

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

So here we are actually into spring. The hard winter officially ended yesterday. Presidents Lincoln and Washington, St. Valentine and St. Patrick have been appropriately remembered, the great eclipse and its special excitement is past and Easter Sunday is a little over three weeks away.

Neat and efficient householders and civic-minded business people everywhere are cleaning their premises at this time of the year. A recent Oregonian article points out that today's homemaker assisted by her great electric aids keeps her home so constantly vacuumed and sparkling clean that a big, back-breaking, annual effort is completely passe'. Nobody rips up carpets and beats them over the clothesline anymore!

Last Saturday Ida Farra and I took a little trip to quaint, historic Weston where we visited with our friends Lesley and Charles Patching in their interesting home. We learned we had somehow crossed paths with their sons John and Will who had chosen to come back to Heppner to visit as a spring-vacation treat.

Our tour of Weston took us into the old grocery and market where there is a fine, old, reed carpet beater hanging and where we saw the beautiful, decorated, nickel-plated, arched meat-hanging rack which is so unique and rather famous. The old fountain which once was a central feature of the town is still there but has been moved from the center of the main intersection.

We peeked through the round-topped windows of the historic, brick Saling House which the garden clubs of Blue Mountain District 10 have been campaigning to restore. Lesley told us about her grandmother's recollections of attending a New Year's party at that home when it was in its prime. Her grandparents owned the drugstore and newspaper in Weston years ago.

The old home the Patchings have purchased was only owned and occupied by one family through the years—a couple who moved there as newlyweds and spent their entire lives there. Patchings bought it from the very elderly widow after she had to go into a nursing home. In these days of constant mobility, it is rather unusual to hear of a couple living in the same home for more than 60 or 70 years.

A few days after the article on spring cleaning appeared in the morning Oregonian, there was another interesting treatment of the matter of household cleaning under the heading "Clean's Keen, but No Flu Screen." It points out that trying to keep one's home "germ-free" will not prevent family members from getting colds or flu—"Which are caused by viruses. Cleanliness is no guarantee against catching a virus."

The article does recommend sanitizing dishes but tells a super-clean inquirer that her custom of changing all bed linen and towels each day and using disinfectant spray each morning and night will not keep her family from getting colds. "Actually, not much—aside from keeping your resistance high and getting a flu shot if your doctor recommends one can help you avoid colds and flu" the writer concludes.

A sure sign that spring is upon us is the return of our natives from their winter visits in the southern climes. Among the many who got away for awhile but are back home again are Irene Swanson and Barbara and Orville Cutsforth. Barbara has passed along a clipping from a Seattle paper which tells that son Gene Heliker is not only a busy professional musician, but has taken time to be a crime fighter and hero, too. The news bit reads:

"Well, some jerko grabbed Marsha Milroy's purse at Joe's Bar and Grill Thursday night, but Joe's is not a place to be snatching purses. Boss Max Russell dashed up the stairs, commandeered a passing police car, and a few moments later the cops collared the suspect. What else was needed?"

"Well, a witness for one thing—and it developed that a witness to this foul deed had departed. At which point, the entire Susanville Stage Band, then playing at Joe's, stormed out of the place. Guitarist Gene Heliker spotted a car pulling out of a lot some blocks away, gave chase, and returned with the purse-snatching witness—a small and very surprised woman.

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William Jepsen engaged to Iowa Miss

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hibma, Harris, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to William R. Jepsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen, Heppner.

Miss Hibma, a 1975 graduate of Harris Lake Park High School, is a senior in Agricultural Education at Iowa State University.

Jepsen, a 1973 graduate of Heppner High School, took his pre-veterinary training at Washington State University and is currently a junior in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

The couple plans to be married in November in Harris, Iowa.



William Jepsen...Nancy Hibma
...will marry in November

Parents group slates drug abuse speaker

March 29 has been set as the date for the next meeting of the Concerned Parents organization, according to Paul Sumner, chairman.

A representative from the alcohol and drug program of the State Mental Health Division has been scheduled to speak at the 7:30 p.m.

meeting, to be held in Heppner Elementary's multipurpose room.

Sumner said his organization is attempting to reschedule discipline authority Dr. Jim Monasmith for the

April meeting of Concerned Parents.

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"Victim Marsha, in admiration of her saviors said: 'Whatta band, whatta bar, whatta evening.'" (well, whatta story and whatta hero Heppner's Heliker has become.)

Are you observing the window washing and lawn mowing that is taking place these days? Betty Mills and Howard Cleveland were two early mowers I noted. I shudder to think what I face in the way of lawn care this year. My good friends, pup Tip and his doggy playmates, are hard to control. They are in the helpful, digging mood now—however, they have been digging in the worst spots, like in the middle of the front and back lawn.

We all must catch spring fix-up, paint-up, clean-up fever and not let the Chamber of Commerce Beautification and Improvement Committee down. I see that Bob Lowe is being a great, good-example again. He was scooping up excess gravel off the streets in front of the Courthouse last week.

Last spring he led the small, spring-cleaning effort waged by the Heppner Garden Club. This year the larger, better-organized campaign being chaired by Father Ken Miller should, with much citizen cooperation, bring about a great improvement in our city soon.

Civic pride used to be, and should still be, a real motivation. Let's make Heppner a beautiful example of a city whose residents appreciate its charm and advantages and show their love by working to keep it looking its best.

Spring is here at last from all the signs, the hills are getting green, plants and shrubs are beginning to bud, farmers are busy working, and the social activities are beginning to hum, with thoughts of the long hard winter in the past.

Tuesday evening, March 13, the members of the American Legion and Auxiliary celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the American Legion with a potluck dinner and program.

Retired Educators to meet

Community participation will be the theme of a March 24 meeting of the Morrow and Umatilla County Retired Educators organization.

The meeting will start at 11 a.m. in the Catholic Parish Hall in Hermiston. Alma Bloom, coordinator of the Hermiston Neighborhood Center will be the speaker. A dancing class will entertain.

The Hermiston branch of the organization is in charge of the meeting.

City clean-up drive plans to include creek channel

Members of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on City Beautification and Improvement, along with 12 other concerned citizens, met Monday, March 20 at the Parish Hall of All Saints' Episcopal Church to make further plans for the Heppner Spring Clean-up Campaign.

It was brought out that the school principals have been contacted and look forward to supporting the community efforts. Several present noted that play areas and sports fields needed special attention this year.

The fire department has agreed to be in charge of burning brush on city property as well as on private property where they are requested to do so.

An attempt is being made to have the State Highway Department assist in the effort by sweeping the main streets in town. The Sceptimists have taken the responsibility

of contacting each business establishment to encourage them to take on the job of cleaning the sidewalks and curbs along the main streets and to continue to clean near their own establishments once each week.

The Lion's Club has offered to clean the creek bed through town, a tough but very important job.

The committee has been promised a fleet of seven trucks to gather up limbs, brush and public trash. The chipper from Columbia Basin Co-op will be available for use. All one has to do is to call the secretary, Karen Palmer, at Columbia Basin and tell where there are limbs needing to be removed. Do plan to call before Friday, March 30, so that plans can be made to cover all needs.

Cleanup Chairman Father Ken Miller has been assisted by Mark Lovgren of CBECE in dividing the city into seven

sections which are being recommended to civic and fraternal organizations for cleanup responsibility and checking. Next week, March 25 through April 1, is the big, final push of the campaign.

A number of persons have taken on the responsibility of talking with their neighbors and encouraging block-party cleanup days. Bob Lowe is planning to bring together a number of youngsters to work on the road from the Elementary School east to the city limits along Hinton Creek Road. Father Miller plans to personally see to the cleaning of the foot bridge area from Main Street near the library to the Junior High School property.

Marshall Lovgren, city administrator, noted there is a litter control ordinance regarding uncovered trash being hauled through town to

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Hear and Their

A column by
Eva Hamlett

United Nations trip she took last July but was ill. They will be shown at a later date. Janet was also a delegate to Girls' State.

Wednesday, the Ione Garden Club met at the UCC followed by a large turn out at the Senior Citizens dinner.

Joe, Frank, and Lewis Halvorsen and Leo Crabtree drove to Troutdale Wednesday evening to attend the Masonic Lodge. The Master Mason Degree was put on by the Al Kader Shrine Club Degree Team from Portland.

Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Anna Ball on Thursday, March 15. Thirteen

members were present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mildred Wright at Hardman.

Spring vacation for the schools started Friday afternoon. Quite a number of young people are seen around town, coming home from college during the vacation.

Ken and Bernice Thompson and granddaughter, MacKenzie Fletcher of Portland are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mable Ring.

Adon and I attended the Irish Stew feed at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner Saturday evening. It was very good and

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Special weekend showing

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