

# AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Last Sunday morning I invested in my first "slaves." Soon I expect my three slaves, Ron Farrar, Lela Breidenbach, and Ron Young to work miracles around our plantation. I only wish I could have purchased more of their time than I did.

The first U.M.Y.F. (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) slave auction was very successful. I felt the muscles of two of my purchases before they were put on the auction block by auctioneer Steve Tollefson and also made sure they each had the talents I need just now.

Ron F. is going to put in his hours doing artistic aid at the library; he seems like a high-class, educated, house slave. Lela and Ron Y., although also educated slaves, are going to have to do field work, like clean out our overgrown garden after the first frost.

Other slave buyers quizzed the dozen or more prospective purchases about their abilities to wash windows, to clip iris, to move furniture, to wash cars, or to help with painting and other miscellaneous chores. All of the auctioned humans seemed willing and eager to sell part of their time now to gain funds for future group fun.

The slave bringing the highest price per hour on the auction block was a beautiful wench named Vicki Tollefson. Her white sons and husband pooled their resources to buy her high-priced time as they seemed convinced that she has many talents.

As always, this time in September sees extra activity in college towns across the country. Several families here are packing off younger members in various directions.

I happened to get to the Carl Spaulding home on Sunday afternoon just as Bette and Janie were carrying out hanging plants and other essentials for Jan's room at E.O.C. in La Grande.

I asked Carl if they would be pulling a U-Haul, and when they would hook on the horse trailer? That mean father said his daughter, Rodeo Princess Jan, didn't need her horse at college, "at least not this first semester."

I recall how Corvallis always really comes alive when the thousands of students return to O.S.U. each fall. There is always a traffic jam on that weekend and quite a few bewildered, soon to be lonesome, parents driving around with loaded cars and bright-eyed freshmen.

Last Friday I decided to just take a look-in at the several advertised yard sales here. All I bought was an exerciser bicycle and two small tables, but they just wouldn't fit into the Datsun and had to make a second trip with a bigger rig to haul them home.

When I went to the hospital to tell Bill about my purchases and promise that the exerciser bike would make him stronger and me slimmer, he said, absolutely correctly, "You shouldn't be buying at garage sales, you should be having one."

In my many visits to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital this week, I have learned a few things. I know that the entire staff there works hard to make the patients as comfortable as possible. I got proof that the kitchen crew does a great job with nutritious, attractive, diversified meals. After the V.I.P. treatment that Dietary Supervisor Evelyn Sweek gives patients, I am afraid Bill won't like my plain cooking anymore.

Although I have yet to spend some time there as a patient, I am so grateful that we have such a dandy hospital here and that Bill can be treated there instead of needing to go farther away.

However, I also learned that staying at home when ill is better than it used to be. Sheridan Wyman Tarnasky, the Tri-County Home Health Agency Director, came to our home so quickly after being called, and was so efficient and pleasant and so eager to be helpful.

Nevertheless, I believe that Heppner can use a larger hospital and more good medical personnel, although Sheridan is a pretty good argument for keeping family members at home whenever possible. One criticism I have of her agency is that it needs more equipment to loan or rent to home patients.

## School theme used by club

"School Days" was the theme for the September meeting of the Heppner Christian Business and Professional Womens Club held Monday, Sept. 12.

The feature presentation was given by Jan Peterson, a senior at Ione High School, who gave an informative demonstration on the many uses of scarves. Louise Kinch of Washuena, Wash., was the guest speaker and Judith Paine was soloist.

The October meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elks Lodge. The theme for the evening meeting is "Autumn

Leaves" and a sandwich loaf will be served. Featured will be Fall Flower Arrangements and special music will be provided by Chuck Nelson. Susan Thorn, of Condon, will be the guest speaker.

All ladies are welcome to attend and reservations can be made by calling Valerie Cooley at 676-5140 before Saturday noon. Nursery service is available by calling Joyce Hughes at 989-8412.

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### Elks Calendar

<b>Thursday, Sept. 29</b> Hunters Night Stew Dinner, 6 p.m., \$2.	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b> Senior Citizens, 4:30
<b>Friday, Sept. 30</b> Happy Hour, 5 - 7	<b>Wednesday, Oct. 5</b> Senior Citizens, 4:30 Pinochle, 7:30
<b>Saturday, Oct. 1</b> Dance, 9 - ? "Music of the 50's" by Ron Palmateer Fun Prizes	<b>Thursday, Oct. 6</b> Ladies Night Dinner, 6 p.m. Reg. Lodge, 8 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy  
...60th Anniversary

## 60 wedded years celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr., of Pomeroy, Wash., hosted an open house on Saturday, September 24, in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of their great grandparents Della and Harlan McCurdy.

The couple's daughter, Mickey Gilman, was unable to attend the family gathering.

The occasion was celebrated in the Church Street apartment here where Della and Harlan have lived the past four years. Both are Morrow County pioneers, offspring of very early settlers.

Long-time friend Fay Ferguson, Hermiston, and granddaughter Dianne Moyer, Lolo, Montana, cut and served the cake. Ella Smith poured

coffee and tea, and the couple's granddaughter Karen Dubuque and great granddaughter Randine Moyer served punch. Great granddaughter Cyndi Moyer presided at the guest book.

A special guest was Margaret Blake who was Della's attendant at the wedding in Ione on Sept. 16, 1917. During the afternoon, Della's brother, Tom Davidson, called from Hemet, Calif., to offer congratulations. He was the couple's best man.

Many of the McCurdy's friends from Ione, Pendleton and Heppner and surrounding areas dropped in during the afternoon to extend best wishes to the honored couple and their three-generation families.

## Builder's daughters visit

On Monday, September 26, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joseph, Oakland, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Radder, Albany, Cal., spent several hours in the county museum visiting with Mrs. Harnett. Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Radder are daughters of Louis Monasterelli who built Heppner's outstanding stone buildings.

After the visiting couples left the museum, they went to the courthouse to again admire that well-preserved, historic building. It was built by the ladies' father in 1902 at a cost of \$4,990.10 and the county offices have been located there since that year.

Louis Monasterelli also built the Roberts Building (now Murray's) and the I.O.O.F. Hall. They were completed the year before he built the courthouse. The

builder suffered a most untimely death in 1903 at the age of 35.

The stone for the three buildings came from the Balm Fork area south of town about three miles. It was quarried

## Heppner Happenings

Robert E. Kelly, Pendleton, has been promoted to manager of Transamerica Title Insurance Co., Umatilla County branch.

Kelly joined the company in May after four years with the Pendleton branch of the First

National Bank of Oregon. He was graduated from Umatilla High School in 1965, and received an associate degree in accounting and general business from Blue Mountain Community College in 1969.

Until his promotion, Kelly was assistant manager of Umatilla County for Transamerica.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Portland, are both former Heppner residents. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lena Kelly, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Burnside, Hermiston.

### Kinzua news

• Barbara Pike • 768-2861

Virginia Kelso went to Priveville Friday to visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Dan Bell and children. Saturday the group went to Portland where they took care of some business and attended the circus.

Raymond and Deena Reid and daughters were accompanied by Debbie McRoberts when they went to Hermiston for the weekend. The Reids enjoyed visiting with Deena's sister and family, Pete and Shirley Peterson and children.

Earl and Carol Norris went to Bend Saturday to take care of some business.

Nina Castles went to Hermiston Saturday to spend the weekend fishing with Ted and Dorothy Maltix. They landed one sturgeon, however it fell a little short of three feet in length and had to be thrown back, I'm sure it's better than catching nothing but I'll bet it's frustrating. Maybe they'll have better luck next time.

Vic and Marty Wallis and children went to Monument Sunday to visit former Kinzua resident Marlene Benson.

Jack and Margie Ball were in The Dalles Saturday on business.

### Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

The Kenneth Howard home was the setting for a lovely cradle shower honoring Mrs. George (Donna) Schmittle recently. The rooms were decorated in the proper motif. Games were played with Venice Hendrickson and Elsie Fox winning prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostesses Maureen Davis and Carolyn Howard. The cake was a flat creation adorned with miniature pastel candy figurines of things a baby uses.

Frank Robinson has returned to his home from a stay in Kadlac Hospital in Richland. Lyle Cox is a patient in St. Anthony's in Pendleton. Kammie Papineau was hurt while riding horseback Sunday and was taken to pioneer memorial Hospital where she is suffering from serious

injuries. Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger were Portland visitors for a couple days this week.

Don't forget the Rebekah Assembly Presidents' visit at Holly Hall on Thursday evening and the District meeting at San Souci Hall Friday, starting with registration at noon. This is the Presidents official visit for the district.

Gladys Van Winkle and Betty Christian were among those attending school cook activities in Eugene during the weekend.

## FFA speech contest tonight

The Heppner FFA Creed Speaking Contest will be held September 29 in the high school cafeteria.

The top five beginners will compete and the winner will be awarded an FFA jacket and will advance to the District Contest at Pendleton on October 6.

The chapter will also be holding a meeting after the contest to allow members to describe the calendar of activities to the parents. All parents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Dean Gilman states the ranch is very popular during the various hunting seasons

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