

# AROUND

with Justine Weatherford

# ABOUT

As I check the date of this publication, Dec. 7, memories come back of that Sunday long ago when many lives were changed by the Japanese attack which surprised our forces at Pearl Harbor, sinking about 18 ships, destroying 170 planes and inflicting 3,700 casualties.

At that time my first son was just eight months old (next April he'll be 38. How I hope his children will never experience a World War III.)

Seems like the media has been well filled with familiar names and faces recently. It is interesting to read of the projects accomplished by Rupert Kennedy, and it seems strange to know that he is no longer directing growth in the northern stretches of this county.

I really enjoyed seeing writer Joan Wells on Channel 11's A.M. Northwest last week. Then I hustled down to Murray's and bought her book "Downwind From Nobody." This amusing account of Joan and Mike's resettlement in our part of the world could cause a population boom nearby. She offers practical help to modern pioneers in a good-humored way.

I particularly enjoyed some of her dialogues with her husband and with their animals. I found that there are only a few scattered references to location—such as "Heppner Rummage" (p. 26), "The high middle of Oregon" (p. 115), "the junction at Kimberly" (p. 258) and something about the Condon newspaper.

I believe that the Well's Sky Meadow home-place is on our side of the magnificent John Day Valley somewhere above Spray—and I rather expected her to give that fantastically beautiful landscape more positive painting with her skillful word brush.

Joan Wells has had several successful autograph parties—one at J.K. Gill in Portland and one at the Heppner Artfactory where the supply of her books was sold out too soon. Florence Green, who had a good chance to visit with the author, tells me that Joan has a novel about ready to go to press. I know that she also writes a "sometimes weekly column 'Sticks and Stones'" for the Condon Globe-Times.

The copy of "Downwind From Nobody" which I bought is a second printing by Garden Way Associates, Inc., Charlotte, Vermont. It cost \$9.95, and the library of Congress has it classified as "Country Life—Oregon."

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 10, two county youth, Jody Tatone of Boardman and Becky Fulleton of Heppner and Echo are competing in the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City.

Becky's parents, Roice and Betty, journeyed to Oklahoma last Thursday to view the competition. Becky ranks 11th nationally in barrel racing. She has previously been in the National High School Finals and the National Intercollegiate Finals. She breaks and trains her own horses at Echo.

Jody Tatone finished ninth in bull riding in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys association year-end standings. The top 15 in each event qualify for the National Finals Rodeo which offers more than \$330,000 in prize money. We hope to hear that Becky and Jody bring some of that green stuff home with them.

Back on Nov. 24, the Pendleton paper carried a good article about lady attorneys of our part of Eastern Oregon. The one we know best is Ann Spicer who has been city attorney at Umatilla since Sept. 1977, and who also carries on a practice in Heppner with the firm of Abrams, Kuhn and

Spicer. Somehow Ann's picture was not in the lineup at the top of the article.

Nov. 25, the same paper printed a winning essay on the topic "What's Good About the United States?" It was written by Joe Daltoso a student at Boardman's Riverside High. I clipped it and have read it several times. Here is his conclusion, "It makes me feel proud that people of the United States, in spite of diversity can stay together and make it work. Americans can make their own destiny because we can make the choices, and that is what I feel is good about the United States."

I liked the author's picture, too, and think we should all feel proud of this young man from our county who certainly "must have his head on straight."

Maybe many of you read "Price of pet parenthood not just pittance" in the Nov. 27, daily Oregonian. A sympathetic friend brought this to me. She has heard me groan about how expensive I am finding Tip's feeding and care. It didn't make me feel much better by revealing that "During the dog's life expectancy of 15 years, which has increased five years or 50 per cent in the last decade, one can plan to spend \$6,000 for his care and feeding." I think that those of us who take our pet's care seriously should apply for income tax deductions for them.

Now I am about at the bottom of the stack of clippings I've collected these last two weeks. The pictured, lifesize head of Gordon Gilkey on the cover of last Sunday's Oregonian's Northwest Section, introduces a long article telling of the Portland Art Museum. He was sometimes my dean at O.S.U. and a Corvallis neighbor whose son and my daughter were in grade school together.

Mention of Dr. Gilkey and his art leads me into further mention of the great things I saw at the 1978 Artfactory. What a great collection of artists and craftspersons were there showing their wide variety of talents. I would have loved to have filled my car with things like the wooden toys, the stained glass, the wheat weaving, the batik, the beautiful tole painting, those cute apple dolls, the needle work, the china painting and much more.

I think that our community should be happy that the members of AAUW continue to present this annual opportunity for the artisans and the less talented mass of dwellers here to get together each first Saturday in December.

I heard one little child remark, on viewing the Artfactory Santa Claus, who again faintly resembled Charles O'Connor of Ione, that "This is the second one I've seen now!"

I happen to have a favorite Santa—he sleeps in the window of Peterson's Jewelry Store. I hope that their lovely, animated Christmas figures hold up for many years yet...as have some of the things on display for their Fiftieth Anniversary. You must note the first wedding ring sold by J.O. Peterson (Randall's dad) for the wedding of Frances Parker and D.E. Mitchell, July 3, 1928. Also exciting is a Dec. 1928 Christmas gift sold to Loyal Parker for his wife Etta which reposes in the window display in its original gift box.

Going into Peterson's and having a pretty, tasty cookie and then going on to Barb's Plant Seller and feasting my eyes on her lovely Christmas things and having another pretty, tasty cookie was such fun.

Now I must get on with a multitude of preparations that have to be finished very soon as I'll be having Christmas guests by Dec. 18. How time flies!

## Connie Hill marries James Gordanier in Nov. 25 ceremony

The marriage ceremony of Connie L. Hill to James A. Gordanier was held Nov. 25, 1978 at 2 p.m. at the Assembly of God in Springfield.

Marriage vows were given by the groom's father, the Rev. Allen Gordanier of Irrigon. The Rev. Thomas M. Ming Jr., pastor of the Springfield Assembly of God, administered communion.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill of Springfield. The groom is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Allen

Gordanier of the Irrigon Assembly of God.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long sleeved white satin and lace gown with a chapel train, and carried rose buds, carnations and daisies in her bouquet.

Her maid of honor was Terri Hill, and bridesmaids were Darlene Grazian, Trish Deger and Debbie Hammersla. The groom's best man was Larry Ganieany and his groomsmen were Kenny Hill and his

brothers Gary and Dan Gordanier of Irrigon. The flower girl was Leanna Sheley, the ring bearer Justin Hanson. The candlelighters were Sherri Sapp and the groom's sister, Nancy Gordanier.

Songs by Terry Kirschman were "You Light Up My Life" and "Three Times A Lady." After the ceremony Daryl Sheley sang "The One That I Love" and "Light One Candle."

A reception followed in the

Fireside Room of the church, and the bride and groom opened their gifts at that time.

The bride graduated from Thurston High School in Springfield. The groom graduated from high school in

Spray and attended Lane Community College in Eugene. They will make their home in Springfield where he is employed by Three Seasons Roofing and she is working as a secretary.

Pastor and Mrs. Allen Gordanier were host and hostess to a dinner for the wedding party on Friday evening.

## Ione Garden Club Christmas party will be Dec. 13

The once proud and elegant landmark home known as Saling House in Weston is being restored to its former beauty by a group of that community's interested citizens. Mrs. Dorothy Heard of Milton-Freewater, current director of Blue Mountain District No. 10 of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, announced at the November Ione Garden Club meeting that District No. 10 has selected the Saling House restoration as its heritage project, and all garden clubs are urged to contribute to this worthwhile effort.

Mrs. Heard and Mrs.

Blanche Snow, also from Milton-Freewater, joined the Ione Garden Club for a salad luncheon at Helen Martin's Ione home Nov. 8. Several members brought unusual houseplants to display and describe to members unfamiliar with them. During the business meeting it was announced that a Blue Star Marker has been erected at the Stanfield rest stop. This is the first of these costly memorials to be placed in Eastern Oregon and funds are being sought for a marker to be placed at Baker in the near future.

Delta Huber will host the

Dec. 13 Ione Garden Club meeting and annual Christmas party. The members will exchange gifts and Christmas cookies and their recipes at the luncheon meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Ione Garden club is invited to attend any meeting or contact the club's president, Mrs. Frank Osmin in Heppner or Mrs. Nelson in Ione.

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## Schwarzin promoted to corporal

Marine corporal David D. Schwarzin, son of Felix H. and Henrealta A. Schwarzin of 365 Linden Way, Heppner, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2d Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A 1973 graduate of Heppner High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December, 1974.

# FARM-CITY BANQUET

**Sponsored by Morrow County Livestock Growers and Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce**

**Saturday December 9**

**Livestock Growers Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

- 1 p.m.—Rep. Bill Bellamy
- 1:45—FFA Convention Report
- 2:00—Water Quality "208" Program
- 2:20 p.m.—Group Health Insurance
- 3:00 p.m.—Estate Planning
- 4:00 p.m.—Oregon Cattleman's Assn.
- 4:15 p.m.—Oregon Beef Council
- 4:30 p.m. Annual Report

**CowBelles Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

**Social Hour 6:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Pacific Northwest and Pendleton Production Credit Associations and The Federal Landbank of Pendleton

**Farm-City Banquet 7:00 p.m.**

Main Speaker—Arleigh Isley, County Extension Agent, speaking on "Government Controls"

Style Show—mens and ladies fashions from local businesses

Awards—Presented in recognition of agricultural and civic achievements

Door Prize—A precious gem, to be given by Peterson's Jewelers

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