

# AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

# ABOUT

Yesterday we began a new, shorter and hopefully brighter month after what to many Americans was such a long, cold, dreary January.

That old, 31-day month began with a usual holiday which this year stretched to a three-day weekend for the only such arrangement in seven years.

Today is one of February's most notable days—Ground Hog Day. According to many old stories, the ground hog, or woodchuck, comes out of his burrow on 2-2 to look for his shadow. If the sun is shining and he can see his shadow, he goes back to sleep for a while, and winter is not over. If the ground hog cannot see his shadow, he begins his springtime activities.

Wouldn't it be nice if that lazy old ball-of-energy that rolls around heaven all day could penetrate the fog we have been suffering in Morrow and the little beast and everybody could discover what a shadow looks like again? However, it seems we can win either way—if a shadow-casting sun frightens the woodchuck it will please us. But, if he does not retreat in fright to sleep longer, we are supposedly going to begin springtime activities with him. Hurray!

Legends say that when Romulus made the first Roman calendar it had only 10 months. Pompilius, who followed him, added two months, making Februarius the last month. Then Julius Caesar moved the beginning of the year from March to January, making February the second month; he took one of its 30 days to add to July, the month named in his honor. Next, Augustus took one of its days to add to August, the month named after him, leaving only 28 days, excepting every fourth year when leap year brings an extra day.

The "lovely" celebration of St. Valentine's Day on February 14 dates back into the Middle Ages.

For generations Americans celebrated Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 14 and George Washington's on Feb. 22, but recently these celebrations have been combined into President's Day, falling on Monday Feb. 20 this year, which brings the month its only three-day work and school break.

My fact book tells me that today is celebrated as Candlemas Day by the Roman Catholic Church. Candles to be used in the church during the rest of the year are traditionally blessed on this second day of the second month. Ah, I wonder if candle-shadow could frighten ground hogs?

The freezing fog which has caused so much damage and so much frustration this winter continues to worry some. Ann Bergstrom of Gooseberry phoned to suggest that we remind folks to keep their car lights on as they go about. She says that last weekend as they traveled hazy Highway 206 they met six unlighted cars that were so hard to see. Mrs. Bergstrom reports that early this week, the icy fog was building up heavy coatings on their trees again. How the

trees, power lines and people and animals west of here have suffered.

Although I've always known I could never qualify as a teacher of science, I keep trying to understand a few scientific phenomena. Fog is sometimes exciting and rather beautiful, but most regularly frightening and danger filled. It comes in three types: advection fog, radiation fog, and frontal fog. I think the type we experience here is radiation fog which forms when heat from the ground escapes into the upper air, chilling the ground to its dew point and causing the water vapor in the air to condense. Better students of science can surely give better explanations.

Wednesday of last week I went with Marion Abrams, Sheree Marquardt and Betty Green on a tour of the Oregon State Library. We learned a great deal about the facility and about the care and use of the new microfiche readers.

I was pleased to happen to have a visit with Eloise Ebert, the retired chief librarian, who asked me about our situation and what our city and county are doing to help the local library. She is really concerned and hopeful that someday there will be a county library serving all of Morrow's population.

Marion drove every mile during our seventeen-hour day which began in morning fog and was mainly spent in Willamette Valley drizzle and heavy rain, but from The Dalles homeward was under moonlit, starlit sky. We knew that the coming day, last Thursday, would be better than most of the days we've been having.

Last week's paper included such an excellent article by Dr. Janice Green. I hope she will share her wisdom publicly more frequently. Irene Swanson was pleased to have several calls about help with quilting, but says she can't yet set a definite time to help beginning quilters at the museum. Joy Krein was disappointed not to hear from any young mothers interested in a pre-school story hour at the library. She hoped such a program would be appealing during these cold, stay-in-the-house days.

So, January's last weekend here saw a variety of happenings. The Donkey Basketball drew many to the high school on Saturday night. The very special ordination and installation of Rev. John Maas filled Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon.

Considerable excitement and some grief was expressed on Main Street as many valuable gallons of gasoline poured out of the pump in front of Fullerton's Garage. The pump was left open somehow and the wasted gas was hosed off the thoroughfare by persons using firehoses. What a sad waste of energy!

Now, for a happy, safe February, let us drive carefully in the fog, prepare ahead for Valentine's Day, make plans for the President's Day holiday—and conserve, not waste our energy.

## Carlson, Barclay exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Carlson

Pink and white flowers decorated St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner for the wedding of Judy Barclay, Portland, and Cliff Carlson, Pendleton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barclay of Heppner, and the groom's parents are Mrs. Ruth Rosenberg, Pendleton, and Marvin Carlson, Portland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long gown of silk organza, trimmed with lace and pearl beading, with the fitted bodice featuring a shallow neckline and sculptured wedding collar. A full A-line skirt, also trimmed with lace, flowed into a cathedral train. Her Juliet cap of pearl beading held a lace edged veil. The bride carried a floral arrangement of pink roses, pink carnations and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Joan Barclay of Seattle, Wash., sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Debbie Smith, Portland; Cathy Carlson, Portland, sister of the

groom; and Carley Drake, Heppner. The bride's attendants wore hot pink gowns and carried white baskets filled with baby's breath and white daisies.

John Carlson, Pendleton, brother of the groom, was best man, while Jim Barclay, Seattle, brother of the bride, Kerry Green, Kinzua, and John Kerr, The Dalles, served as ushers. Mason Carlson, nephew of the groom was ring bearer.

Rev. John O'Brien offered the Nuptial Mass, while Rev. Raymond Beard married the couple. The reading of the day's mass was given by Rev. Arthur Baehmann, Lutheran minister from Pendleton.

James Ackley provided the nuptial music and sang "The Wedding Song" and "We've Only Just Begun".

A reception at the Heppner Elks Club followed the wedding ceremony.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon coast and Lake Tahoe, the newly-wed couple are living in Pendleton.

## Mrs. A. C. Ball honored at 75th birthday dinner

Family and friends of Mrs. A.C. Ball gathered Sunday, Jan. 22, at the home of LaVerne and Laurel VanMarter to help Mrs. Ball celebrate her 75th birthday.

Mrs. Ball's children and their spouses who attended the dinner included the VanMarters, Gene and Harriet Hall, Heppner; Roger and Eileen Steiger, Portland; Jim and Beth Zimmerman, Hermiston; Herb and Nancy Ekstrom, Ione; and Archie and Diana Ball, Heppner.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren included: La-

Verne and Lyn VanMarter and their children Brian and Amy, Marie Lane and Paul VanMarter, all of Heppner; Scott and Donna Wilson, LaGrande; Kent and Rene Gutierrez and Doreen Flack, Hermiston; Herb and Brenda Ekstrom and Marc, Ione; Bruce and Jan Bergstrom and their child Trampas, Heppner; John Ekstrom, Ione and Andrea and Duane Ball.

Eddie and Beverly Gundersen and Muriel Runnion rounded out the guest list.

## Rainbow Worthy Advisor....

### Installation of Darcy Rea scheduled for Sunday

Darcy Rea will be installed as Worthy Advisor for the Ione Rainbow Girls No. 89 on Sunday, Feb. 5, in the Ione Masonic Hall at 3 p.m.

Also to be installed in the ceremony are Jannette Piper as Worthy Associate Advisor, Brenda Patton, Charity; Margaret Kincaid, Hope; and Kelly Pettyjohn, Faith.

Darcy has chosen yellow and green as her colors and "Key of Life: Faith, Hope and Charity" as her theme. Her father, Richard Rea, will travel from Portland to crown her during the ceremony.

The installation is open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Soroptimists take London tour courtesy of Dorothy Heard

Milton-Freewater's outstanding woman of 1977, Dorothy Heard, presented a slide program at the Soroptimist luncheon here on Thursday, January 19. A past-president of the Heppner Club, who with her husband Charles published the Gazette-Times here, Mrs. Heard is active in many organizations.

As she showed the slides of garden and street scenes in London, including cathedrals, palaces and Stratford-on-Avon, Dorothy told of her visits to Soroptimists who had attended her installation here in Heppner and of staying in the Soroptimist International Hotel in London. She recounted various enjoyable experiences as they traveled "bed and breakfast" throughout England, Ireland and into Scotland last fall.

## Helen Thompson honored in Pendleton

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, a long-time county and Heppner resident, was recently honored in Pendleton where she has lived since 1973. She was "found" and recognized for her outstanding work as a former president of the National Wool Growers Auxiliary.

Dorothy Krebs presented Helen with a plaque in recognition of her contribution to the national organization for the promotion of the wool industry which Dorothy has also headed.

Mrs. Thompson is remembered here by many friends, some of whom recall how well she discharged her national responsibility to the wool growers. Helen and her husband Ralph, raised sheep on their upper Willow Creek ranch which is now owned by the Everett Harshmans.

Vi Lanham presided at the noon meeting; the guest speaker was introduced by past-president Marlene Peterson.

## Harris earns commission

Bobbie D. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Harris of Heppner, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training and duty as chief of the Operations Intelligence Section.

son. Two special friends of the Heards, Theda Lowe and Justine Weatherford, were guests of Eleanor Gonty.

The lieutenant, a 1967 graduate of Heppner High School, received a B.A. degree in history in 1975 from the University of Maryland European Division in Germany. His wife, Betty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Angell Hermiston.

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