

# AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Right now, happiness is a few days when we don't need to scrape ice off our cars' windshields and windows and when we have given up driving around with those bumpy, noisy tire chains.

I feel very lucky, so far, because the freezing hasn't hurt me too badly. Our city police kindly transported me some during the worst days and evenings and only one piece of equipment froze.

The freezing didn't happen because of the weather—and it really isn't something owned personally. The pop dispenser at the laundromat froze solid—apparently something malfunctioned within it. When I noticed that it wasn't working and found frozen and breaking bottles in it, I called the bottling company and their salesman checked it out and unplugged it last Thursday. The thawing, dripping pop from the broken bottles has been a wet, sticky mess that has taken lots of mopping up. Sure hope they come fix it or replace it soon.

I hear that the Les Schwab manager Robb Rush and his wife, Gayle, got to go to personally watch the great Blazers last weekend. I get so exhilarated just watching Walton, Lucas, Twardzik and Co. on T.V. I don't know if I could stand the excitement of being in the coliseum with them.

Ah! Our new G-T-T-V section is very helpful—but I am confused and disappointed regarding my own favorite network, P.B.S. I finally located it on Ch. 12 (not 5 or 10), but get a weak picture and no sound. Fudge! And this week a fine special on Dr. L.S.B. Leakey, the noted anthropologist, comes there.

The cable company's chief executive here and a few others have heard me grumble about the treatment of P.B.S.—but they say I am one of very few here who cares about Washington Week and Wall Street Week and the Masterpiece Theater. I wish I conformed better to the community's standard and could take all those repetitive commercials on the other three channels—but I claim I really know where the best T.V. is—or was.

It has been so interesting to hear a few comments (feedback) on my last week's column about vandalism. Some said "O.K."; a few "Too soft"; several "Why didn't you mention the terrible damage being done in our school buildings?" I was asked why the paper doesn't publish the names of juvenile vandals.

Our Police Chief tells me that a state law stopped the publication of the names of juveniles committing crimes. However, I do think we should publish the names of young adults that often abet the juveniles. Publication usually hurts the parents worse than the kids—but in some cases perhaps both may need to be hurt some.

A recent news item from California says that one school district there has cut down on vandalism by paying youthful informers for information about who the property wreckers are. The district officials claim that this pay-for-squealing policy has saved money by cutting down on property damage. What do you think of that? I am not too sure that is the way to go, but I do know that usually pupils are well aware of what other schoolmates are doing.

Several of us who got new cameras recently are surely having fun learning how to take pictures. The new instant Kodak that Karla gave me is the greatest toy I have had in years.

My good friend Robert Henry bought himself some fine camera equipment and a telephoto attachment with which he has taken dandy pictures. Bob says the pictures I like so much are just practice shots. When he gets past learning to use his equipment, I predict he will be a tremendous photographer. He has excellent eyes and a natural artistic ability. Maybe he will cut down on rodeoing and spend more of his recreational energy taking pictures.

Our two recent three-day weekends were nice; however, they led me to fritter away too much time being mesmerized by the boob-tube. I also found a four-day work week is inadequate. I am hoping that I can get organized better now that we are back to a five-day schedule. Excuses...Excuses...

The past weeks' ice and snow has been frightening to young and older animals and people. Whenever I have walked on the slippery stuff I recall Madge Thomson's bad fall of several years back and try to walk very carefully.

For a little while on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7, the sun made brief shadows appear and I began thinking of gardening and of the needed work to complete and begin.

Do you ever dream over beautiful garden catalogs? I've found this type of reading is hardly sleep inducing. When I am really having trouble dozing off—I just need to take an old college textbook off the shelf, and now, as always, that will make me very drowsy.



Engaged...Bonnie Schiller and Ron Palmateer

## Ione couple plans Feb. 4 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schiller of Echo announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Diane, to Ronald Ted Palmateer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer of Ione.

The couple will be married in St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

A reception at the Heppner Elks' Lodge will follow the ceremony.

## Monday GED tests slated at HHS

On every Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. Heppner High School will be the site of G.E.D. testing, to be administered by Vi Latham, high school counselor. Special appointments can be made for testing on other days.

Persons planning to take the G.E.D. test should allow two and a half hours for completion.

For books or more information, call Vicki Tollefson at 676-9224.

## Adventist appeal gathers \$860

Thanks to the response of Heppner area residents, the Seventh-day Adventist World Service Appeal was successful again this year, in spite of a few difficulties that curtailed some of the activities, according to Lester Grasser, director of the Heppner branch of the program.

This year's World Service Appeal brought \$860, reports Grasser. This total becomes a part of the world wide sum of \$6,543,770 raised.

Money collected goes to world-wide relief projects, such as aid to victims of the recent cyclone in India, as well as local disaster relief or community services.

On behalf of all who will benefit from the funds thus received, Appeals Director Grasser says a hearty thank-you to all who had a part in the program; to those who gave so generously of their time and talents, as well as to those who shared their Christmas dollars.

## Willow Grange to meet Jan. 20

The Willow Grange Committee for Women's Activities (CWA) will meet Friday, Jan. 20 at the home of Irene Crabtree, with Helen Crawford serving as co-hostess.

The meeting is scheduled to be an all-day affair and members are asked to bring a salad or dessert for lunch.

The Willows Grange will meet Sunday, Jan. 22 at the

Willows Grange Hall. A potluck dinner is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 2 p.m.

# Local churches to unite for eight days of noon prayer

Fr. Kenneth Miller and Rev. Steve Tollefson, the president and vice-president of the south Morrow County Ministerial Association announced that most of the churches of the Heppner area are planning a special eight-day program of noon prayer sessions beginning January 26 and ending on February 2.

The octave program sets aside a time for prayer for Christian unity. On each of the eight days the pastors and all interested laypeople will be meeting in the different churches of the community, in an arranged sequence, for noontime prayer of about 20 minutes starting at 12:05 p.m. These 20-minute periods will afford time for prayer, a scripture reading and meditation. The theme for the octave is taken from the book of Ephesians, 2:13-22, "Christ has broken down the walls that separate us."

The daily sessions are open to all persons of the community. Pastors Miller and Tollefson state, "Together we need

to search for peace and to make all efforts to wipe out Christian intolerance of each other."

The octave schedule which will be published next week will give the dates and places of the daily sessions set for each church which will be presided over by the pastor of the cooperating church. On Sunday January 29, most congregations will worship in their own churches.

However, as a preliminary to the octave and in response to the ecumenical spirit initiated by the Ministerial Association, the United Methodist Church and All Saints Episcopal Church, who are neighbors on the corner of Gale and Church Streets, have arranged two joint congregational worship services.

Next Sunday, January 15, at 11 a.m. the Episcopalians will come to the United Methodist Church for morning worship. The Methodist choir will present a special anthem and Reverend Tollefson will bring the morning message entitled "God's Absence".

On Sunday January 29, at 10:30 a.m.; the Methodists will join their neighbors at All Saints Church with Father

Miller preaching the Good News and celebrating Eucharist. His sermon title will "The Will for Unity."

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## Hospital Notes

Eleven patients were admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in the period between Tuesday, Jan. 3 and Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Admitted and discharged in that time were Heppnerites Jody Johnston, Jackie Mollahan, Juanita Carmichael, Helen Young and Karen Knopp. Tammy Howard of Lexington was also discharged.

Still in the hospital as of Tuesday were Omar Rietmann, Ione; Carol Unrein, Heppner; Ann Greiner, Condon; DeeAnn McCabe, Ione; and Concer Adkins, Heppner.

### Shaun Hisler

born Dec. 30

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anthony Hisler Jr. of Heppner became the proud parents of their first-born child on Friday, Dec. 30. Their son, Shaun Paul Hisler, weighed in at 8 pounds 15½ ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Healy and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler Sr., all of Heppner. Mrs. Henry Lazinka of Pendleton is Shaun's great-grandmother.

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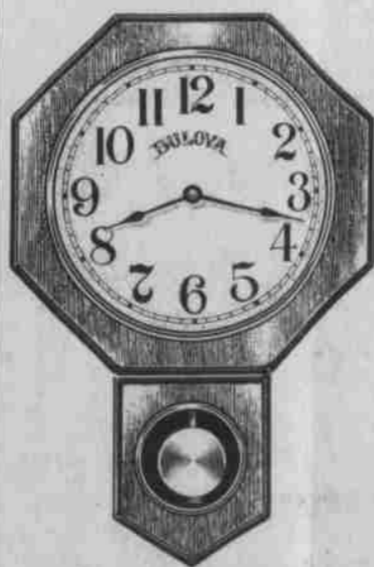
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