

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

It seems as if the Romans, or the Pilgrims or our other calendar makers and holiday date setters didn't confer carefully with our weather departments—because we find travel precarious at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day—in our part of the globe.

My first traveling in over six months, other than for medical care for my husband, was a lovely visit to my daughter's home near Cheney, Wash. Those kind, helpful friends, Eleanor and Ed Gonty, took me and many bundles across the Columbia and northeasterly through Washington's expanses into the snow-laden pine forest where the Chenhalls have constructed their "core" home.

After a three-night stay, lots of visiting, too much eating, gift exchanging and a great tramp through the beautiful woods, my older son Ross and Bill's daughter Karla and her beau brought me home on Sunday via the long way. I requested the Colfax, Dayton, Walla Walla, M-F, Pendleton route so that we could stop by a few family and friends' homes.

We discovered that Christmas Day visiting was not too successful for us—we had not planned ahead and found that at three places where we stopped the families were not at home.

So we four got back to Heppner in time for a nice evening by the home fireside. On Monday morning my three young companions took off to again cross Washington State, now in a northwesterly direction, for their Bremerton and Port Orchard homes.

As I found time to reflect on old 1977, I felt compelled to try to recall a poem I enjoy. I think its lines go about like this:

A brand new year, a fresh new start,
An urge to improve, straight from the heart.
A fresh new page on which each day
Will chart progress along life's uncertain way.

As the old year ebbs and its hours run out—
Its pages are filled with hopes and doubt.

Now I shall plunge on with widened scope
To new problems and joys with which to cope.

Let's go back to a few calendar facts. Simple research reveals that January is named for Janus, a Roman god. According to legend, Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar, about 700 B.C. He gave the month 30 days. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar added a day and made January the first month.

The Norsemen named this time of the year for Thor, their god of thunder and storms. The Anglo-Saxons called it Wolfmonth because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

In the northern half of the world, January is often the coldest month of the year. Nature is quiet. The birds travel less, and many animals, such as bears and woodchucks, sleep both day and night. Plants rest in preparation for the next growing season.

In the southern half of the world, January is usually the warmest month. Plant life is growing and animals are active. Most of the world celebrates January 1 as New Year's Day. On January 6, the 12th day and 12th night after Christmas, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Eastern Orthodox, and other Christian churches celebrate the Epiphany (the coming of the Wise Men). The Twelfth Night is sometimes called Little Christmas and is a time for giving presents.

About the middle of January, the Hindus celebrate Makara Sankranti, a great bathing festival. They try, if they can, to bathe in the sacred Ganges River, if possible, at the city of Allahabad, where the Ganges and the Jumna rivers meet.

January 19 is a legal holiday in many southern states in honor of the birthday of the great Confederate Robert E. Lee. I hope, that as the year passes, all of you recall these four famous lines by Alfred, Lord Tennyson:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

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Former Queen's Guard visits from England

By Elane Blanchet

It's not often that Heppner hosts a guest who has frequently been in close proximity to the royal family of England. Shaun McCamley, a young Englishman who was a member of the elite Queen's Guard for 6½ years, can claim that distinction and is presently visiting the Marshall Lovgrens with their daughter Marsha, an American Embassy employee in London.

Shaun and Marsha flew into New York City four weeks

ago, enjoying a leisurely trip across southern United States by Greyhound before arriving in Heppner a week ago.

"We saw everything that we wanted to see, Shaun commented, "except Las Vegas." Highlights of the trip included the Empire State Building and Statue of Liberty in New York City; The French Quarter in New Orleans; the Astro Dome in Houston, Texas; the Grand Canyon; Jaurez, Mexico; and San Diego. Shaun said he especially enjoyed a day in Disneyland and a visit to Carmel, California.

The pair rented a car in California and Shaun commented, "It took me awhile to learn to drive on the wrong side of the road." He said it also took time to get used to a 55 mile an hour speed limit as compared to 70 mph in England and calling petrol, "gas". He was also surprised at the cheap price of gasoline—it's \$1.50 per gallon in England.

Shaun made his first visit to the United States in a more official capacity—he was a member of the Queen's Guard that accompanied the Queen of England to Washington, D.C. during her bi-centennial visit.

A musician, Shaun played trumpet in one of the five regimental bands in the Guards at big official dinners, in hotels, for radio, at concerts throughout England and Europe, at Buckingham Palace banquets, for television and records. He said this past year, celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee, was especially hectic. He worked seven days a week, putting in sometimes 16 or 17 hours a day.

The Guards often serve as ambassadors to other countries or visitors to England and Shaun commented, "People take note of what you do, so you always have to be on your best behavior."

In addition to his position with the Queen's Guards, Shaun also "free-lanced", playing trumpet occasionally with a pit orchestra and also with a rock-and-roll group called "The Pretty Things".

Shaun left the Guards in August and said he is enjoying a well-earned rest. He hopes to stay in the music business and maybe go into the production and recording end.

Both Shaun and Marsha have been enjoying a new activity

in London the last few months, taking scuba diving lessons which both describe as being "very rigorous".

They said the present inflation rate in England is 17 per cent a month and still climbing. Food is more expensive, the income lower and clothes generally cheaper than the United States, with the exception of Levis which sell for \$40.

Shaun and Marsha will return to London from Seattle on Jan. 3, where Marsha plans to work at the American Embassy for another two years and Shaun hopes to pursue his music career.

Vida Heliker improves

Word has been received by Ione correspondent Eva Hamlett that Mrs. Vida Heliker is slightly improved from her recent illness. She has been moved from the hospital to Burien Terrace Nursing Home at 1031 S.W. 1030th, Seattle

Wash. 98146.

Mrs. Heliker and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Busby would like to thank everyone for the get-well and Christmas cards sent to Mrs. Heliker and hope they continue as she enjoys them so much.

Crawfords to be honored

A reception honoring newly-wed Sam and Helen Crawford will be hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary in the United Church of Christ social room in Ione on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

No gifts please.

AAUW to discuss influential county women

The American Association of University Women will hold its first meeting of 1978 on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. in the home of Nancy Hoecker next to Court Street Market. Featured speaker Cindy Hilden of Pendleton will give a

brief account of the Women's Conference held in Houston, Texas, followed by a question and answer period.

Laura Broderick, in charge of "Women as Agents of Change" study topic, request that each member decide whom she feels is the most

influential woman in a public position in south Morrow County and be prepared to discuss this subject at the

meeting. Pat Edmundson will complete Mary Pat Lande's term as first vice-president.

Christian Women to meet Jan. 2

The Heppner Christian Business and Professional Women's Club will meet Monday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School Cafeteria.

The guest speaker for the dessert meeting will be Mrs. Bob Berger from The Dalles. Mrs. Berger and her family

are former residents of the Boardman area.

Mary Nikander will give a demonstration on china painting.

For reservations call Val Cooley 676-5140 or Charlotte Botts 676-5089. Baby sitting services are available by calling Joyce Hughes 989-8412.

Shutle Flat line removed by CBEC

Co-op crews have completed a line project in the Shutle Flat area.

Four and a half miles of primary line, from eight mile canyon east toward the Eubanks ranch and on over toward Chem Nuclear, have been removed as a result of use of an alternate feed from the Olex Substation.

In addition, the lines serving Ken Walters and the Larry Eubanks residence in the Shutle Flat area were rebuilt from 7.2 to 14.4 KV construction. Also, a mile of line west

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