

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

March did come in like a lion, a sort of soft, white lion, during the snowfall of last Thursday morning.

On Friday, under lovely blue skies, Martha King and I drove down the Columbia River and then south along the Willamette to Corvallis. The Columbia Gorge was rimmed with snow-covered heights, and the river was very calm and the roadway completely dry until we reached Corvallis. There it rained quite constantly on the blooming crocus and opening primroses and daffodils from our arrival until long after our departure.

Although my survey has been admittedly very incomplete, I believe we drove over the very worst road in north-central Oregon as we returned home Sunday afternoon. It runs south toward Rock Creek a little west of state Highway 19 in Gilliam County. It has long been known as Weatherford Road. Right now it should have a substantial barrier and a row of flares keeping everything away from it. Just be sure to avoid it until it has lots of working-over.

The water-washed ruts, several feet deep, cut into each side of the road and cross it every few feet. After we started up the road and bounced and crashed over the first three or four rocky, deep ditches we couldn't possibly turn around and had to fight our way over what seemed like many miles to a chance to turn to the left and get back on Highway 19.

Before I left Heppner I had a telephone chat with my son in Medford, in Oregon's banana belt. He said he has spinach up in his garden and other vegetables planted. It is rather hard to believe that gardening in other parts of this state get such a jump on our efforts here.

You folks who plan to take Cool Whip bowls to Eleanor Gonty or Pat Gentry for the St. Patrick's Irish Stew party have just one more week left. Altar Society President Marian Brosnan says they really appreciate the bowls they have received. Thanks folks.

I know I missed lots of community activity here last weekend, such as the play at the High School on Thursday and Friday, the full-length, rather new movie at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and the three evenings of karate demonstrations at Heppner Elementary School gym.

By now you have surely studied the spring 1979 offerings of classes by Blue Mountain Community College. Although this isn't "the springtime of my life" I am planning to try to go to class one evening each week during the next semester as I have been doing since winter term began in January. Why not try it? You might like it!

The Thursday evening German language class I've been enjoying under Professor Rod Aho has been excellent. However, I am glad that I am not worried about gaining a grade, as I got bogged down these last few weeks with the large vocabulary and the mass of grammatical detail. Rod has been assigning two lessons and several pages of readings, and I've found that I am not as accustomed to studying as I was years ago. Seems something is going wrong with my memory, too. I really want to learn the hundreds of new words and their many endings, but I seem now to forget faster than I learn.

Attending this class, however, has reinforced my belief that going to school is an exciting challenge. It is so good to have such a nice variety of classes offered here beginning March 26. We who qualify as senior citizens are invited to attend tuition free. Others pay such a reasonable hourly fee.

Several interesting, informative articles have popped up in my recent, selected periodical reading. TIME has a long article about top science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov. He sold his first story in 1938 and now has published over 200 books and many, many short stories. The interesting review of Asimov's life and works sent me to my unabridged dictionary twice. Do you know the meanings of "lagniappe" and "tsunami"?

Lagniappe is a Haitian-Creole word meaning a prize, bonus or extra attraction; Tsunami, as you guessed, is Japanese and it refers to a tidal wave caused by subterranean earthquakes. I doubt if I shall use either of these words—but I have a long-standing habit of hunting up words I can't define. How I wish I could remember the thousands I have looked up through the years.

If you watched last week's ABC evening magazine TV show 20-20, you must have been impressed by the segment telling of the coming water shortage in Colorado. Frightening!

The writing I most want to share this week comes from the latest issue of Quest Magazine. It seems most significant now that our city council is asking for a vote on the building of the dam that so many, like Oscar Peterson, have worked so long to make possible.

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Heppner FAMILY SAVINGS

Sally Sumner to marry Mike Huddleston



Mrs. Rita Sumner, Heppner, and Mr. Jack Sumner, Salem, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally, to Mr. Mike Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston, Heppner.

A September wedding is planned.

District 20 Rebekahs elect officers at lone lodge

The Rebekah Lodges of District 20, consisting of Holly, Lexington; San Souci, Heppner, and Bunchgrass of Ione, held their 58th District Meeting at Willows Grange Hall, Ione, March 3, with Bunchgrass as host lodge. Chairman Margaret Akers presided.

Forty members signed the guest book.

A luncheon was held at noon, prepared by Bunchgrass with the rooms and tables being decorated using the Assembly President's colors flowers and motto.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 1 p.m. with officers of Bunchgrass presiding.

The following dignitaries were introduced by the courtesy committee: Helen Gottman, President of the Rebe-

kah Assembly; Joan Blatter, Secretary and Past President of Rebekah Assembly; Delpha Jones, District Deputy President of District No. 20; Selma Hossner and Olivene Cowan, Jewelry Chairmen of Rebekah Assembly. Edna Melby was introduced from the Jurisdiction of Washington.

Chairs were then surrendered to district officers, Chairman Margaret Akers; Vice Chairman, Delpha Jones; Secretary, Edith Matthews; and Treasurer, Jo Huston.

At this time, the chairman was given a bouquet, presented by her grandchildren, Rod D. Phoebe and Brenda Linnell of Arlington.

Address of welcome was given by Vera Rietmann, and response by Delpha Jones of

Holly.

After roll call of convention officers and reports of lodges, tributes were given honoring President Helen Gottman, Past Chairmen of District No. 20, and 50-year members.

A memorial was presented by the chaplains of the lodges in memory of the nine departed sisters and one brother.

There were instructive explanations given by each lodge. Instructive addresses were given by the President, Helen Gottman; and Secretary, Joan Blatter.

Invitation of Holly Lodge for the next district meeting was accepted.

Officers elected were Chair-

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Senior Citizen News

By Justine Weatherford

Seniors who still want to take advantage of the federal government weatherization program should check with Pat Brindle at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The chance to have this help with the conservation of home energy is still available for awhile. This includes weatherstripping, installation of plastic storm windows and other aids.

Because the Neighborhood Center workmen have been able to acquire additional firewood from several generous citizens, they are offering to deliver some sawed heating wood to any seniors who need some now to finish out the cool weather.

The craft-working ladies at the center want to thank everyone who donated colorful yarns that they have been using in the attractive Eye of God decorations they have been making. You need to look in at the center and see what a nice variety of these they have

on display and hope to sell at very reasonable prices so that they can purchase more materials for the craft program at the center and at the hospital nursing home.

There was a very good attendance at the last two senior dinners in Heppner. People seemed pleased to be out visiting with one another after the several weeks of water-pollution and curtailment of the senior meals.

The menus for the meals in Morrow County next week include: At Irrigon, Monday March 12, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, red spice salad, biscuits and jelly, carrot-pineapple cake with topping.

At Heppner, Tuesday March 13, home-made vegetable soup with crackers, ground meat sandwiches, cottage-cheese and pear salad, relish plate, carrots, celery and pickles and raw apple cake.

At Ione and Heppner on Wednesday, March 14, diners

will be offered the same menu that was served at Irrigon on Monday, March 12.

Lexington news

Delpha Jones • 389-8189

Helen Gottman, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon and Joan Blatter, Assembly Secretary, paid an official visit to Holly Rebekah Lodge on Thursday night.

The evening began with a dinner served in the dining room, from tables decorated in the president's colors of blue, green and silver. Prior to the business session, Mrs. Carl Marquardt, accompanied by her daughter, Jana, and Sandi Wright, sang the president's song, "I Want To Teach the World to Sing."

N.G. Leila Palmer presided during the meeting. Lodge members performed the banner drill, after which the president spoke about state Rebekah activities. Refreshments were served. The room was decorated with shoes, ranging from baby shoes to hunting boots, depicting the president's theme: "Stepping Out for Oddfellowship." Holly Rebekah produced 22 members for the president's visit, with three members of Bunchgrass Rebekah No. 91 also in attendance.

Franklin Messenger, ac-

companied by two children, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger Sr. Mrs. Messenger and one of the couple's children remained at home due to illness.

Larry Padberg of Dayton, Wash., is visiting his grandmother, Catie Padberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradd are visiting Mrs. Bradd's mother, Gladys Van Winkle,

en route to their home in Ontario from Oklahoma, where Tom has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger Sr. visited Monday with Zearl Gillespie of Boardman, who is a patient at Good Shepherd Hospital.

Agnes Nichols has been visiting her daughter, Frances Beck, in Hermiston.

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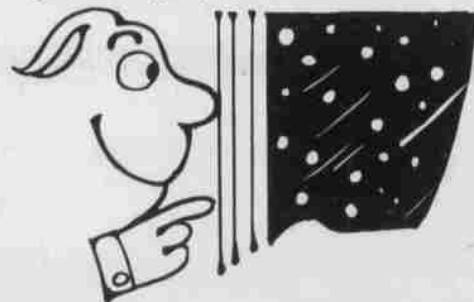
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