

AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

ABOUT

Like Oregon's differing west and east, Arizona has its north and south. Now that I've seen north-central Arizona, it seems that the Tucson area I previously enjoyed suffers in comparison with the rugged northern sector.

My recent, most pleasing, week's vacation (Wed. April 12 through Wed. April 19) took me and sister-in-law Mrs. Marion Weatherford of Arlington flying south to visit another sister-in-law Mrs. H.R. "Ike" Weatherford and her daughter Jean at Sedona.

How we loved seeing the various types and many colors of blooming cacti and dozens of other wildflowers, particularly the ivory Yucca. The spectacular red rock formations surrounding Sedona are almost overwhelming. Lovely Oak Creek Canyon is delightful.

Our sight-seeing at Montezuma's Well and Montezuma's Castle, nearby national monuments which show early Indian developments, was most enlightening. How well advanced those earlier people were. No one knows exactly why they left their carefully irrigated fields and socially-efficient cliff dwellings.

We were surprised at the rough dirt roads which we traveled on for too many miles. We were told that the U.S. Forest Service just couldn't get around to making them better.

The almost deserted copper and silver mining town of Jerome, perched precariously on a very steep mountainside 2,000 feet above the Verde Valley floor, excited me. Its site is honeycombed by miles of tunnels that comprised one of the greatest copper producing mines in the world.

Indians started mining there about 1,000 years ago. Mining was expanded through the centuries until the great demand for copper needed in war materials, shells, ships, power and communications rapidly depleted the known ore deposits in the 1940's. By 1950 the smelter fires were shut off.

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The big brick public school building now houses a group of crafts shops. I was intrigued by the building's heavy copper doors.

We had planned to drive to Prescott, Marion Morrow Abram's hometown, but didn't have time as we still wanted to see the Tuzigoot Ruin. That pre-historic, hilltop pueblo near Clarkdale has 110 rooms which were homes for about 200 Indians during its peak usage between A.D. 1100 and 1400. Marion told me that her mother was instrumental in bringing this ruin to its present status as a national monument.

I learned that Sedona's citizens built their community's library, that they have regular inter-agency meetings, that they have pride in their spectacularly-located town and that they welcome visitors.

It is easy to understand why many artists and retired persons have settled there. Sedona has a large number of good galleries. Husberg's Fine Art Collection is outstanding. There are lovely shops featuring Navajo and Hopi crafts, jewelry, baskets and rugs. In one boutique we found a display of Pendleton blankets.

All I purchased beside postcards and a few small books were small pieces of pottery—a teapot and a little, three-piece oil lamp. Luckily nothing was broken on the way home.

If you are wondering where to go vacationing, try the Flagstaff-Sedona area. I don't think it will be either too hot or too cold there from now through September.

We found that numerous Arizonians are health food devotees. I experienced something new—a Bunny Shake. (No, we were not in a Playboy Club.) We were in a healthfood restaurant in Phoenix. The shake was made of carrot juice blended with ice cream and honey.

Most of our flight south was above a mass of cotton-white clouds, but coming home visibility was good until about Medford. We observed much desert, the famed Salton Sea, the California coastline with nearby oil tankers, Catalina and the islands off Santa Barbara, a well-filled Shasta reservoir and Mt. Shasta from the top down.

When we landed at Portland it was raining hard—which almost made me wish I could go right back to sunny Sedona.

However, I was happy to reach home and to be able to attend the Soroptimist-senior girl's luncheon and the HHS stage band's dinner-concert last Thursday. Both were extra nice. A highspot of the concert, for me, was pianist Ella Mae Green's performance.

This talented Lexington freshman played and sang an original composition. The next day I had a brief chat with popular music instructor Jim Ackley. He said that Ella Mae started school music in the fifth grade when he first came to Heppner. She began on drums but changed to piano in the seventh grade. He told me that the majority of the band members are freshmen. I certainly plan to take in their concerts from now on.

Karla Weatherford to marry June 10

Mrs. W.W. Weatherford, Heppner, and Karla Weatherford, Bremerton, Wash., announce plans for Karla's June marriage to Richard Weaver of Silverdale, Wash.

The ceremony will take place in the United Methodist Church in Silverdale at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 10, and a garden reception will follow.

Karla, a graduate of the University of Puget Sound, is now instructor of daily living skills at Bremerton's Peninsula Lodge. Rick, a graduate of Willamette University, is rehabilitation director of the vocational rehabilitation program at the same institution. His parents are Richard Weaver, Bremerton, and Alice Weaver, Silverdale.

Karla will be given in marriage by her uncle, Marion Weatherford, Arlington.

Friends from Morrow County are cordially invited to attend.

T-Shirt presentation at next CBWC meet

The Heppner Christian Business Womens Club will meet Monday, May 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Patricks parish hall.

The theme for the May meeting is "May Basket" and the program will include as a special feature a t-shirt demonstration presented by Jan Peterson, a senior at Lone High School. Jan is in her ninth year in the 4-H program and has given the demonstration at both the Morrow County and Oregon State

Fairs. She will present tips and examples on decorating and appliqueing various t-shirts.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Robert Zachary of Madras and the music program will be provided by the Heppner High School Youth Ensemble.

All ladies in the area are invited to attend the \$1 dessert meeting. For reservations call Val Cooley at 676-5140 and for baby sitting services call Joyce Hughes at 989-8412.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital admitted and discharged five patients between Tuesday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 25, including Roy Milton, Kinzua; Shelly Hosken, Spray; Verna Howell and Peggy Lauritsen, both of Heppner; and Leona Mason, Condon.

Two patients, Debra Denton and Denny Wilson, both of Heppner, remained patients on Tuesday.

EOSC wind & jazz ensemble here next week

The Eastern Oregon State College Wind and Jazz ensembles will perform in both Lone and Heppner next week during a nine-concert, four-day tour of Eastern and Central Oregon.

Included will be a concert for the general public Monday

evening, May 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Lone High School gymnasium. There will be no charge for the concert.

The ensembles will perform again the next morning for the lone student body before moving to Heppner High School for an 11 a.m. concert.

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