

AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

ABOUT

I got a very good report on last Saturday night's dance in the Hardman "Opera House."

This farewell appearance of Dwayne's Plainsmen, a popular musical group, brought out a good crowd. The money taken in for admissions and food amounted to \$258, which has been turned over to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Nice!

Iva Lou McDaniel has recently changed her place of employment—and is now working up north for Gourmet Foods. We hope she will still be around here weekends, some.

Darla Cooper, another recent H.H.S. alumna, has become a newspaper woman, her mother says. Darla, who is in Salem getting a business education, has taken on a job as a proofreader for the Oregon Statesman. She works each evening and on Saturdays at the paper and puts in full time at business college, too. We all know that Darla is one fine, healthy, bright, ambitious girl!

Right now I get to insert a wee Irish joke or two from the collection I save from one St. Pat's Day to another.

As one corpulent, self-complacent Irishman sank into his most comfortable chair, he remarked to his wife,

"Well, Kate, me dear, life to me seems to have been one long run of prosperity. First I was plain Hooley; then I married you and became Mr. Hooley; then I was made Councillor Hooley, and later Alderman Hooley. To cap the lot, as I went to church yesterday all the congregation with one accord rose and sang, 'Hooley, Hooley, Hooley!'"

Then, I like this one.

Once Mother McCree was talking to her son Pat about unselfishness. She carefully explained "Unselfishness means voluntarily going without something you need. Can you remember ever doing that, Pat?"

Quickly, and with that Irish twinkle in his blue eyes, Pat replied, "Sure, Mom. I sometimes voluntarily go without a bath when I need one."

Have you been noticing changes taking place in downtown Heppner? I know I have been slow about seeing the attractively remodeled waiting room and patient rooms at Dr. Harold Huber's dental establishment in the First National Building.

When I wandered across the street to Roice Fulleton's showroom to inquire about new car possibilities, I was astonished to find a sizable display of saddles. I was told, if I thought that gas was too expensive and was concerned about the mileage from each gallon—I could just buy one of his saddles and that he would even help get me a horse.

Although I haven't any idea what car I need, I am sure that at my age, with my completely un-horsey background, that I am not a candidate to learn to ride—even if gasoline and cars are shooting up in price.

Now back to the joke collection.

An Irish golfer stepped up to the tee and drove off. The ball sailed straight down the fairway, leaped on the green and rolled into the hole. Mike threw his club in the air with excitement and did a beautiful jig.

"What have you suddenly gone so crazy about?" asked his wife Bridget who was trying to learn something about the game.

"Wow, I just made a hole in one," Mike yelled with a wild gleam of delight in his eyes.

"Oh, did you now?" asked Bridget placidly. "Do it again, dear, I didn't see it."

The vicar, awarding prizes at the Dublin dog show, was scandalized at the costumes worn by the lads and lassies. "Look at that youngster," said he; the one with the cropped, curly hair, the cigarette and jeans, holding two pups. Is it a boy or a girl?"

"A girl," said his companion. "She's me daughter."

"My dear sir!" The vicar was flustered. "Do forgive me. I would never have been so outspoken had I known you were her father."

"I'm not," said the other. "I'm her mother."

Activity has been taking place around the Bank of Eastern Oregon sector of Main Street, too. The attractive new front on the Union Hall across the street rates comments. The beginning work on the new building for The Morrow County Abstract and Title Co., Inc. adjoining the bank looks like a coming major improvement. Won't it be great to have a completely new building in that too-long vacant spot?

Our pre-spring is getting crowded with activity. This week there's the library's sale of surplus and antique books and magazines. There are several first editions included.

I've just learned that on Wednesday (yesterday) several of my first cousins, Peakes from Michigan, are coming to Heppner for a special visit.

Friday night, that's tomorrow, come join those great Irish cooks at St. Patrick's Parish Hall for their super stew dinner. You'll enjoy the Larry Lindsay musicians, too.

Saturday the area Spring Cleanup Campaign begins—a sizable workparty will be making the Methodist Church ready for Holy Week.

As I sign off, surely I can find a few more bits of Irish humor (as this is likely my last chance to maybe get it printed before March 17, 1979.)

"What's wrong, Tim?" asked the little woman. "Me razor," boomed the voice within the bathroom. "It just don' cut at all."

"Don't be silly," Colleen ventured, "your beard can't be tougher than the linoleum I cut yesterday."

"What do you think is the trouble with farming?"

"Well," replied Farmer O'Mahoney, "in my day when we talked about what we could raise on 60 acres, we meant corn—not loans."

As the men deliberated the state of the world in the neighborhood pub, the matter of crop failures brought reminiscences.

Old Paddy recalled, "Yep, I've seen a few of 'em in me day. Now in 1884 the corn crop was purt' nigh nothing. Ma cooked some for dinner one day, and Pa ate fourteen acres of corn at the one meal!"

And so "Top of the morning" to you all on the morrow—and to Dennis Doherty, "Erin go bragh!"

Alpha Thetas hear juvenile problems

Alpha Theta chapter of ESA met Wednesday, March 8, at the home of Ramona Marshall with guest speaker Carolyn Holt, Morrow County juvenile officer, conducting a discussion on alcohol and drug abuse.

LaRae Kindle reported that almost \$100 was realized for the Easter Seal School from the Scotch Doubles Bowling sponsored by Alpha Theta.

The group plans to conduct a St. Pat Bake Sale on Friday, March 17, at the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance

office. Proceeds will be used to purchase card tables for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

New officers elected, to be installed in May, are Bettie Doherty, president; Ramona Marshall, vice-president; LaRae Kindle, secretary; Bebe Munkers, treasurer; and Barbara Anotegui, educational director.

The March social will be an "Irish Sweepstakes" at the home of Bettie Doherty Thursday, March 30. Anyone interested in attending may call 676-5086.

Pops concert at HHS tonight

A Pops Concert will be presented jointly by band and vocal students from both Heppner High School and Heppner Junior High today (Thursday, March 16) at 7:30 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria.

Band students under the direction of Jim Ackley and choir students directed by John Dawson will perform a wide variety of popular music. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Music students from Heppner competed at a District 6 solos and ensemble contest in

LaGrande on Saturday, March 11.

Earning a No. 1 rating, the highest possible, was the Clarinet Choir, consisting of Cathy Palmer, Kryn Robinson, Dee Hedman, Bobbi Devine, Sandy Farley, Debby Klaus and Melody Gachnauer. The French Horn Quartet—Lynn Dee Devin, Paula Palmer, Susan Johnson and Rick Klaus—were given a No. 2 score at the contest.

The Swing Choir also earned a No. 2 rating.

Hospital Notes

Six patients were admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital between Tuesday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 14.

Admitted and discharged during that period were Marion Beck of Arlington and Ermina Leach of Lone.

Still patients on Tuesday were Irene Nolan, Dee Cox Jr. and Mary McMurtry, all of Heppner; and William Van Winkle, Lexington.

BIRTH

The Morrow County stork made one delivery at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Papineau of Lexington became the proud parents of a son named Brian Casey on Saturday, March 11. He was born at 1:32 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 4½ ounces. Brian joins two sisters and one brother in the Papineau home.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chitty, Douglas, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Milo Medlock, Spray; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau, Lexington.

Brian's great-grandparents are Mrs. Clifford, Crawford, Neb.; and Agnes Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, all of Lexington.

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