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Gates Women Report Mill City Couple Club Building Fund See Son Graduate

Gates — The Gates Woman's club met with Mrs. George Bailey Thursday. Mrs. Kenneth Martig conducted the business session.

Mrs. W. R. Hutcheson, chairman of the building committee reported \$47.50 had been donated by members of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce to whom the Gates women served pie and coffee at the meeting in Gates.

Net gain of \$88.76 was realized from the lunches served at the dedication of the Detroit dam. These sums will be added to the building fund.

Mrs. Hutcheson also reported the floor in the recreation room of the Community Center, under construction by the club, would be laid soon.

Mrs. Don Miley and Mrs. Dale Reynolds were awarded first prize. Mrs. W. R. Struckmeier and Mrs. Walter Brisbin, consolation in games played before refreshments. Mrs. Bailey, the hostess, was assisted by other new officers, Mrs. Martig and Mrs. Louis Brown.

The social meeting of the club will be Thursday, July 2 with Mrs. Albert Millsap. No-host dinner will be served at 1 o'clock.

The Ed Cookes of Mill City saw their son and brother, Jim, graduated from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles recently. They also witnessed his being commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooke and their daughter, Carol, drove via Reno to Los Angeles for the graduation ceremonies. Donna, the Cookes' eldest daughter, went direct by train to Los Angeles from Eugene, where she is enrolled in the University of Oregon.

While in Los Angeles the Cooke family took part in a Shoemaker family reunion. Ed Cooke and daughters returned to Mill City, Sunday night; Mrs. Cooke is still visiting in the Los Angeles area. Jim will begin his tour of duty with the Navy soon. He received a B.S. in business administration from the university under a navy scholarship.

Miss Kathleen Hartmann Betrothal Announced

Announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kathleen Hartmann, to Wm. Hoffman of Mill City, are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartmann. Mr. Hoffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hoffman of Mill City.

No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Hartmann was graduated from St. Boniface school in Sublimity this June and Mr. Hoffman was graduated from the Mill City high school.

James B. Toomb, Lyons, Receives BS Degree

Oregon State College, Corvallis — (Special)—James Bernard Toomb of Lyons was among the 1171 seniors and graduate students receiving degrees at Oregon State college's 84th annual commencement exercises June 8. He completed work in the school of engineering and industrial arts for a bachelor of science degree.

MILL CITY

A Silver Tea to help sponsor a foreign missionary will be given by the Friendship Circle assisted by the Presbyterian Women's association at the home of Mrs. D. B. Hill, Wednesday, July 1, from 2 until 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

C. E. Coville was in Mill City Wednesday on business and reported that Mrs. Coville suffered a heart attack a few days ago while they were on their way to visit Yellowstone national park. The attack was suffered while at Teton national park and they were forced to cancel their trip and return home to lower altitudes. Mrs. Coville is resting comfortably at their home in Turner.

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Miss Lynn Brown arrived Wednesday morning from her home at Fair Oaks, Calif., to spend a few days with Miss Diane Peterson visiting her friends here. Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, former residents here for a number of years. Miss Brown will return home on Saturday.

Mrs. Robert Venes is convalescing at her home after a serious illness that kept her in a Portland hospital under special treatment for several days.

Veterans Hospital Program Crippled

(The following is one of many reports to the people of Montana, made by Congressman Lee Metcalf through the columns of The People's Voice, published at Helena. Metcalf is a former Montana supreme court justice, a W. W. II veteran, and a Democrat.—Editor.)

By LEE METCALF
Congressman, 1st District, Montana

The House of Representatives is more than half-way through one of its big jobs, appropriating money to run our government for fiscal 1954, the year beginning July 1. Seven of twelve big money bills are through the House.

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If we are going to abandon the President's 11-point program of 'must' legislation, as indicated by the Republican leadership at this time, Congress may well adjourn by the end of July.

One of the appropriation bills still to come at the time this was written has brought a flood of mail into my office. It is the second section of the Independent Offices Appropriation bill, which will provide funds for the Veterans Administration.

Mail reaching me shows it is practically impossible to get a Montana veteran, suffering with a mental condition, in to a VA hospital in our area although there are such hospitals at Fort Meade, S.D.; Sheridan, Wyo.; Roseburg, Ore.; and American Lake, Wash.

No Beds Available for TB Vets

Veterans with tuberculosis are hospitalized at Walla Walla, Wash., where there is also a shortage of beds. As a result, many Montana veterans are going to the Galen State Hospital for treatment, some because it is closer to home, others because there are no beds available at a Veterans Administration hospital.

We cannot let this situation continue. It is unthinkable that this program, already inadequate, should be cut back.

But that is exactly what is happening. As part of the general economy campaign, the Administration through the Budget Bureau cut \$279 million from the so-called Truman budget for the Veterans Administration during the year beginning July 1. This reduction includes \$60 million from the \$921 million requested by President Truman for the VA medical and hospital fund.

As a result, Veterans Administration experts figure they'll have to close six or seven Veterans hospitals. They say 4,800 beds will have to be closed in addition to nearly 2,300 already held inactive because of a lack of funds.

VA officials have prepared a list of hospitals from which those to be closed may be selected. The Veterans hospital at Miles City is reported to be on that list.

24,000 Vets on Waiting Lists

It is estimated that more than 24,000 veterans, ill and disabled, are on VA hospital waiting lists. Administration leaders have been warned that under the present limitations, the VA cannot open 11 new hospitals next year without cutting back or wrecking operations in existing hospitals. The VA says the \$69 million cut (bringing the figure to nearly \$14 million less than in the budget for

this year) is too deep to be absorbed by closing a few beds or a few wards here and there.

Unless the cut is restored, the VA has two equally-bad alternatives: (1) close 4,800 beds in addition to nearly 2,300 already inactive—making a total more than 7,000, or (2) continue to operate existing hospitals at their present inadequate level and fail to open any of the 11 new hospitals (which have cost us \$136 million plus expensive equipment) scheduled to be completed within the next year.

As Lewis Gough, national commander of the American Legion, is said to have told President Eisenhower: "It is incredible that anybody would suggest breaking faith with the nation's disabled defenders at a time when battle casualties are still mounting."



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