10 year-old son, John, reside on Little River. Major Miller is a Glide Kiwanian and both he and his wife are active in PTA and Boy and Cub Scouts. Miller began his military career at Carlson Air Force Base in Florida in 1919. After a year and a half he was promoted to sergeant and sent to Coblenz, Germany, with the First Air Squadron. In 1923 he was sent to Panama as a second lieutenant of the Observation Squadron. From 1926 to 1938, he was flying officer in various states on the mainland. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1938 and sent to Alaska for cold weather tests for airplanes. From 1942-43 he was stationed in Great Falls, Mont., and from 1943 to 45 he was in Africa and Italy with the B-17 bomber group. In 1945, Miller returned here and was stationed at Elgin, Fla., as commander of the Air Force Rescue Squadron. He retired in March 1953.

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WHAT IS THERE ABOUT DOUGLAS COUNTY that attracts people to retire here? Five answers are given today by those chosen for the society feature page.

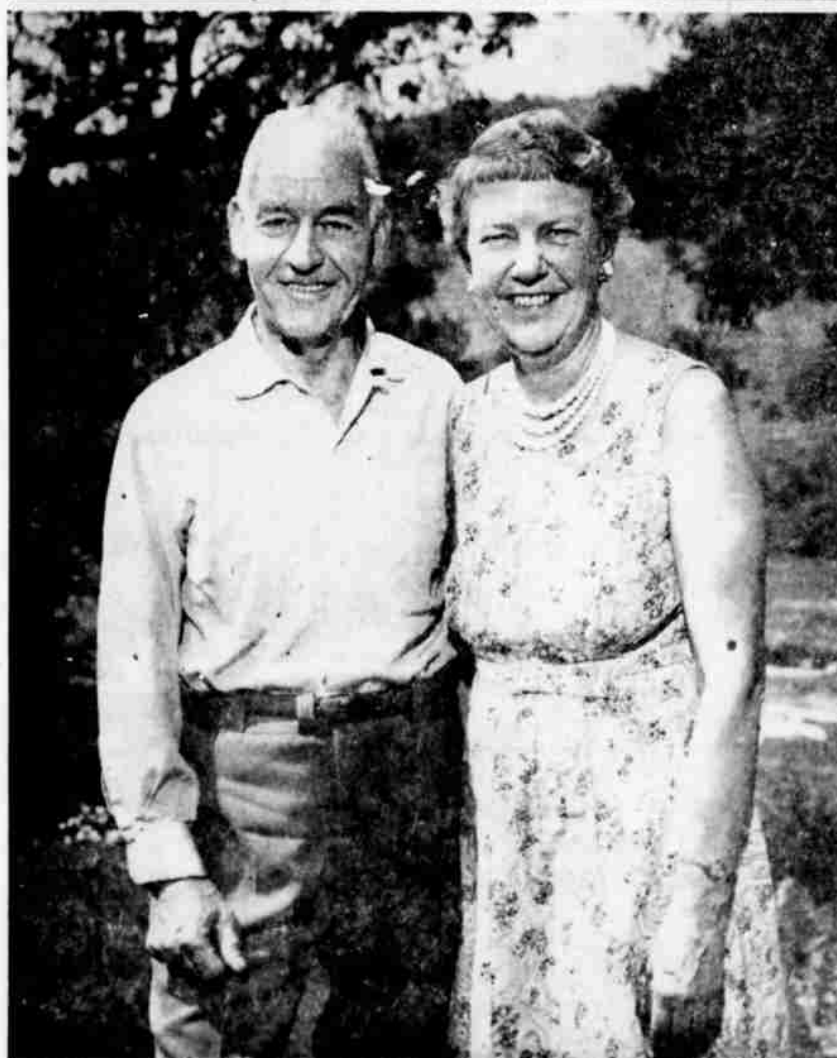
BRIG. GENERAL JOHN PIERCE says he always loved the Pacific Northwest and that he was looking for a place with the least climatic drawbacks and where he could garden, hunt and fish to his heart's content — and he claims that after 11 years here, nothing has changed his mind about his choice.

GENERAL CURTIS T. BEECHER, who suffered all the hardships of a prisoner of the Japanese for 40 months during World War II and who arrived in Douglas County with his health broken, feels that everything that goes for a good life can be found here, which he personally has found along with regaining good health.

MAJOR ROBERT MILLER and his family, although they have been here only five years, have proved by staying that length of time that they were right in choosing Douglas County as the place to retire. They have entered into their community activities and are enjoying their life here. Because of a recent automobile accident, Mrs. Miller was not in the picture.

HARRY BRUFFY says he never realized what real living was until he decided to retire in this part of the country. He has enjoyed doing everything he always wanted to do, but prior to coming here had been much too busy with a job. He has completely done over three houses since moving here and he has enough work lined up for himself to keep him busy and happy for a long time to come.

ARTHUR SELBY gets younger every year of his retirement and takes on more and more activities every year of his life. He has a keen interest in politics and a natural way of getting things done that he sets out to do. His retirement has given him a greater interest in everything about him and his plans for the future are so many and so varied that the real word of retirement is left in the shade, but if doing what you want to do is retirement, then these people are really retired.



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SELBY, lower right, came to Douglas County in the late 1940's to visit friends while on a trip across this country from their home in Honolulu. They fell in love with property on the North Umpqua River, which they saw advertised in the News-Review, bought it on the spot and like the Bruffys, Mr. Selby stayed and sent Mrs. Selby to Honolulu to settle up their business and sell their home. Mr. Selby had a Ford agency in Joliet, Ill., in the 1920's, was in business in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., and then was sales manager for General Motors Export Co., New South Wales Division with headquarters in Sydney, Australia, before going to Honolulu, where he owned Selby and Selby Imports and Merchandise Brokers, operated under the authority of the Adjutant General of the Army. Mrs. Selby suffered injuries in an automobile accident upon her return to Honolulu, so Mr. Selby had to leave his North Umpqua paradise to go to her assistance and dispose of their property there. Mr. Selby has gained national prominence for his work as head of the Civil Defense program for Douglas County. He is interested in politics and both he and his wife are active in projects of their community. Mrs. Selby is one of the News-Review's well-known correspondents.



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