

GATES

By Betty Kelle

Charlie and Lucille Tucker went to Portland last Monday to meet the train that brought their daughter, Betty Bourgart and grandson Mark from Clarion, Iowa. They plan on about a month's visit with Betty's husband, Charles, to join them here about July 1. On Saturday, the whole group took a ride to Central Oregon where they visited the ice caves and just enjoyed the ride. Sunday Betty and Mark joined friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas of Albany, for a drive to the coast.

Floyd and Laurel Johnson were joined by the Jerry Hudgins of Salem, the Jim Cuthberts of Woodburn, Sherry Hudgin's friend, Mary and Mr.

and Mrs. Roger Nelson for a Father's Day picnic at Paradise Park in Salem. Later in the day, they retired to the Hudgins home to open the gifts.

The Johnson's 14-year-old grandson, Jimmy Cuthbert, is spending about a month here with his grandparents and is hoping he can pick up a little yard work during the time.

Joanne Myers and daughter, Priscilla flew up from Arbuckle, Ca., Saturday to attend the wedding of her niece, June Kennedy. They had to return home on Sunday after staying overnight at the Frank Baechler home. Frank's two sisters, Loretta Miller of Escondido, Ca., and Alice Saland of Woodland Heights, Ca., were met at the Portland airport by the Ken Harrisons

and brought up to the Baechlers where they will visit until Wednesday. They came for the wedding.

A dinner reception was held at the Gates Community clubhouse Saturday evening in honor of the newlyweds, Larry and June (Kennedy) Lietz. Attending were many family members who had arrived for the wedding and other close friends of the young couple. Bill and Maxine Wright of Bend and Odie and Jan Walters of Terrebonne, who arrived for the wedding and reception, stayed overnight at the Baechler home.

I really appreciate the calls from all of you with news but some may not be aware that to get it in the current week's news I have to receive the news by Monday so I can get it in Monday's mail.

An impromptu family barbecue was held at the new home of Skip and Kathy Meader as sort of a surprise housewarming on Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, as a birthday celebration for Chris, Toni Thomas took her and David Davis, Craig Humes and Russell Goffin to Cottage Grove where they visited the train museum and train station. From Village Green they took a train ride on a real working train. On their way home they had dinner and arrived back at Gates about 7.

Saturday, Walt and Toni Thomas and Chris went to Portland where they picked up Jessie Adams and continued on to Underwood, Wn., where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frazier. They were joined at the Fraziers by Walt's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Donaldson of Seattle. The adults attended a class reunion of Columbia Union High school held at White Salmon. The reunion was for classes up to 1935. The oldest one attending was from the class of 1903, and that is quite awhile ago.

Paul and Maxine Hagen have really had a family get-together this week. It is the first time in five years they have had all five of their children home at once. Besides Lauren and Paulann, who still live at home, James, a 1968 graduate of Santiam, arrived home last Monday from Virginia where he is serving aboard the USS Trenton. He will be home until after July 4. S/Sgt. Michael Hagen and wife and two daughters arrived last Thursday from their home in San Bernardino, Ca., where Mike is a recruiter for the U. S. Marine Corp. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hagen and Bert and Valsetz were here over the weekend. That is what is known as a full house.

Attending the Kennedy-Lietz wedding in Salem from Gates were Terry and Delores Drake, Ken and Sharon Harrison and three children, Carol Woods, and Betty Kelle.

How many of you knew we have quite a rabbit farm in

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

BUILDERS, LANDSCAPERS, REPAIRMEN REGISTERING UNDER NEW OREGON LAWS

Oregon homebuilders and their subcontractors are taking a big step toward protecting themselves and their customers when the state's new Contractor's Registration Act goes into effect July 1.

Passed by the 1971 Legislature, the new law is one that has been before Oregon's lawmakers on many occasions and its passage last year probably was influenced by the so-called consumer protection movement. However, as was the case with similar regulatory laws enacted in 1971, the Contractor's law provides as many benefits for home builders as it does for those who buy and live in the homes they erect.

Supported strongly by the Oregon Home Builders Association and Associated General Contractors, the new law requires registration with the newly created Oregon Builders Board by home builders, remodelers and building subcontractors who work on single family residences and small apartment structures. Essentially, the law requires proof of responsibility from all people contracting for pay in construction, demolition, moving, repair and remodeling work on residential structures less than three stories high and containing less than 4,000 square feet of floor space.

Builders and sub-contractors who do not register will be unable to submit legal bids or do any work on contracts or obtain building permits from cities and counties.

Some 34 states have similar laws, which protect the homeowner and ethical builders from tactics of unethical fly-by-nighters.

The act requires home builders to post surety bonds of \$3,000 and sub-contractors bonds of \$1,000 to insure protection for consumers, taxing authorities and suppliers of material and equipment.

Applicants also must show proof their businesses are properly registered for industrial accident insurance, employment and income taxes and liability insurance. Minimum requirements for the latter are \$25,000 for property damage, \$50,000 for injury or death to one person and \$100,000 for injury or death to more than one person.

Annual fee for the home builders is \$20 and \$10 for sub-contractors. Application forms are available from the Builders Board, 204 Commerce Bldg., Salem, 97310, and from Department of Commerce field offices in Pendleton, Coos Bay, Medford, Portland and Eugene. Other local permit-writing agencies also have registration applications and banks, savings and loan companies and building industry trade associations can help provide information regarding filling out registration forms.

Deadline for registration is little more than two weeks away and the Builders Board in Salem reports slightly more than 500 builders and contractors registered so far. Estimates place the number of potential registrants at about 7,500.

Although penalties for failure to register are severe, few people close to the Board view the small number of early registrants with alarm. They point out the procedure is a new one, it is fairly complicated and this is an especially busy time for builders.

Nonetheless, Builders Board Chairman William R. Lamb is reminding people in the industry that they must register on time or risk going out of business after July 1. Unregistered builders cannot bring

suit for either compensation or breach of contract under terms of the act.

An Attorney General's informal opinion indicates subcontractors include almost anyone who performs work on portions of the home attached to the structure and not subject to removal upon sale. Excluded are decorative shutters, venetian blinds, draperies and removable appliances. Interior designers contracting for materials installed must register, however.

The Contractor's law is one of several currently making life interesting for employees of the Department of Commerce. Another requires licensing of radio and television repairmen.

In effect since last July, some 1,500 electronic repair technicians already are licensed, along with more than 900 repair shops. Passage of a certified electronics technician's test is required.

Landscape contractors are involved in a similar law passed by the last legislative session. They have been registering with the Department of Commerce since January, although only 150 of an estimated 300 so far have signed up. Involved are landscape contractors grossing \$5,000 or more a year and registration fees range from \$15 minimum to as much as \$300, depending on volume. Those who have registered so far are registered for six months and re-registration effective July 1 will be for a one-year period. An examination for landscape contractors also has been accepted and everyone qualifying in the business must pass it by 1974.

The Department also has announced construction standards for mobile homes and recreation vehicles effective on May 1. Involved are some 42 makers of mobile homes and 193 recreation vehicle manufacturers.

If not already in compliance, persons involved in home building, sub-contracting, landscaping, radio-television repair and mobile home and recreation vehicle manufacture are urged to contact the Department of Commerce in Salem.

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the area? It is owned and run by Anson and Luella Kimsey on the Linn County side of the river, across the road from the school house at Gates on what was the Ozzie Hirte property. The Kimseys have lived there about a year and had rabbits about eight months. They have about 225 does and keep about 1,200 young at all times.

On June 10, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Geston went to Castle Rock, Wn., to attend the wedding of his niece's boy, Ray Lowe. They visited and stayed overnight at the home of a sister-in-law in Milwaukie coming home on Sunday.

Mrs. Goodwin, who has been in a Salem hospital after breaking a hip, is now at Silver Springs Rest Home in Silverton where she is getting along quite well.



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