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**LOCALS**  
Mrs. Tom Phillips (Frances Ward) of Superior, Mont., was recuperating from recent surgery at the home of her parents, the Al Wards, so was here at the time of her father's sudden passing Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William McClintock and Patty spent the weekend in Portland with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClintock and family. Mark McClintock spent the weekend with Billy Gabriel at Gates. Sue McClintock spent the weekend with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cree.

In town to look after property and make a few short calls Sunday was Mrs. Don Goode of Eugene, who was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Miller of Sublimity. Mrs. Goode has decided to rent the place of her father, the late Edmund Bertman, to her late husband's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Edwards (Vance Goode) and small son recently of Bremerton, Wn. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards of Gates. Mrs. Goode has been helping in the care of her 3-months-old granddaughter, DiDi Ann Howard, whose mother, Mrs. Don Howard (Marylee Goode), has been hospitalized with asthma and bronchitis, but is at home recuperating at present.

The annual meeting of the Willamette Council of Camp Fire Girls was held January 19 at a Salem restaurant. Representing the Canyon area were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dryan and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Urban of the Canyon Leaders Association. Also attending was Mrs. Don Carlson who represented the Mill City Woman's club, who sponsor the Camp Fire and Bluebird girls in the area.

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By Milt Guymon

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Nonetheless, the statement is true and it is in the winter time that the bulk of the many, many millions of rabbits are taken by the nation's outdoorsmen. Winter is the preferred harvest time simply because in most areas snow mantles the landscape, which makes it much easier to find and track down this fine little game animal. Rabbits are also usually in their best health during the colder months and generally free of disease and parasites.

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Paul Freeman left Friday afternoon for Portland where he attended the Northwest District Christian Youth Fellowship at the Mallory Avenue Christian church. He returned to his home Saturday night.

Esther and Earnest Freeman from Eugene spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman. They returned to Eugene early Sunday morning. They came home to attend Installation ceremonies for the Rainbow Girls when their cousin, Nancy Lalack was installed as Worthy Advisor.

Paul Cree returned to his home Friday afternoon after spending 3 weeks at the Salem Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Tom Phillips from Superior, Montana underwent major surgery at a Salem Hospital last Wednesday. She returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Ward Sunday.

Mrs. Allen Tuers underwent surgery in a Salem Hospital last week and has returned to her home.

Mrs. Terry Coryell from Beaverton spent Tuesday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lake.

Mrs. Charles Golden honored her daughter, Debbie, Saturday afternoon on her 9th birthday anniversary by having a party for her at a Stayton Ice Cream Parlor. Attending were Debbie and her teacher, Mrs. Doris Williams, Lori Holman and Tonya Porter and her mother, Mrs. Charles Golden.

Mrs. Troy Wambaugh (Mildred Rogers) of Hubbard, visited from Tuesday until Friday of last week here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rogers. Saturday visitors at the Rogers home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sugardson and Mrs. Edna Brash, a cousin of Mrs. Rogers, all of Salem.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith (Paula Jane Grant) at the Salem General Hospital Saturday, January 30. Mrs. Smith has three older sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boedigher of Stayton are announcing the birth of a daughter born January 21 at Santiam Memorial Hospital. The little girl weighed 6 pounds and has been named Margaret Ann. The Boedighers have three other children, Raymond, Todd and Jody. Mrs. Boedigher will be remembered as the former Elnora Albright formerly of Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith are announcing the birth of a son born on January 30 at Salem General Hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and as yet hasn't been named. The baby has three brothers, Tony, Dale and Jerry. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Cox of Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Youmans were visited last week by their son-in-law, Jim Lyon, Rosemead, Calif., who was in the area on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nollette and son of Klamath Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Verret and sons of Newberg were Saturday overnight guests of the Clyde Morgans. They were here to attend the Morgans daughter's wedding reception.

Receiving felicitations on the birth of twins, born Friday, January 1, are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alan King of Gresham. The twins, a boy and girl, are the couples first. Grandmother is Mrs. Chris Barker of Mill City.

The Al Glover home was the scene of an elegant buffet dinner and bridge party Saturday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hovey on their 17th wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Dick Parker on her birthday anniversary. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ohmart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gruber, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hovey and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Parker of Albany.

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targets with 22 rifles. If you learn to hit the bouncing bunnies running at flat-out speed, you won't have much difficulty downing a running deer or elk.

You will find the rabbits excellent eating also. In our family we prefer to cut in pieces, season, roll in flour or batter, and either deep fry or brown and slowly simmer, much in the manner of fried chicken. If your specialty is more on the gourmet style, we suggest basting with wine, lemon butter sauce, or the many other fine seasonings available. And don't throw away the drippings. Rabbit gravy over creamy mashed potatoes is something to talk about.

If you've never hunted rabbits you are missing out on some fine winter sport, especially if snow covers the ground. There is nothing more exhilarating than to track down the bunnies on a cold, crisp winter day. Rabbits travel much more extensively in search of food during winter than they do in summer and will leave their telltale tracks and trails in the snow all through their living territory. Find the tracks and at the end of that trail will be a rabbit.

One important point to remember about rabbits—the creatures are cyclic and you might find an abundance one winter and a scarcity the next. Even during the low cycle period, though, hunters can generally find enough rabbits to make the hunt challenging and interesting.

Jacks prefer the more open country, so look for them out on sage-covered flats and rolling hills. Brushy creek bottoms, shrubby dry washes, ravines, and jumbled rimrock areas are favored haunts of the Oregon cottontail. Look for them also around agricultural lands, especially if adjacent escape areas are shrub covered and cut with washes. The big snowshoe is seldom found in large concentrations although population abundance will be higher in preferred areas. Find these preferred timbered mountain slopes and flats and you can generally find the big hares in singles, twos, and threes scattered all through the area. The snowshoe changes color with the season depending on the persistence of snow. As a result, you might find him a mottled brown and white in the Coast Range to all white in heavy

snow areas such as the Cascade, Blue and Willowa mountains.

The brush rabbit of western Oregon poses quite a problem. As its name implies, this cottontail is a brushland dweller, preferring the shrubby, brambly draws and slopes from low elevations to the higher slopes of the Coast Range. He is extremely difficult to flush from such dense cover. Most hunters who work the west side regularly do so with good rabbit dogs such as the Bassets, Beagles, or other flushing and trailing dogs. When snow covers the ground, though, hunters without dogs can enjoy some fine sport. Look for tracks and trails, then kick around in the dense weed and bramble patches in which the trails lead.

Here's a point about rabbit hunting you might remember. Both the jack and cottontail have a habit of zigzagging at full speed for short distances, then stop abruptly to get a better look at the danger source or if they feel the danger is past. A shrill whistle often causes them to come to a quick stop.

Most firearms used for rabbit hunting are the 22 rifles and shotguns in the smaller gauges such as the 410 and 20 gauges. Archers also enjoy great sport with their longbows and arrows tipped for small game.

**Community Calendar of Events**

**Thursday, February 4—**  
Jaycees meet at Jaycee hall at 8 p. m.

Mill City Garden club at the home of Mrs. William McClintock at 8 p. m.

F. O. E. No. 3384 Aerie meeting. Auxiliary officers meeting at 8 p. m.

**Monday, February 8—**  
Mill City Lions Club dinner meeting at the Sportsmen's Country Kitchen at 6:30 p. m.

Marilyn Chapter No. 145 OES meets at hall at 8 p. m. All OES invited. Masons will be honored.

**Tuesday, February 9—**  
Steering Committee meeting Eagle Lodge hall 8 p. m. Jaycees meet at the home of Diane Moore, 8 p. m.

**Wednesday, February 10—**  
Order of Rainbow for Girls at Hall at 7:30 p. m. City Council meets at City Hall at 8 p. m.

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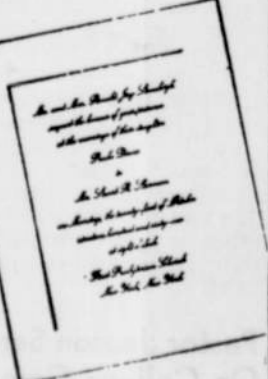
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