

AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

ABOUT

The selling of all the equipment and furnishings which were used at the Heppner Child Development Center last Saturday at the center's final location in the Fairground Annex Building was a sad occasion for those who remembered the joy over that agency's beginning.

Most of the civic organizations responded to the organizational call for support by the A.A.U.W. when that group made arrangements for the formation of the center.

We recall the many donated items that were assembled by Monica Swanson and her early helpers and the hours of donated labor that concerned young parents and others gave. Much of the lumber for the partitions and shelving was donated and the shelving was built and painted by volunteers.

During the several years that this worthwhile center functioned it employed quite a few persons either full or part time. The director, a certified teacher, a cook, and four or five child-care attendants were kept busy during the time that its enrollment was made up of thirty or more small children of working mothers.

Of course not everyone was sad at the sale last Saturday. Some young families and some grandparents were able to get really good buys on cribs, small chairs, toys, books and other large and small items that had to be disposed of or were scheduled to be hauled to the public dump.

I am one lucky grandparent who has been able to borrow several basic items needed by family small fry and their parents. Last weekend my home was well filled, every inch of sleeping space and almost every chair was in use, because most of my younger family members reunited while the visitors traveling between Japan and San Deigo were here.

My eight and ten-year-old grandchildren, Anita and Scott Haberlach, watched out of the front window as some Hepner kids walked along South Court on their way to school last Monday morning. They said they are glad their parents moved to Washington State so that they could depend on a February school holiday.

I told them I had really gotten myself and several other folks pretty confused about February holidays because, I guess, my calendar came from their state and because I knew they were coming to Heppner. Now, I promise to check with the school office before I write anything about any more school holidays.

Concern over the future of two waterways is surely a big conversational topic these these days. The Panama Canal is a more significant matter than Morrow County's Willow Creek, but people here can really influence what will happen here. Some say that they have heard about the dam for so long that they doubt if it ever gets built; others are hopeful that this year will be the year that it is definitely authorized.

Can't we all be proud of our High School's F.F.A. Chapter? What a great bunch of girl officers are leading it now. Its president, Kryn Robinson surely brought home a big honor by being the first-time-ever winner in the Blue Mountain District speaking contest from here. The other chapter participants did nicely and gained valuable speaking experience, too.

Two of Lexington's distinguished citizens, Earl and Alice Soward were chosen as the 1978 Sweetheart Couple at the annual Valentine Banquet put on by the Hermiston Christian

Church. The party was held in the Hermiston High School Cafeteria. The Sweethearts Soward were presented with a plaque and a very nice planter. They will be honored on their fiftieth anniversary next May 28, at a reception their children will arrange.

I understand that I missed a very fine Patio Sale put on by Barbara James last weekend. Seems that a good group of early birds was there for the opening on Friday morning, and buyers were still buying when the sale ended Saturday afternoon. The covered patio, with a warm fire burning in the outside fireplace, made an extra pleasing setting for this sale.

Before long our spring and summer weekends will see many lawn, garage, or porch sales which have become a modern American custom. I know it is probably best for me to miss a few of these, because I am easily tempted by the super bargains one can usually find.

Last weekend at the R&W Drive-In I got my first look at the only Yul Brenner haircut I have seen around this county. There may be more—but Rick Cox of Lexington surely has one of the closest cuts imaginable. I wonder if he has good warm headgear? I also wonder if his barber charged extra for the down-to-skin trimming?

Breakfast meetings held by churches; everyone invited

Officers of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association are encouraging everyone to attend breakfast meetings being put on by member churches. They stress that everyone is most welcome to come to these morning sessions.

The Lutheran Pastor John Maas leads a weekly Bible Study on the coming Sunday's Gospel lesson each Thursday morning between 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the West of Willow. Those attending are served coffee and donuts.

Also on the first Thursday morning each month there is a prayer service and devotion time in the basement of the Christian Church from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m., followed by a breakfast and devotions at the Wagon Wheel from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. These monthly meetings are led by Rev. Edwin Sikes.

At the United Methodist Church, Rev. Steve Tollefson, is conducting a Lenten Bible Study each Wednesday morning until Easter. Persons coming to the Methodist Church basement between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. for this study group will be served coffee or tea, fruit and rolls.

Father Kenneth Miller of All Saints Episcopal Church is president of the Ministerial Association and Rev. Tollefson is its secretary.

Birthday tea to honor Letha Archer

A birthday tea in honor of Letha Archer will be held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25, in the basement of the First Christian Church, Heppner. The honoree will be 94 years young on this occasion.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend anytime from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. It is requested there be no gifts.

Church elects officers

After morning worship on Sunday, Feb. 19, the Board of Trustees of the Heppner United Methodist Church met with their pastor to discuss matters concerning the building and parsonage that may need attention.

The eight trustees, Ken Batty, Doug Drake, Amanda Duvall, Ida Farra, Dave Harrison, Ernie McCabe and

Justine Weatherford elected officers to serve the board for this year. They chose Harrison, chairman, Drake vice-chairman and Weatherford, secretary.

The board and pastor then viewed parts of the church building that it is expected will be repaired and improved soon.

Faye Fellers to address Methodist women

An officer of the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women, Faye Fellers, will come from Pendleton next Wednesday, March 1, to speak to the Heppner U.M.W. at their 8 p.m. meeting in the church basement.

Mrs. Fellers, who is chairperson for Christian Social Involvement, will tell about a seminar on Human Rights which she attended at the United Nations Church Center in New York City recently.

The speaker promises to try to answer any questions local women have about Christian Social Involvement.

Soroptomists give citizenship awards

The Soroptomist Club presented their Youth Citizenship Awards to first place winner Kryn Robinson and second place Kristi Edmundson at the group's noon meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9. Both winners are Heppner High School seniors.

Robinson received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. She is president of the Heppner Future Farmers of America chapter and has won many honors in the FFA organization. She is also a member of the Two-Trackers 4-H club, the Wranglers, the Luther League, the HHS band and was a princess on the 1977 Morrow County Fair

and Rodeo court. Receiving a \$25 savings bond, Edmundson is National Honor Society president, plays varsity golf and volleyball and is a state officer in the Rainbow Girls.

The award winners were chosen by three judges from the business community on basis of service, dependability, leadership and a clear sense of purpose. Any graduating senior is eligible to apply for the awards each year.

As local first place winner, Robinson is eligible for regional competition with a \$1,000 award going to the winner.

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Bookworms review Algier book

Bookworms Meet With Ella Smith

Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, the Heppner Bookworms Club was entertained by Ella Smith in her apartment. Ten members were present.

Frances Mitchell presided. Inez Erwin, who had been away from the group traveling in South America and visiting in California answered a few questions about her trip. She also told the members about a new, younger women's book-review group which is a study group of the AAUW Branch.

Marian Brosnan presented the evening's review of a 1976 book "Wilderness Wife". This exciting and inspirational narrative was written by Bradford and Vena Angier and was published by the Chilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Angier, both sophisticated, urban, career types, decided that they were through with city life and stresses and moved to a remote part of northern British Columbia where they established a permanent home after first trying life there for four years and returning briefly to an eastern city.

They became so keen about life in the wilderness area where the temperature could drop to 66 degrees below zero that they wouldn't consider leaving it. They expressed regret near the end of their account that the damming of the Peace River was bringing too many people too close to their beloved home.

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