

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Just when some of us had almost given up the idea of getting some warm summery weather—it came. Of course this is just a spring warmup—actually summer doesn't officially arrive here until June 21, the same day that winter begins in the lands south of the equator.

Last weekend two big events were competing for attendance in Morrow County. The Junior Rodeo at Heppner was a warm affair which drew participants, their families and fans from a wide area.

The Saturday auction and barbeque at Ione brought what seemed to me like several thousand persons to that community. Their cars and campers filled much parking space; however, some Ionians told me that they thought the attendance was a little less than it had been other years.

Although I missed the Junior Rodeo, I really enjoyed the excitement at Ione. The Country Store there seemed especially well organized. I heard several remarks about the fine, big selection of appliances, dishes, handwork, toys and beautiful food and about the "very reasonable" and "so low" price tags.

It was fun meeting friends around the sales tables, out in the sunny auction area or in the cooler Willows Grange Hall dining room.

Among the bargains I brought home are a few good books. I noted that the large collection of sale books was not the most popular department...maybe everyone's home bookshelves are already overloaded...maybe people prefer borrowing books to buying them?

Dorothy Krebs was keeping busy personalizing embossed leather belts, and customer Marion McMillan, the fortunate recipient of one of these dandy belts, began wearing his immediately.

Among the assorted goods that Ruth McCabe was selling were copies of a sheet music publication "When the Gates of Gold Unfold" which was written by Anna Myra Ball, a former Ione resident. There is such a variety of talent in Ione.

The four Country Store cashiers and their assistants were kept plenty busy. Auctioneer Don Winks, for the 15th consecutive year, kept the exposed-to-sunburning crowd bidding on the many unusual larger sale items.

As I took friends Ida Farra and Ruth Nutting toward Ione, we stopped briefly at Piper's Lexington Store to check over shelves of tote painting supplies. I was impressed with the selection of instruction and design books available. It is easy to understand that Lexington is the tote painting center of this county.

On our way home from Ione we visited with Clifford and Frances Williams on their Lexington mini-ranch. Ida and I were given rhubarb to bring home to freeze from their usual thriving garden.

All last week I kept hearing how successful this year's May 28, Pioneer Picnic was. It seems that about 300 persons enjoyed it. All were impressed with the efficient and gracious leadership provided by the Green and Bryant families. That same Sunday the annual Adams family reunion brought a crowd to the old IOOF Hall at Hardman.

The following Tuesday this "newcomer" happened into the Wagon Wheel for lunch just in time to join longtime Ione and Heppner friends Mabel Denney, her aunt Lily Happold, Ella Smith and Della McCurdy.

Mabel, a cousin of George, Hugh, Bob and Ralph Currin, has brought past-ninety Lily back here from Portland to attend the Pioneer Picnic with her for quite a few years now. They say they are regular readers of this paper and this column.

Because next Wednesday, June 14, is the 75th anniversary of the great Heppner flood, I am collecting some impressions of that disaster from some of our senior citizens. I have learned several things about the flood that I hadn't heard before—which I shall share in next week's column, the day after the anniversary.

One of the weekend's most pleasant experiences was visiting with Matthew Warren, the tall handsome son of Paul and Claudine Warren, who is home for a good visit with family members before getting ready to go to Japan as a missionary of the L.D.S. Church.

When I first started helping with this newspaper, when big Reggie Paschal was setting hot lead type and Arnold Raymond was shop foreman for the publishing Heards, Matt was the "printer's devil" or general shop helper who came in after high school to assist in getting out the paper. The big, old, very heavy press filled most of the front and middle of the shop space in those days and would often balk and needed extra T.L.C.

Last Saturday afternoon Matt came to the public library hoping to get some help with the Japanese language. We checked out the one book we have on the subject and sent to the state library for some records or tapes on beginning Japanese for his use.

He said that he has only been home for brief holiday visits since he left here six years ago. He has spent most of the time in Arizona where he worked in aerial photography for some time. I asked if he flew the plane or was a photographer. He said "I was a photographer. I first became interested in photography at Heppner High School."

Matt attended Arizona State at Tempe where he majored in sociology. Then he spent a year and one-half working with emotionally disturbed boys in the Litchfield Park sector of Phoenix.

Now he will soon go to Provo, Utah for two months of intensive training in Japanese culture and language. He expects to be in Japan for two years.

Matt's grandmother, my friend Emma Drake, has told me how she wishes more of her fine grandchildren could stay closer to home—"but how they do scatter." The youngest here, Joan Warren will be off to Brigham Young University this fall; brother Matt is going to Japan; their cousin Gwen Drake is still in Australia teaching and others of Emma's talented grandchildren are mainly occupied considerable distances from Heppner, leaving only Douglas Drake of Sand Hollow in this county.

So, Emma's good influence and the influence of Heppner's schools, which Matt and Joan's father Paul has helped keep functioning for many years, spreads out about the world.

Gaylord-Sweeney to be wed July 1

Nova Rae and Shannon Marrie Gaylord and Daniel J. Sweeney announce their forthcoming marriage and uniting as a family on Saturday, July 1 at 2 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Parish Hall. Nova is the daughter of Gilbert and Ada Simpson of Pendleton and Daniel is the son of Jerry Sweeney and the late Olive (Tiny) Sweeney, of Heppner.

Both are employed by Kinzua Corporation in Heppner, where Daniel is Personnel Manager and Nova works in the general offices.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends and relatives.

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Morrow Pioneer picnic draws 300 to Heppner

The Morrow County Pioneer Memorial Picnic drew over 300 individuals to the Fair Pavilion in Heppner Sunday, the largest-ever crowd to attend the Memorial Day Weekend event in its 25 year history.

Co-chairman Alma Green reported that 290 persons signed the guest book, but since children and persons

who forgot to register weren't included a complete count wasn't complete.

Letha Archer of Heppner, who celebrated her 94th birthday this year, was given the prize for being the oldest person attending the picnic for the third consecutive year.

A man from Atlanta, Georgia, a relative of the Swanson family of Ione, traveled the

longest distance to attend the affair while Art Crawford of California won the "oldest man" award. The door prize went to Harriet Gemmill of Salem.

Herman Green served as master of ceremonies Sunday, County Judge D.O. Nelson gave the welcoming speech and Dr. Omer McCaleb of

Portland, a native Heppner man and husband of the former Ruth Green, gave the invocation.

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court members, Queen Donna Palmer and Princess Kim Pettyjohn were introduced and invited everyone in the gathering to attend the fair and rodeo in August.

Warrens celebrate 50th Anniversary on June 17

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Arthur Warren are honoring them with a reception to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

It will be held at the Heppner Methodist Church on Saturday, June 17, from 2 until 4 p.m.

The honored guests request no gifts.

Evelyn McDowell and Clarence Warren were married in Condon, Oregon on June 14, 1928. Having lived and farmed in the Gooseberry area of Ione for many years, they now live in Heppner.

Golden wedding fete held for the Graves

Former Heppner residents Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Graves celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in Pendleton's Assembly of God Church.

The Graves moved to Huntington from Pilot Rock, after Heppner. Mr. Graves had served as pastor of the Heppner Assembly of God

Church. Among those attending the reception were Gladys Heliker of Ione; Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchell of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Naffziger of White Salmon, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Munkers of Irrigon; and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Laws of Lewiston, Idaho.

Co-Op Bible class begins June 12

The cooperative Vacation Bible School arranged by the Lutheran and Methodist churches begins at 9:00 a.m. on June 12, at the Methodist Church.

Children who have not been pre-registered should be there with their \$2.50 tuition fee by 8:30. Any child is welcome to

attend—from three years of age through the sixth grade.

The school will run through Wednesday, June 21. The final evening a gala program is planned for the families involved with this year's school. Rev. John Maas will be master of ceremonies—and promises some interesting drama.

Heppner Clergymen attend convention

Rev. John Maas and Craig Cooley and their wives attended the North Pacific District Convention of the American Lutheran Church at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, during the weekend of June 2 through 4.

The foursome participated in worship services using a new hymnal, and the gentlemen were involved in legislative decision making processes affecting the district and national church policy.

Hospital Notes

Patients discharged from the Pioneer Memorial Hospital since May 28 included Dreama Howell and Clint McQuery, Heppner, and Carl Cox, Monument.

Craig Hams, Ione and Bert

Corbin, Heppner are still hospitalized.

The stork has taken more than a long weekend holiday and has not made a stop here since Jack Benton Lilly-bridge's birth on May 25.

Gift Ideas

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