

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Today, tomorrow and Saturday there will be some gnashing of teeth and beating of breasts at the post office here and elsewhere throughout the land as annual tax reports get on the way to the federal and state collectors.

Of course some folks have paid so early that they may already have their refunds spent. However, many of us choose to put these sure things off until the deadline.

We all know that our civilization depends on taxes—that without our constant input there could be no federal, state, county and city government. Also, it seems like I've read that one in every seven adults is employed by some level of government—which must make us taxpayers about the biggest employer in the world.

Because it is wise to try to look at the best sides of government—consider some of the deeds it does for us. From birth to death it keeps records for us—and if you, like me, happen to lose your copy of vital papers—some government department will reproduce these for you.

Could we own real property, which can be sold or passed on to our descendants without having careful surveys, titles, etc? Could we arrange for our children's schooling without a group organization? Could we trade with one another without coins or correspond without a postal service? Would we provide benefits for the elderly without government supervision?

How would you like to have to give up highways, airports, public docks, systemized radio and television? Can you imagine large numbers of people living near one another without any policing or any fire protection? Could we go back to making our candles and could each family in town dig a well and install a septic tank?

Although my listing is incomplete, most of the things I've mentioned are basic to our life style. Most of us hope that someday the huge outlays for national defense will vanish. If the nations of the world could somehow give up their ambitions, their jealousy, their greed, taxes would surely drop considerably.

The multitude of things that governments provide which may not be absolute necessities are some of the things that are most worthwhile and most appreciated by many. I am thinking now of our national parks and forests and of our state, county and city parks. Some communities do not have public libraries, a museum or a public swimming pool—how fortunate this community is in these respects.

Our constantly escalating taxes are frightening. However, it is, I am convinced, better to have an income worthy of being taxed, than to be desperately short of funds.

Last week I was feeling how fortunate our children and older citizens are these days when much thought is given to their welfare. At tax time I think how difficult inflation has made life for persons who hoped for a reasonable retirement, who thought that they could manage financially on Social Security and perhaps some savings. Even though they are not taxed much on their meager incomes—they are hit harder and harder by the constantly rising costs.

One of the costs of living that hurts the most is medical and hospital expense. Medicare is a big help—but I understand that medical costs have seemed to skyrocket



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faster than medicare and social security has. How frightening. How important it is to work at staying healthy.

As I watch well-dressed, healthy, Heppner children on their way to school and hear my married sons and daughter talk about the "high cost of raising kids," I realize that everything children have and need has gone way up in price. Seems like some of their parents could perhaps manage to help them to live more simply. But then, how many families can make their own shoes these days?

Although government costs have risen regularly—so have the products of private industry. We all love our telephones, our T.V.'s, our electric stoves and refrigerators and our indispensable automobiles. We can't imagine life without these luxuries, can we?

Yet people in the undeveloped countries of the world have to do without these things. They even have to go without regular meals—some starve and watch the children and elderly starve. I guess they don't pay much or any taxes. Could you cope with their uncertain, often brief, existence?

Would you like only a few miles of improved roads; the only energy crisis being a shortage of firewood or dung for occasional cooking fires; no schools needing financing; over 400,000 practically no-income persons living in countries about the size of Maryland?

If you really want that simple life without too much government interference and with very minimal taxation, you might try living in Rwanda or Burundi, small, impoverished, over-grazed, emerging, south-central African countries.

However, if you like life here, as I do—come on, let's smile. Aren't we really lucky that we and so many of our neighbors are paying taxes this weekend?

Ione Legion Auxiliary selects Janet, Michelle McElligott to attend Girls State

Two Ione High School juniors, Janet McElligott, daughter of L.J. McElligott, and Michelle McElligott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, were recently chosen by the Ione American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State, scheduled to be held at Willamette University in Salem June 11-16.

Last year the two delegates from Ione were also McElligotts, Grace and Carol, sisters of the winners this year.

Girls State represents an opportunity for high school juniors from throughout Oregon to learn more about state and local government by establishing a mini-state and electing officers.

Michelle is a member of Ione's varsity volleyball, tennis and basketball teams and secretary of both the junior class and the student body. She is active in 4-H sewing and livestock clubs.

Janet is also active in 4-H and was a mistress of ceremonies at the livestock show at the Oregon State Fair last

year. She attended a "Know Your State Government" 4-H conference this week and was recently selected by the Odd-fellows and Rebekahs to join a Pilgrimage to the United Nations this summer. She participates in varsity volleyball, basketball and track at Ione High School.

Sgt. Gonty wed in Grecian ceremony

January 20, Anastasia Richardson, daughter of Mike and Eleptheria Richardson of Glyfada Greece became the bride of Charles Douglas Gonty, U.S. Airforce, son of Ed and Eleanor Gonty of Heppner.

The wedding was solemnized in a Greek Orthodox Church at Glyfada. Since their marriage, the newlyweds have been living off-base in a small village near the Aroxis Airbase where Sgt. Gonty is serving a one-year tour of duty. The balcony of their first home overlooks the beautiful Mediterranean Sea and they enjoy watching many ships moving about.

The Gontys will be moving to The Netherlands in June where he is to be reassigned to an airbase.

This wedding picture just arrived in Heppner. It was delayed because of a huge, general strike throughout Greece which stopped most work. The picture processing couldn't be completed for three months because of the work stoppage. Gonty was sent to Athens to serve time during the strike emergency.

The Heppner Gontys were hopeful that newlyweds would be able to come home before settling in The Netherlands, but now it seems this possibility is fading.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Douglas Gonty

X-Ray Fund continues to climb

The X-Ray Fund for the Boardman Medical Clinic got a giant boost Saturday, as it netted \$1,867 from the auction held at Riverside High School, \$125 from the dinner, \$50 from bingo, and \$900 from the prize drawing. A total of \$6,350 has been raised so far to purchase needed X-Ray equipment for the clinic and another \$2300 is

pledged to the cause.

Dr. Janice Green of Lexington was the winner of a side of beef, donated by Kroll's Department Store, at Saturday's prize drawing; Mrs. Floris Warnock of Boardman won the T.V. video game donated by Cal-Am-Fuhrman Co. and four hams contributed by Hill Meat Co. went to A.B. Rogers of Boardman, Dan Capper of

Hermiston, Brian Kroll of Heppner and Danny Peck of Boardman.

According to Mrs. Joe Bartlett, 169 people were served at the noon meal on Saturday. She said she wanted to thank the Boardman-Irrigon Home Extension group for making desserts, and the ladies of the Lions and Eagles

for contributing salad and helping to serve the meal.

Bill McPherson, Umatilla County Sheriff, assisted by Sandy Gross of Hermiston and Eldon Sherlock of Milton-Freewater, acted as auctioneer for the afternoon event.

Mrs. Bartlett, chairman of the fund drive, said if every family and business in north Morrow contributed only \$10 to the X-Ray Fund, the \$14,000 goal would be reached. She commented that all donations from the south part of the county would also be gratefully accepted. Send donations to X-Ray Fund in care of Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Box 41, Boardman.

Clarence Howell undergoes surgery

Word has been received here that Clarence Howell underwent major surgery at the Umatilla Hospital Wednesday, April 5.

Ione minister plans move to Gresham

The Ione United Church of Christ regrets announcing that its pastor for the last three years, Rev. Bill Graham, Mrs. Graham and their two children will be leaving the community in June.

Rev. Graham has accepted a call to serve the Zion United Church of Christ at Gresham.

His last Sunday sermon in Ione will be June 4, the day after the annual community barbecue.

A special membership meeting will be held after the morning worship service on April 16 for the purpose of electing a pulpit committee.

Tom Steagall has operation

Tom Steagall underwent major surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital Wednesday, April 12.

Mary McMurty recuperating

Mrs. Mary McMurty is back at her home in Heppner, where she is recuperating from her illness, and her stays in Pioneer Memorial and St. Anthony's hospitals.

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