

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Last weekend was made a three-day weekend by setting aside the 110-year-old Memorial Day date of May 30 and adopting Monday the 29th as the holiday. Are you wondering how the advent of July Fourth on Tuesday, also, will be handled by workers, industry and the general business community? Will some folks have their Fourth of July on Monday July third?

Last Sunday's TV double sports billing—the Indy 500 and the Sonics-Washington Bullets basketball playoff tied millions to their boob tubes for several hours. I felt proud of driver Janet Guthrie's finishing in the top ten, and will now want to watch the next two Sonics' games back in Seattle.

Before I left Morrow County for awhile, I learned several sad things related to events here. Amanda Duvall, who has since 1960 seen that blooming flowers were installed in the planters along the steps to the Library-Museum Building, was advised not to bother this year—that it was futile to plant flowers there any longer as those she has planted the last several years have been yanked up and wantonly destroyed.

Amanda has been very distressed about the destruction and lack of care around the lovely building she gave to the community. She recalls how carefully former city superintendent Vic Groshens Sr. looked after the shrubs and the rose bushes in the park—"he felt such pride in having it look nice." After his tenure ended the shrubs were not pruned; the weeds seemed to almost take over. So, regretfully Amanda had agreed not to plant flowers this year, but she was worried about summer visitors noticing the increasing neglect there.

When Lois Winchester learned of this situation, she went right to work bringing flowers from her garden to beautify the planters.

Sunday morning volunteer Albert Connor, who was one of the citizens who worked at restoring the little schoolhouse for which his wife Millie made the muslin curtains, expected to run up the flag which was given to the building by one of its former teachers, Marquerite Glavey. Al found the flag could not be raised because vandals had destroyed and stolen the flag rope that had been positioned there.

Albert and Frances P. Mitchell gave many hours Sunday showing visitors through the little building, which must be kept so protectively locked most of its days.

It seems to some of us that the three sets of police who drive past the park and its buildings daily, our city patrolmen, the county sheriff's men and the state police officers, could notice some of the increasing destruction that takes place there. It is a big shame that some members of the community have no pride in public property—just continue their willful littering and destructiveness.

My twelfth annual Memorial Weekend sojourn into neighboring Gilliam County was interesting. At the entrance to the Arlington Cemetery there was a conspicuous poster inviting everyone to come to the community potluck dinner in the United Methodist Church at 12:30. There I joined members of many pioneer families of the Arlington area who enjoy visiting with each other and observing changes which take place just as the pioneers of Morrow County do each year in Heppner.

In the afternoon, along with many other Weatherfords, I went to the old W.W. Weatherford Ranch along Rock Creek below Olex which is now farmed by its founder's great-grandson Earl. There several hundred well-wishers witnessed the marriage of Earl and Dolores' only daughter Cherie to Steve Woodworth.

The lovely garden ceremony was conducted by Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, the bride's great-great-uncle, who has been a Nazarene minister for more than 60 years. The five brothers of the bride, Grant of Heppner and Frank, Robert, Marion and Morris of Olex, participated in the event.

One of the interesting news items I gathered concerns the youngest of the brothers, Morris Fox Weatherford, who was the only graduate from the district school at Olex this year. The school did not have any commencement exercise or eighth-grade party, but awarded Morris his diploma at the

annual all-school picnic. So, Morris was the class of 1978—sounds lonesome, doesn't it?

He is the last, at least for awhile and maybe forever, of the dozens of members of four generations of his family to attend the small, historic school. It is near the spot where Gilliam County's first post office was established in 1874. Morris's four older brothers and his sister went on to Condon High where they were outstanding athletes and students and often competed against Heppner youngsters.

My week's visitors have included my husband's sister and brother, two sisters-in-law, a niece and a grand-niece, and two traveling cousins, all of whom I took to visit the museum and its schoolhouse annex.

Heppner Bible school starts June 12

The Heppner Vacation Bible School announces its staff members who will operate the eight-day school at the United Methodist Church, beginning June 12.

The first-time class for three-year-olds will be taught by Carol Goodyear and Robinai Riddle. Nancy Brownfield and Sharon Harrison will be in charge of the pre-kindergarten four and five-year-olds.

Bobbie Holley and Dawn Stuchell will work with the kindergarten group. Kay Pat-

erson and Brenda Wygant will take charge of the first graders.

Second grade youngsters will be supervised by Valerie Cooley and Renee Siminoo. The third and fourth graders will be taught by Miriam

Munck, Inez Erwin and Corinne Miles. Cathy Peck will teach the sixth grade group.

Judy Maas will be in charge of music and Joy Krein will supervise arts and crafts.

Baby sitters for small chil-

Sargent-Winters to wed June 10

The parents of Rhonda Lyn Sargent and David Paul Winters cordially invite all their families and friends to share with them in the wedding ceremony of their children. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

Ione Bible class schedule set

Vacation church school at the Ione United Church of Christ will begin Tuesday, June 6, and run through Saturday, June 10 from 8:45 to 11 a.m. each day.

Classes will be held in the church's Christian Education Building. Cost will be \$1.50 per child, with a maximum \$3 fee per family.

Diane Kincaid will be director of the program, and Kim

Cofenas will be teaching the kindergarten age students, assisted by Mary Kincaid. Teaching grades 1-4 will be Bonnie Ball, assisted by Margaret Kincaid. Grades 5 and 6 will be directed by Cassie Chapel.

Ione United Church of Christ's summer worship schedule is now in effect, with services now starting at 10 a.m.

The Heppner Christian Business Women's Club will meet Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

The meeting will feature a demonstration in portrait painting by Sandy Campbell of Echo, and a talk and singing presentation by Gerri Mitchell of Sunnyside, Wash., a Central

Washington University graduate and former teacher in U.S. military schools in Germany.

Reservations will be \$1 for the dessert meeting. Persons wishing to make reservations should call Val Cooley at 676-5140 or Charlotte Botts at 676-5089. Persons seeking child care to attend the meeting may call 676-5571.

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Beta Omega installs new leaders

The May 1 business meeting of Beta Omega Sorority, held at Barbara Stefani's home, brought president Robin Baker's term to a close. Linda LaRue, incoming president, directed the new business and announced committee members for the following year. She asked to have a special June meeting to set up next year's schedule. Lisa Nelson, incoming educational director, outlined three educationals and a vote was taken. Barbara and Brenda Ekstrom presented the educational and refreshments were served.

An installation ceremony on May 15 was given at the home of Sue Proudfoot. Installing the new officers was Rita Harris of Heppner, a junior past president of the Eastern Oregon District. Rita used the theme SPRING with each letter signifying the officer's duty. As she explained each duty, she called each officer up one at a time. The 1978-79 officers are Robin Baker, past president; Linda LaRue, president; Judy Osmin, vice president; Cathi Peterson, secretary; Bev Doherty, treasurer; Lisa Nelson, educational director.

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