

## TELL OF PAUL DeBLOCK RANCH ALONG PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY

BY MINNA S. AKERS

Visiting the DeBlock ranch, on the Pacific, ten miles north-west of Brookings was a most pleasant adventure. The road to the ranch turns off Highway 101 about three miles after passing Cape Ferrelo Road. The road serving both this ranch and highway on Colgrove properly, divides about one and one half miles from 101. The road to the right is marked, "DeBlock Ranch 1 1/2 miles west."

After visiting the point overlooking the ocean we ate our sack lunches in the garden of the home. While eating, Mrs. DeBlock was the recipient of many questions.

They had a yen for a place on the coast and finally traded their fine home in Portland for the ranch in 1937.

The rustic house, and some of the outbuildings nestled among evergreen trees as the above picture shows was built in 1918 by the Hamptonstall family. A portion of the property was home-steaded around 1890 by Mr. Jefferies who was buried on the place. Parts of the original house are still visible as well as wheels of a wagon some spokes missing and iron tires lying along side. One can easily imagine that it might have carried a family westward.

Quite different was pioneering on the ranch from present conditions. No electric refrigerator stood in the kitchen as at present. When Mr. and Mrs. De Block first started housekeeping a water powered Pelton wheel furnished power for lights. The auxiliary plant is still usable. Water is plentiful; with three streams on the place. The present water supply is piped 1400 feet to the house from a cement reservoir fed by three springs.

The large beamed ceiling livingrooms has been the setting for many a good time with various celebrities and executives made at home there. The De Blocks although most hospitable let their guests do much as they pleased rather than planning a set schedule for them. It was a haven for friends from the city. From the three bedroom upstairs, Mrs. De Block retrieved an old violin that their son, Paul, had used when they lived there.

In the laundry off the kitchen a small cream separator was fastened to the drainboard. A honey extractor was visible from a pantry shelf. In the back yard we saw the hives. Hanging on the bathroom was an object that took me back to childhood days—a razor strap.

Before leaving the homesite my son Hugh helped to scatter grain for the hen that was left behind when her master and mistress moved to Brookings. Talking to Mrs. De Block later I learned that the biddie had been caught and was becoming adjusted to town life.

(To be continued)

### POTLUCK SUPPER SUNDAY TO HONOR REV. HAMILTON

A potluck supper will be held by the Catholic parishioners Sunday evening at 6 p. m. at the Star-of-Sea Recreation hall in honor of Father Thomas A. Hamilton, who is leaving the parish soon.

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Also the Elk's have decided to sponsor a bowling team, and re-

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