

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

I ended my writing last week with a statement that July 1978 had brought such a variety of weather and problems, and I wondered what its last five days would hold.

Just as the paper was being printed the news of the accidental death of All Star Grant Weatherford reached so many of his friends and his great family.

His family is anxious that everyone understand that they feel the accident which took Grant's life was absolutely no one's fault, the decisions which led to his death were group decisions, and the men who worked closely with him were in no way personally responsible for the tragedy.

Grant's co-employees, along with a multitude of friends, joined his family in its grief at Arlington last Saturday afternoon. After the funeral and while some of the family was still together at the home of his parents, Earl and Dolores at Olex, death took another young Weatherford, very close in age to Grant, and his body was brought to Heppner.

Mark, the son of Harrison and Irene, who are on their Circle W. Ranch near Olex working at their wheat harvest, was killed near the mouth of Willow Creek as he drove alone toward Ordinance to visit his cousin John Runckel.

It is so sad to see four such fine parents suffer such extreme grief. The services for Mark were yesterday afternoon at Albany.

Last Monday the children and mothers who have been attending the summer public library story hours had a very special treat. Irene Anhorn brought her young pygmy billygoat to show and tell about. Irene's collection of unusual two and four-legged animal friends is such a delight to everyone. I am wondering if the new house being constructed by Morrie Groves and crew for Irene's sister and brother-in-law between Irene's home and the Bill Collins home is going to make a difference in the environment of her birds and animals?

Irene says her sister Mary Goheen has already offered to feed and water the animals if she needs to be gone occasionally. She also states that these last three weeks while Bill and Daisy Collins have had visiting grandsons Keith and Brian from Harrisburg, that Brian has been so helpful to her. The boys went home with the Collins daughter Judy last weekend after she had joined in the reunion activities of her H.H.S. class of 1958.

These last two weekends reunion visitors have cheered former teacher Edna Turner by going to visit her at the nursing home. I hear that four from the '68 group and eight from the '58 class took tokens of appreciation to her. She had felt poorly, but with all this good cheering-up she is feeling much better.

Last Saturday night a pickup rolled down the hill on the south side of the hospital and finally came to a stop up against Pat Brindle's Gilmore Street home. Pat saw it coming from her bedroom window. It struck the NE corner of her house and jarred it severely. Her water pipes and fuel oil line were ruptured. She felt lucky that the damage wasn't more severe.

About our water situation. It is sad to have so many problems in Heppner and to need to be informed by our police chief so often about the usage of water or of its non-availability. I noticed that the water level of Willow Creek below Ione is low, but that there still seem to be pockets of water. I learned that Rock Creek's water has held up better than usual this year and is still helpful below Olex.

The situation in Heppner has been difficult for householders, but even more difficult for the city workers who have put in long arduous days trying to get the old system functioning at its maximum. I hear that some city folk have really been extremely frugal with their use of public water. At least one person has hauled water from the creek by the bucketful to flush his toilet; a good friend has saved every bit of her dishwasher and carried it out to flowers in her yard, as did the pioneer women.

The several "clear the air" community meetings held last week, could finally lead to better understanding of the problems at the hospital and also among the senior citizen group. In our anxiety to be understanding and helpful it is so easy for some of us to repeat non-facts, to become emotional, to judge situations subjectively instead of objectively. Careful communication is so important in families, among friends and concerning community affairs.

Now that I am trying to patiently raise a young pup, I observe others who also have puppies. Lottie Laughlin has a cute light grey and black model that she seems to be training well. Jackie Gentry was given a darling black with white pup for her recent birthday, and they seem to be progressing nicely.

My block neighbors Ken and Tracy Beal have done such a terrific job of dog training with their handsome, so-intelligent Zeke. I tried to get some pointers from Ken. He had a few suggestions, but generously gave his wife much of the credit for Zeke's early training.

Now that August has begun, let's hopefully expect a much better month. It is bound to be quite interesting with the County Fair and Rodeo activities brightening its later days.



Leon Reed and Dorene Grace

Leon Reed, Dorene Grace plan Aug 11 ceremony

Leon Reed and Dorene Grace will be wed on Aug. 11. All their friends and relatives are invited to enjoy the ceremony with them at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church in Heppner.

A reception will follow in the church basement.

Christian Business Women schedule Aug. 7 ice cream party

The Heppner Christian Business Women's Club will hold an "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Party" during the organization's Aug. 7 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

The meeting will feature a demonstration on homemade ice cream making by Renee Siminoe. Results of the demonstration will make up the dessert for the evening meeting.

Carolyn Kniefel of Payette, Idaho, will be the speaker for the meeting, which will feature special music provided by Shelly Grace.

All ladies in the area are

welcome to attend. For reservations to the \$1 dessert meeting, call Val Cooley at 676-5140 or Charlotte Botts at

676-5089. If babysitting services are needed, call Joyce Hughes at 989-8412 or Mary Nikander at 676-5571.

Carlita Marquardt, James Bloodsworth to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt cordially invite all friends and relatives to the wedding of their daughter, Carlita, to James R. Blood-

worth, on Saturday, August 5.

The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in the First Christian Church, Heppner.

Arlynda Aldrich, Thomas Gates plan Ione wedding

Arlynda Dawn Aldrich will be wed to Thomas George Gates Saturday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione.

A reception for the Ione couple will follow in the Ione American Legion Hall.

Rodeo court featured guests at Ione dinner

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, along with pennant bearers, were guests of honor at a dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn at Beecher's Cafe in Ione last Saturday.

Queen Donna Palmer and Princesses Kim Pettyjohn and Laurie Childers were presented sterling silver identification bracelets by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn Sr. Each court member was also given T-shirts inscribed "Rodeo Rose." Pennant bearers were given sets of china horses and traveling cases.

Princess Kim presented her chaperone, Mrs. Lee Palmer, with a silver identification bracelet.

Attending the dinner, in addition to the Court, were Anita Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer, Kris, Kelly and Skip Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childers, Tarnie and Mrs. Harold Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hams, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Childers, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Doherty, Mrs. Laura Holtz, Linda Albright, and Stan Kemp.

On Aug. 12, the court will travel to Hermiston to take part in the Umatilla County Fair Parade. The following day, they will return to Heppner, to hand out awards at the Wranglers' Horse Show.

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Lutherans join in doctor search effort

Hope Lutheran, Heppner and Valby Lutheran, Ione have become directly involved in the Morrow County search for doctors.

The two congregations, by action of their church councils, are sponsoring an ad for doctors in the Lutheran Standard, a magazine of the American Lutheran Church that reaches over one million subscribers—most of which are families.

The congregations feel that as members of the community they want as direct a hand in the search for doctors as possible.

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