

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Maybe you, too, have been trying to think of good things about our prolonged deepfreeze. It is getting plenty tiresome having meetings postponed, having walking about town stay so difficult, hearing about friends who have had unfortunate weather-related accidents.

The few good things I try to appreciate are that staying home more than usual has helped me find time to finally almost catch up with my letter writing, to enjoy some extra TV, to do a more thorough job of reading, mostly periodicals this last week, and to have time to work at learning a little about the German language.

Now that February has arrived we hope it will be warmer, and we know it will be a shorter month and will be brightened by Valentines.

Although I have been plenty slow, I have now replied to almost all the excellent letters that came around Christmastime. Ellis Thomson in New York City will now know that I really appreciated his great, jam-packed, 16-page chronicle of his thirteenth trip to Europe. Ellis missed his calling—he should have become an author. He has relatives and many friends in Heppner who remember him as a youth and as a periodical visitor.

Traveling vicariously with him on Sir Freddie Laker's crowded, but cheap trans-Atlantic flight, then visiting so many interesting places in the British Isles and about the continent has taken me out of Heppner twice now—when I first opened his letter and when I re-read it before sending off my answer.

What adventures Ellis had as he moved about from London to Turkey, then to Greece and on to Portugal and back around central Europe while constantly envying "the droves of traveling Germans with their lovely marks and the many traveling Japanese with their lovely yen." He visited in about 14 countries and many fascinating cities and towns. Besides the places I mentioned above, he spent time in Italy and on Sicily and Capri, in Yugoslavia, Romania, Spain, Morocco, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Denmark and Holland.

Of course after twelve previous European trips, Ellis knows his way about very well. He is so friendly and such interesting company that he has a great accumulation of European friends he sees on each trip. I particularly enjoyed his diary-like, daily weather reports and the descriptions of the people he met, many of whom were just by-chance fellow travelers. His blunt appraisals of the many hotels in which he stayed are amusing. He even spent one night in a jail in Lindau when he could not find a room to rent.

One interesting tidbit I gleaned from Channel 2's AM Northwest last week having to do with Oregon writer Ralph Friedman, whose "Oregon for the Curious" and other books are so popular, is that the dearest possession of his childhood was a public library card. Friedman told that there were only a few books in Yiddish in the Chicago home of his emigrant parents. Someway he learned that he was welcome to have a card and to use the nearest public library. This brought such joy and such learning into his life. His writing now brings joy to others.

Although I do not often watch TV series, I think that I want to try to view the CBS British-made "Edward the King" which runs on Wednesday evenings. Last week I saw that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert surely expected so much from their first son. The strict discipline and strenuous educational program he was forced to endure seem shocking. TIME'S, Jan. 22, review especially praises Annette Crosbie for her portrayal of Victoria who changes from a willful girl to an arrogant and old woman.

In the same magazine the story of how West Germany is uprooting thousands of its citizens in a 1,000 square mile area to exploit its reserves of brown coal is enlightening. "The nation now relies on brown coal for 30 per cent of its electrical power and 25 per cent of its home heating needs."

This made me wonder again about our county's coal and the old mines on Coal Mine Hill. I recall that that coal is low grade and was not especially wanted by the early railroad when it first came to Heppner. Is our coal brown coal? Could it possibly be used at the Carty coal-fired plant instead of having to haul coal from so far away?

However, after reading of West Germany's moving so many people and stripping away their family lands, I would hate to think of strip mining here. The Germans are constantly replanting and landscaping the great tracts and resettling people where they have mined with their four-story-high excavators.

The Jan. 29, TIME has a dandy opening editorial about Grammarian Richard Mitchell of Glassboro's New Jersey State College, where he has been an English professor for more than 16 years. He states "The real purpose of language is to talk about the world you can't see: the past, the future, the world of the mind. If we fail to master the tool, then difficult, important ideas go out of public discourse. We live meager, pinched lives, all of us, because we speak and write such meager, pinched language."

He continues with several statements about education. "Everywhere there's a discontent, a feeling that something

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Creative arts meet is rescheduled

Extension Events...

With Birdine Tullis



We hope the third try is lucky! The 4-H home ec and creative arts leaders meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 7, and we are more creative in our plans for this meeting. All leaders involved in the two project areas are invited to a luncheon at the Evans home in Irrigon at 11 a.m. Main dish will be furnished, but leaders are urged to bring salad or dessert. Notices are in the mail, with a reply requested. If transportation is a problem, south Morrow leaders may ride with Birdine.

Program will include a spring update by McCall's showing colors, fashions, and fabric ideas for the coming season, as well as discussion and planning of events and activities for spring and summer.

"A WILL OF YOUR OWN"

Who needs a will? What are the legal requirements for a will? What if I change my mind after I make a will? These, and other questions will be answered for study group members who attend the February meetings.

CLOTHING JUDGES WORKSHOP PLANNED

Those interested in becoming clothing judges will have an opportunity to receive training at a Clothing Judges Workshop, April 25-26, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Resource persons for the training will include Ardis Koester, Extension Textiles and Clothing Specialist and Barb Sawyer, Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth.

Applicants who were not accepted last year because of lack of space will have first priority this year if they submit a registration form by February 15th. New applicants should register by April 4. Cost to attend is \$6. (does not include meals or lodging.)

For more information on the workshop, or any information concerning clothing judges or judging, call Birdine 676-9642.

FOR THE BIRDS

Our little feathered friends are having a bad winter with the ground covered with snow, and their normal drinking water frozen. Many local residents are enjoying the

opportunity to feed the birds, and observe the different varieties that come to eat. Birds will eat suet during the winter for warmth and energy, and they also need grains or seeds. Share some food and water to keep them flying!

Leslye Jones is

listed in college

'Who's Who'

Leslye Jones of Lexington is one of 33 Blue Mountain Community College students who were selected for inclusion in the 1978-79 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included Jones' name, based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

AAUW to discuss ERA at Tuesday night meeting

Mary Bates, librarian at BMCC and an active AAUW member with various leadership assignments throughout Oregon, will talk to the Heppner Branch of AAUW next Tuesday evening at the home of Ann Spicer.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 with a Koffee-Klatch.

Bates will provide more extensive information about the ERA which basically states: (1) That equality of rights under the law shall not

be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex; (2) The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article; (3) This amendment shall take effect two years after the ratification.

Each AAUW member is urged to bring along a friend or two who might be interested in their organization or in learning more about the ERA.

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