

# Klamath Falls "Main Street Grandfathers"

No Rockin' Chairs Here!!



— Photos by Miller-Brumbaugh

**SHIVE** . . . shown with his grandsons, the Bechen Boys, William Shive, 16; Hearby Bergh and John Thomas, 13; has somewhat of a record as a "Mainstreeter." He came here in 1902 and worked in the Duffy Company Store, in which his father had bought an interest. After this ending part of his career, he was county clerk and in the sheriff's office, (still on Main Street). One month after the American National Bank at 6th and Main was organized about 32 years ago, he joined the staff and has been with the same basic organization ever since. The bank was sold out to the United States Bank of Portland, but the personnel remained the same and went to the new location at 8th and Main. There is no doubt if there are very many other "Mainstreeters," who can claim over 51 continuous years on Main Street. Shive's daughter, Helen and her husband Hearby Bechen are parents of Bill, Berghie and Johnny. The boys spend a lot of their time with their grandfather and grandmother Shive at their home 434 Main Street.



**ROBERT (BOB) SPROAT SR.** . . . with his 10 year old grandson, William Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Sproat. Young Bill and his dad are skiing at Sun Valley. Fifty years ago Bob Sproat got his first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, when he and his parents and brothers and sisters docked at New York. They went directly to Idaho, where an older brother had preceded them. The entire family settled there with the exception of a sister, still living in their native Scotland. Bob Sproat has been on Main Street here since 1927. First Klamath Furniture store, owned and operated by the Sproats, was in the Evans Apartment building where the gas company is now. Then they moved to the ground now of Your Store, next to the Klamath Flower Shop's old location. They had a warehouse and used furniture store in the present quarters of the Herald and News, moving to where Hatters is now, after the Herald and News bought the Esplanade and Pine Street location. In 1941 they moved to the Willard Hotel Building where they have both display and warehouse space. Main Street has for years responded heartily to Bob's cheery "Hi neighbor!" Away from business hours he and his wife Ada relax from Main Street activity at their home, 501 Laguna.

## SOCIETY

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### Here From Hawaii



"NOW!!" is not what Mrs. Neal Stewart is saying, amid a group of many friends who greeted her at the airport Sunday. "Aloha!" is the word — fresh-from-the-islands expressed by erstwhile resident of Klamath Falls, formerly on the Herald and News Staff. Mrs. Stewart shows with Mrs. Walter H. Beane, (left), Lane Warren, Mrs. Burge Mason Jr., (back of Mrs. Stewart); Mrs. Charles Low, Mrs. Stewart's sister from Salem; and Mrs. A. O. Rasmussen, far right, in front of daughter Ruth. — Photo by Guderman



**"POLYNESIAN POST"** . . . is draped on Mrs. Burge Mason Jr., as one of three, who engineered the successful "welcome home" no-host luncheon in the Polician Party Room, Monday, March 16, for Mrs. Neal Stewart, Honolulu. Presented by Mrs. Stewart, the maunaloa orchid lei is one of the exotic and ornamental wreaths brought from the islands by the guest of honor. Personally selected leis are also worn by Mrs. A. O. Rasmussen, far left, and Mrs. Lane Warren, who, with Mrs. Mason formed the triumvirate (THAT'S IT!) — Photo by Kettner

**"HAWAIIAN COLLAR"** . . . of miscellaneous items of merchandise, "coming across hands" (in Klamath Falls) . . . is worn by Mrs. Burge Mason Jr. after a half-month's vacation from Honolulu. She also received a lei from Lane Warren, left; and Burge Mason Jr., of the "Hawaiian Collar" . . . — Photo by Guderman