

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Another busy week. Some friends have had a week in the mountains hunting for the elusive deer they expected to be bringing in last weekend. What most of us consider dandy weather hasn't pleased some hunters who have found it difficult to track deer in.

While County Museum Curator Rachel Harnett has been visiting her son Melvin and his family at Issaquah, Washington, I have been helping to keep the museum open to visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Rosebrook, Redmond, who have a private museum and an antique business there, spent more than two hours taking in the exhibits here last Wednesday afternoon. When they were ready to leave, he said he had a little gift for the museum. He went to their car and brought back two metal strips and the No. 4 Bobbed Wire Bible.

The first strip is shown as illustration No. 11 in the Bobbed Wire Bible. It is Brinkerhoff-Martelle barbed wire 1/2" by 3/8" and was patented Aug. 11, 1885. The second strip is a steel band No. 330 in that bible. It was used around a Nazi concentration camp during or before World War II. Thus the museum's collection grows.

I told the Rosebrooks about Shorty Peck's collection and about the new museum of historic farm machinery out at our

fairground, but I don't know if they were able to see either of these things in which they are very interested.

Last week I learned that Scott Mason is about to leave Heppner. Scott has worked at the hospital here for several years on the graveyard shift. He was so kind and helpful to many patients. My husband Bill was especially fond of Scott's care. We hope he will be successful wherever and whatever he decides to go and to do; and we are certain he will continue to be kind and helpful.

Another departure that concerns many people is that of Father "Rock" who has made many friends here while he has filled in as priest at St. Patrick's. The regular priest Father John O'Brien is due back from a family visit to Ireland this week.

Maybe many of you learned before I did that Father Beard, a much beloved former priest here who was the leader in building the present, beautiful church, has been transferred from Milton-Freewater, where he also built a church, to Klamath Falls where he is working with several other priests. Father Beard's original home was Baker, and it is hoped that he will again return to northeastern Oregon.

The A.A.U.W. Heppner branch, got its year's program well underway after the members and guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner of international dishes. Committees are already working in preparation for the organization's first-Saturday-in-December Artifactory. Kathy Hazen is in charge of collecting used books of all kinds for the booksale

section. She and her committee are making plans to have collection boxes for donated books at the various filling stations in Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

Those who went to hear Ned Walter tell about Belize certainly learned a lot about a very small country that I, for one, have been quite unaware of.

I understand that the number of children being excused from school on Monday afternoons at 2:30 to attend released-time religious training sessions took a big jump this week when St. Patrick's held its first catechism classes. The four participating protestant churches found their enrollments increased, also.

What a packed full day this Thursday promises to be. At 10:30 a.m. mothers and pre-school children will be gathering at the library for an exciting story hour. From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. this afternoon all ambitious, interested craftspeople will go to the Fairgrounds Annex to learn about making clever Christmas gifts from the clever Extension Division personnel and the resource persons working with them on demonstrations.

Then this evening everyone will want to spend the time between 7 and 9 p.m. in downtown Heppner at the Merchants Annual Extravaganza—the night of a thousand buys—known as MOONLIGHT MADNESS.

These activities, along with six or seven other happenings I hope to attend, should bring me into contact with most of the members of this community this week.

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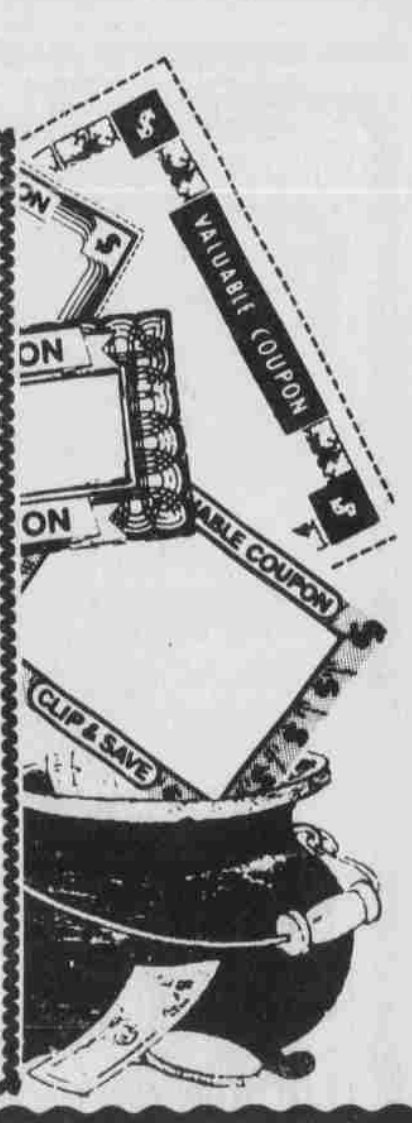
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