

## MEHAMA

BY JEAN ROBERTS

A pink and blue shower was held in the Women's club house Friday night honoring Mrs. Leila Mae Rockwell. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Wayne Smith and Mrs. Bernice Boring assisted by Mrs. Carmen McDonald. Forty eight ladies were present.

Clarence (Tiny) Goodell and Darlene Downer were married Saturday night in Vancouver, Washington. They plan to make their home in McCully Mt. in the Henry Croissant house.

Mrs. Raymond Branch visited her father last week who is convalescing at a home in Albany.

A number of people have been stricken with virus sore throat, colds, and pneumonia in this area. Latest victim who was hospitalized for a few days was a small son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kimsey with virus pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook made a trip to Portland Saturday, returning with a new automobile. Another proud owner of a new car is Fritz Amunson.

The Ridling family plans to move to California at the close of the school term. Mr. Ridling is already employed there.

An Easter egg hunt will be held at the Mehama community church Sunday immediately following Sunday school. Those wishing to donate eggs may leave them with Phyllis McCarley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ercill Wilson moved into their new house last Saturday.

### Baby Chick Buyers Warned

With the seasonal peak for taking delivery a baby chicks soon at hand, the state department of agriculture today called attention of chick buyers to the importance of taking precautions to protect their purchase against any possible appearance of Newcastle disease.

With the spring movement of chicks just around the corner he suggests that each chick buyer make himself or herself a committee of one to see that Oregon's position with respect to Newcastle continues relatively good.

To this end he suggests that it would be well for buyers (1) to get their chicks from an Oregon hatchery; (2) to take delivery of the chicks in their own cars or trucks; (3) or have them delivered in the hatchery truck. These precautions will help avoid some of the hazards of the disease.

## MILL CITY

Cpl. Bill McClintock of Fort Lawton, Washington, will arrive Saturday to spend Easter with his brother, Lee McClintock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Craig and Doris were in Newberg Saturday afternoon. Their son Martin accompanied them home to spend his spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hollyman and children were in Portland from Saturday to Tuesday visiting relatives. Mr. Hollyman attended the teacher's conference Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Goldie Regal is employed at the Porter an Lau Appliance store.

Mrs. Syd. Baughman was in Detroit Thursday afternoon to a shower in honor of Mrs. Raymond Sophy.

Mrs. John Nelson spent Monday in Portland on business.

LaVetta Powelson spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keiser at Gates.

Miss Betty Class of Salem spent the weekend at her home.

Mrs. Paul Cree and Mrs. George Cree were in Scio Sunday to visit Mrs. George Cree's mother, Mrs. Alice Burton who was celebrating her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Mattie Murdock is announcing her forthcoming marriage to Mr. George Nay of Ogden, Utah. Mrs. Murdock and her family plan to leave about the first of June and will be married June 10.

Mrs. Anna N. Swift was a Sunday dinner guest of the Lester Hathaway's.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plymale were in Eugene, Sunday, where they visited his brother, Walter, who is a patient at a Eugene hospital following surgery.

A delegate attending the Shriners convention in Portland, Wednesday evening included Mill City's mayor, Albert Toman.

Mrs. W. H. Fortune of Seattle is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Herman.

Mrs. Bertha Shepherd returned to Mill City recently after spending 10 days with her son Richard, in Junction City.

Mrs. Vivian Koenig of the county supt. office in Salem was a recent visitor at the Daisy Hendricson home.

Cpl. Bill McClintock who is stationed at Fort Lawton, Washington is spending his furlough at the home of his brother Lee and family.

## GATES

By MRS. ALBERT MILLSAP  
Mrs. Tex Allen is in Spokane, Wash., at the home of her mother. Mrs. Allen was called there by the death of her aunt, her mother's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rehan of Dallas were Saturday guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garrison. A. D. Scott and daughter, Mrs. Larry Shelton spent Friday in Salem on business and while there called on relatives.

Mrs. William Athey has been engaged to assist Mrs. Walter Brisbin in the post office until such a time as the regular assistant, Mrs. Gilbert Brosig is able to resume her duties there. Mrs. Brosig is confined to her home with a broken ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thomas and family who have occupied the former Horner home here for almost a year moved Saturday to their home east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hudson, new comers to Gates took possession of their new home, recently purchased from Harold Heath. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson will operate a self service laundry here, in a building now in the stages of completion. Ten new automatic washers to be installed, were received the last of the week.

Mrs. Paul Davis and baby daughter, Lonna Paul, were brought home from the Salem Memorial hospital Tuesday evening of last week. The baby was born Sunday, March 26th. Both mother and baby are in the best of health.

An election will be held April 14th, in the Gates Furniture store from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 p.m. to decide whether or not Gates will become an incorporated town, with all the benefits and improvements that could be realized from such a move or remain as is.

Salem guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klutke last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard.

Recent guests at the Paul Mitchell home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean from Springfield and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of Portland.

Members of the Gates Women's club are looking forward to a large crowd at the Easter dance, Saturday evening, April 8th in the local gymnasium. The profit from the dance will be added to the building fund for the club house. The Lyle Johnson orchestra from Salem will furnish the music and refreshments will be sold during the evening. There will be good music, good eats, a good floor and a good time.

Sunday guests from Salem at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saunders were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winkler.

Miss Carmen Stafford has been engaged to serve in the Gates cafe, where she has been working for the past two weeks.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughs and daughter Yvonne and Mr. Otto Wagner all from Portland. From Albany were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson.

## Construction Differs From Early Highways

"In the good old days" when Oregon started to build highways, road building was done with strong backs, short handled shovels and a combination of men and horsepower directly applied on the works. Bulldozers then were an inventor's dream. Road scrapers were "drags" hauled by horses and mules. Contractors "blew" stumps out of the right of way with black powder or dug them out with mattocks and men. Cuts were cleared and frills were made with wheelbarrows, shovels, dump wagons, slips and fresnos.

Most of the tools they used in those days are museum pieces compared with the equipment contractors employ now; the bows and arrows of early time road building battles. Today one of the primary factors a highway contractor figures on a job is the cost of the gasoline and diesel required to run the ponderous machines he uses. Back in 1913 he figured how much hay and oats he would need to keep his horses and mules pushing against their collars. And men, lots of men, ate like horses after they had been hitched to

the end of a short handled shovel for eight hours or more, so the cost of their fodder was figured in with the hay and the oats.

In those rugged and slow moving days when Oregon's road map was started crawling over the face of the state, manpower was cheap and abundant. A man and his team would put in eight hours, sometimes more, for around \$6 a day. Pick and shovel men earned about as much in eight hours as they now get in two. That was before highway construction money started growing out of gasoline but still was a product of the wayside soil, was scarcer than shovel muscle and harder to get on a highway job.

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