

# AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

The day after I ended my official responsibilities at the Heppner Library I left town for a week—and the first week of July 1978 was an exciting choice for an Oregon and Washington vacation—not too hot, lots of thunder and lightning, rain, hail and water spouts, fog, floods—all with some scattering of sunshine.

Fortunately I took along a variety of clothing as I drove east and north about noon on July 1. My first stop was in Weston at the very large, older "new" home of Charles, Lesley, John and Will Patching. They are gradually getting resettled—Charles commutes to his work in Pendleton; John is working nights at the pea cannery; Will has a large lawn on the good-sized, corner lot to mow, and Lesley will be unpacking and arranging possessions for days yet.

After a pleasing chat with all but John who must sleep daytimes, I drove on to Milton-Freewater and to the Peach Island, gardened estate of Charley and Dorothy Heard. There Charley and I rushed about in their very successful garden picking luscious raspberries before the rain started coming. Dorothy had recently returned from the State Garden Club convention and had just narrated an historic fashion show following the Pea Festival parade which concluded a short time before I reached M-F.

Rev. Mel and Nancy Dixon, close neighbors of the Heards, were not at home when I passed their house, but I found my long-time friends Bernice and Bill Hinshaw relaxing in their comfortable abode on the east edge of M-F where I visited with them during part of the afternoon's shower. Then I splashed through Walla Walla where I thought about Bill and Mary Pat Lande and went on to Dayton, Wash. where I visited with Weatherford-Smith cousins in their exciting purple house before the long drive to Cheney via Colfax and Spangle.

My daughter Ann, husband Ray and small son Thomas welcomed me when I arrived at their new home on Rt. 2 Cheney at 8:00 p.m. amid flashing lightning. Sunday they showed me some lovely parts of Spokane, attractive boulevards, beautiful residences with super landscaping and large, gorgeous Manito Park and the exquisite Nishinomiya Garden.

Monday morn just after the paterfamilias left for his architect work in Spokane we started west and south in my new station wagon which was well loaded with our luggage plus not-quite-one Thomas's port-a-crib, highchair, backpack, toys and many changes of clothing. The car radio kept telling of thunder storms in Washington (later we learned that the Spokane area suffered damage from the heavy rain and that many basements were flooded.)

We lunched at Umatilla, stopping briefly at the Marion Weatherford's home in Arlington and reached my brother's N.E. Portland home in the late afternoon.

After a reunion and fine over-night visit with the three resident Peakes and an O.S.U. student daughter home for the summer and a visiting older daughter from California, we

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celebrated the 202nd U.S. Fourth-of-July by visiting family members at Clackamas and my 95-year-old uncle, Dr. Kleinsorge, at Silverton as we proceeded to much-changed Corvallis our principal destination. The streets I felt so relaxed about driving on in 1965 are so strange now—many of them have become one-way—and several had arrows pointing toward me.

Daughter Ann and small son spent three nights and days with a favorite friend while I enjoyed a great visit with my first cousin Harriet Kleinsorge Turner in her home, near Harding School. She updated news of town and grown families, and I saw a few of my old friends and neighbors.

Ann and seven other young matrons from Corvallis, Salem, Portland and Waldport, along with their growing children enjoyed reminiscing and I enjoyed watching them as I tried to help a little by amusing some of the children of these young mothers I knew so well as teenagers.

We had special visits in Monmouth, along the Alsea River and at Waldport. We found the western shore of our country cold, but, as always, fascinating in spite of the fog and wind there last week Thursday.

On Friday we drove over the evergreen South Santiam, lunched and shopped at Sisters, and reached the delightful, hilltop home with a view of a ring of snowtopped mountains, built by Edythe W. and George Newell just north of Prineville.

Because our visit there coincided with the Crooked River Roundup and parade and also with the visit of Republican gubernatorial candidate Victor Atiyeh and Mrs. Atiyah, we found the Newells very involved, but nevertheless most hospitable.

We three travelers dined Friday night in the new S.W. Prineville home of Mrs. Clifford Real (Eleanora Weatherford, who was born in and spent her earliest years at lone.)

As the Saturday Crooked River parade progressed through Prineville, we three progressed toward Mitchell and Spray. Over our sandwiches and cool drinks at Spray, I overheard talk of terrible water damage in Morrow County, heard that the highway might be closed at Hardman or Ruggs. However, although we found great evidence of high water damage when we reached these spots, we had no problems reaching sunny, warm Heppner.

Ray Chenhall was awaiting his family at my home and more quickly than I wished transferred their belongings from my Chev. into his V.W. Then after a quick early meal and a brief visit with the E.E. Gontys, the Chenhalls headed back to Cheney.

I really enjoyed the week of visiting and traveling, but am glad to be in my home again in small, friendly, rather-slow-to-change Heppner. I felt lucky to have caught my breath enough to go out to Lena to enjoy the birthday celebration for 90-year-old Zetta Hager Brosnan on Sunday afternoon.

Next Sunday, July 16, I shall attend the Eastern Oregon Pioneer Picnic in Julia Henderson Park near Fossil where I have been especially invited to sit at the Queen's Table with other members of Queen Daisy's family. Daisy Irby Weatherford is the widow of Frank my husband's oldest brother. Her children and grandchildren sent me a very personalized invitation.

This pioneer gathering is an annual summer occasion which always honors a woman from a pioneer family. There will be a morning church service, a program with speakers who tell of our area's history, and a big potluck, Sunday dinner. This year more Weatherfords than usual will be attending to honor Queen Daisy.

### CORRECTION AND EXPLANATION

In "Around About" last week you read "Rachel Harnett's curatorship week after week and year after year is most remarkable."

Somehow the original writing got altered from "Weekend after weekend and year after year." Few persons would even consider working almost every Saturday and Sunday for nearly 20 years as Rachel has worked there.

The County Museum is always open, winter and summer, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 12:30 until 5 p.m., and Rachel has always been there—even on Memorial Day and several other holidays, too.

# Club enjoys garden potluck

After enjoying a potluck supper in Ida Farra's backyard, on Monday evening, the members of the Heppner Garden Club moved into her living room to escape the chilly, July 10 winds.

President Eleanor Gonty called the meeting to order about 7:30. The major item of discussion was the club's plans for a booth at this year's County Fair. A committee including Bert Johannes,

Adelle LaTrace, Eleanor Gonty and Jane Rawlins will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 at the Rawlins' home to complete the planning.

It was determined that the club would not participate as a unit in the coming Sidewalk Bazaar. Several members will

be involved in individual participation or will be helping with other group projects that day.

A letter from the Morrow County Mental Health Program Director Dr. Janice Green was read which thanked the group for its gift in memory of Linda Breidenbach.

The trophy which the club will present to the sweepstake-winning flower exhibit at the fair was displayed. The matter of increasing club membership was discussed, and it was recommended that the publishing of invitations to any new or older residents of this area might help.

## Hospital Notes

Patients admitted and later discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital between July 5 and July 11 were Peggy Moyer, Heppner, Carleen West, Ione; and Kirk Midthun of Minnesota.

Remaining as patients are Elsie Brown and Florence Holt, both of Heppner.

## Boys Welcomed

### Rick Smith

To Mr. and Mrs. Rick Steven Smith, Heppner, a son, Rick Steven Jr., 8 lbs., 10 oz., born July 10.

Grandparents are Mr. Robert Smith, Long Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bud Englert, Heppner, Mrs. Rita Rizzo and Mr. George Chappell, both of San Diego, Calif.

### Brian McElligott

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gregory McElligott, Ione, a son, Brian Michael, 6 lbs., 11 oz., born July 9.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, Ione and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wade, Condon.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lester Wade, Mrs. A.D. Rintoul and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hiatt, all of Portland.

### James McClain

DeWaune and Susan McClain are the proud parents of a son born June 29 at the Prineville Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and has been named James Henry.

Grandparents of the infant are Henry and Mary McClain, Redmond, and Ray and Betty O'Neal, Heppner. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Dell Williams, Fossil, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Neal, Prineville.

DeWaune and Susan, former Kinzua residents, are living in Prineville.

## Aldrich, Gates to wed August 12

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Aldrich, Ione, and Mrs. Gloria Aldrich, Portland, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Arlynda Dawn, to

Mr. Thomas George Gates, son of Mrs. Pauline Gates and the late William S. Gates, Ione.

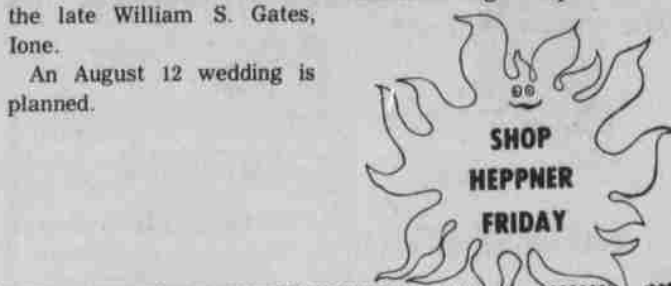
An August 12 wedding is planned.

## Kessler graduates with honors

Former Ione student Stewart Jacob Kessler has received his Bachelor of Theology degree from Aldersgate Bible College in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

He was Valedictorian and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Kessler attended the Ione schools for three years. His father was fifth grade teacher at the time. The family home is in Aberdeen, Wash.

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