

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

May is always such an activity-filled month—and this week would be hard to top with its primary election, school graduations and approaching three-day holiday.

Last week Thursday after hurrying myself and a friend up to Heppner High for a 7:30 band concert, we found a notice on the school door that the affair had been re-scheduled for 8:30. Very disappointing. We did not want to sit an hour waiting, and as I need to be somewhere else by 9—we gave up attending the concert.

I wonder how many others were likewise disappointed? It had seemed reasonable that the 7:30 beginning would get families home in good time for school-age youngsters to get a good night's sleep. I have not heard what must be a reasonable explanation for changing the publicly advertised time.

It was pleasing to meet Della McCurdy's brother Tom Davidson here last week. I observed the two strolling about holding hands. Tom had come from Hemet, Cal. for a good visit with Della and her son and several grandchildren and with many Oregon friends.

Opal Cook, Hermiston, mailed me a brochure about the summer float trips down the John Day River. Her sister, Elsie Leathers, who still lives here, tells me that the two of them have their trip all dated. Perhaps I may be able to arrange a short float on the river with my granddaughter Anita while she is here in June. I have wanted to try a John Day excursion for some years.

If you don't have particulars about the several trips being offered, the information Opal sent is posted at the public library.

Last Saturday about fifty women gathered at the Methodist Church for a sub-district meeting. I enjoyed having a lady from Klamath Falls in my home over Friday night and visiting with ladies from Madras, Wasco, Hood River and Pendleton on Saturday. All the visitors were pleased that Heppner provided such nice weather during the daytime hours Saturday—they managed to get away before the heavy, early-evening thunder shower.

This is being written before the primary election, although you won't read it until after the results are announced. Hopefully one of the results will be that a larger per cent of voters have participated than turned out for several recent elections. It is difficult to feel sympathetic to the complaints about government which are often voiced by persons too apathetic to register and to vote.

May is the month that the Morrow County Museum has its greatest traffic. Many busloads of children come with their teachers, roommothers and busdrivers. Also over Memorial weekend a great many former residents who return for the Pioneer Picnic and for family reunions enjoy visiting the museum and its schoolhouse annex.

Curator Rachel Harnett will stay there from 10 a.m. until the last visitors leave each day of the holiday weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. She will have recruited some volunteers to help her keep the Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse open.

Last week Willis Winyard, his wife Marie and others of their family visited the museum. He attended Heppner schools between 1916 and 1929. The Winyards live at Sebastopol, Cal. where he is a friend of Ernest V. Joiner, former Gazette-Times publisher.

Willis recalled being in school here with Rachel Harnett, and they talked about the "good old days."

Although graduation times are generally happy occasions, there are thoughtful aspects, too. As some of us watch the local youngsters feeling joyous that they have "completed" their educations, we senior citizens think how much we have learned since that long-ago date when we finished high school, and like some of the graduates of today felt that we were about completely educated.

We know that many members of the class of 1978 are eager to leave their small towns, for larger, more exciting places. They feel sure that the big action of the world is not going to take place here—that they would miss out on great opportunities if they didn't leave Heppner, Ione or Boardman or the lovely spaces surrounding or between these communities.

Thus it always is with eager youth. How happy I am now to stay here in a helpful, friendly, small community—but then I am grateful that I was able to look about the world somewhat before I settled here. I still hope to see some distant parts of the planet—but feel that after any future traveling I may do, I shall rejoice that I have a home here to which I shall return.

We hope all the graduates will enjoy doing some looking

about the world, making friendships with people of other cultures and of distant places and building satisfying, happy lives for themselves. We also hope that they will, in time, recall that they once lived in pleasing small communities in north-central Oregon to which they may occasionally return.

MORROW COUNTY COMMUNITY

PEOPLE • EVENTS • HAPPENINGS

UMC Vacation Bible School to open June 12

This year the cooperative Vacation Bible School which will begin on June 12 at the Heppner United Methodist Church will be lengthened by three days.

The pastors and volunteer staff members will, for the first time provide a class for three-year-old youngsters, along with the other preschoolers and children up through the sixth grade.

Children will begin classes at 9 a.m. and will be dismissed at noon each day Monday through Friday of the first week and will continue classes Monday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 21.

The final Wednesday evening the children will present a program for their families and friends. Some of their work will be displayed that evening while their parents and teachers have a chance to visit.

Children do not have to be affiliated with either the Lutheran or Methodist Churches, although if they wish to

pre-register this may be done at either of these churches. Tuition for the eight days is \$2.50 for a single child; for two or more children in the same family tuition is \$5. There are scholarships available for

children at each of the churches.

It is expected that some seventh and eighth grade students and high-schoolers may become volunteer helpers during the sessions.

Rev. Steve Tollefson to be ordained elder

During the first full week in June, the Annual Meetings of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held on the campus of Willamette University in Salem.

On Friday June 9, Pastor Steve Tollefson will be ordained as an elder. He had been serving the Heppner church since June 26, 1976. Rev. Tollefson was ordained a deacon in June 1974 at Boise, Idaho.

Barbara James and Faye Pierce will also attend the annual conference as lay delegate and alternate lay delegate from the Heppner church.

On June 11, the Sunday after the conclusion of the conference, Pastor Tollefson and Pastor Jim Fellars of the Pendleton United Methodist Church will be exchanging pulpits for that Sunday service.

Methodist service to start early

This Sunday, May 28, morning worship at the Heppner United Methodist Church will begin at 10 a.m., one hour earlier than the schedule in effect during the winter. Sunday School classes will be discontinued during the summer months and will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 10.

It is planned that beginning June 18, a family-type film will be shown after worship service ends at 11 a.m. each

Sunday. Persons of every age are invited to view these films and to stay after their showing for a short discussion.

Cutsforths attend aunt's funeral

Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Cutsforth attended the funeral of Mrs. Cutsforth's aunt in Salem Tuesday.



The Heppner American Legion recently selected (l to r) Paul Carlson, Jeff Fortenberry, and Perry Cooper, delegates to Boys State to be held in mid-June.

Awards Night honors Ione students achievement

An Awards Night was held at Ione High School last Tuesday, May 16, with students recognized for outstanding achievement in several departments of the school.

Clint Carlson and Jan Peterson were winners of the citizenship award, presented by Principal Chuck Starr. Arletta Aldrich was the recipient of three honors: the Business, Music and Ionian awards.

Science and math awards went to Natalie Tews and Grace McElligott, with Natalie, Grace, Carol McElligott and Jeannie Piening receiving special National Honor Society honors.

Janet McElligott was recog-

O.W. Cutsforth celebrates birthday

Barbara Cutsforth was hostess at a barbecue in honor of husband Orville's birthday Sunday at their mountain cabin. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cutsforth, Lind, Wash., Diane Partlow and small son, Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoskins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Stookey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Batty, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Pointer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Boyer and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones.

nized as a delegate on the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth and was also the winner of an "I Dare You" award. Robin Leavitt received an award for outstanding accomplishment in the business division.

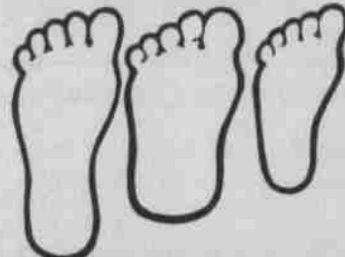
Student Council awards were presented to Stuart Keene, outgoing president; Brian Rietmann, vice-president; Jan Peterson, secre-

tary-treasurer; and Michelle McElligott, assistant-treasurer.

A special award presentation was made to Ione Schools Custodian John Marick.

Also included on the Awards Night program was installation of student body officers for 1978-79, the reading of the Class Will, Class Prophecy and Senior Class History, and the presentation of gifts.

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