

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

After several months of complaining about the hard weather, it is reassuring to have spring come along just about when it is regularly scheduled to appear.

The spring-vacationing students and teachers certainly struck good weather here last week—but we wonder about folks in the middle states and about teacher Karen Howe who went there for her week off.

Here we've had great outdoor weather. Many youngsters took advantage of the city parks—the grassy field of Hager Park is getting used, but not as much as the Main Street Park.

Both the county museum and the city library had more than usual traffic, much of it youthful, last week. Some householders got a good start on spring cleanup of yards, gardens and garages. When I took the efforts of my pruning and cleanup to the county landfill (dump) on Saturday afternoon it was good to see many others lined up to discard as they swung through the first week of the Chamber-of-Commerce-guided, official spring spruce-up campaign.

This week as the beautification campaign builds toward its weekend climax the activity should quicken and the dump get busier as the fleet of helper trucks fills requests for help.

By now you know that the Western Heritage Savings and Loan office is a full-time business here. You may have visited the spacious, attractive quarters where Manager John Van Winkle and assistant Penny Connor are pleased to help people in the location where the Mahoney-Abrams office was so long.

You are probably aware that this organization has financed the three new homes which are being finished and are for sale on upper Chase Street.

What you may not have noticed is that the Oregon State Motor Vehicles Division Office has taken over the original location of the savings and loan office here. This has brought two new residents to Heppner, Rose and Ellis McCoy, formerly of La Grande. Rose is the manager of the Vehicles Division Office.

These "real" McCoy's are friendly, helpful people who say that they like the friendly, helpful folks here. They are in temporary livingquarters now but will be moving into the house that Sally and Tom Dixon built on Canyon Road. The Dixons are returning to Milton-Freewater.

This week is pretty special for senior citizens of the county. At long last, after various problems which meant months of waiting, the new seniors' bus is ready to roll. A load of seniors rolled along in it last Monday over to Irrigon where they attended the county advisory committee meeting and had dinner at the senior meal site with the Irrigon seniors.

Seems that the Sifting Through The Times column last week inadvertently contained an error that several old-timers noted. It stated that Ron Currin had been valedictorian and Adelia Anderson Salutatorian of the graduating class at Heppner High School 25 years ago. This was an exact quote from the first publication of this news. However, in the next edition in 1954, the error was corrected, as we are re-correcting it now.

Adelia was the valedictorian and Ron the salutatorian. It is interesting to note that just two years later the Heppner graduates were lead by Nancy Anderson as Valedictorian and Tom Currin as salutatorian. They surely followed along nicely in the ways of older sister and older brother. The class of 1960 had the third Anderson daughter, Carol, as Valedictorian, and Tom Driscoll was their salutatorian.

Isn't it good to have houses being built and being remodeled? I understand that the newest home up on the eastern skyline is being built for Dr. and Mrs. Gifford and family. The expanded John Breidenbach family is raising the roof with a remodeling and enlarging project at their home on Chase Street.

We keep hearing that more rental units are needed here—that many retirees who prefer small-town living would come if they could find appropriate housing. Many of them like "close-in" locations so that they can walk to the post office and stores. It seems like there just aren't vacant places to live, and when a vacancy occurs it is grabbed before it is really vacant.

If the Willow Creek Dam is to be built there could be a really desperate housing situation during the building time. It seems strange that there is no suitable mobile home park nearby. Many construction workers now take their homes with them when they work on various projects.

Although to some, Heppner doesn't seem to change much—others see the community changes right along. It is offering more attractive locations for homebuilders—out of the flood plain, up on the hills. Almost all of the homes near the hospital and clinic are quite new as are the many on the hill around the new Forest Service Building.

Downtown many more services are being offered which

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Heppner Garden Club pledges aid to Hager Park, PMH

Heppner Garden Club members have voted to contribute money and support to the development of the city's Hager Park. They are also planning to try to assist with improving and caring for the grounds around the hospital.

At the regular meeting, Monday, March 12 in the Weatherford home, with Eleanor Gonty presiding, a request for funds from the Oregon Roadside Council was discussed. After deliberation the membership voted to keep most of their efforts here in Heppner, and not to contribute to the state roadside Council.

It was agreed that the club would contribute appropriate items of shrubbery for the landscaping of the Saling House at Weston, which has been adopted as a historic restoration project by the Blue Mountain District of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

Members were asked to

plan to attend the District 10 Spring Conference in Hermiston on Saturday, April 21. Dorothy Heard is the outgoing district president.

Bob Lowe brought a report of the Heppner Cleanup Campaign and the members promised to support and assist with that community effort.



Jim Wishart--Rhonda Harris

Rhonda Harris

to wed James

Wishart

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Raye, of Pendleton, to James F. Wishart, Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wishart, also of Heppner.

Both young people are graduates of Heppner High School. Rhonda is employed as a teacher's aide in the Umatilla County School System and Jim is employed by Kinzua Corporation.

A September wedding is planned.

Alpha Theta buys equipment for Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Alpha Theta Sorority recently presented a check for \$248 to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital to pay for an otoscope needed in the emergency room for examining eardrums.

The women earned the money for their gift from the sale of community calendars and E.S.A. Cookbooks. They also earned enough to present

some cassette tapes to the nursing home sector of the hospital.

At the groups' most recent meeting on Wednesday, March 14, in the home of LaRae Kindie, Vice-President Ramona Marshall presided in the absence of President Bettie Doherty.

Planning for the groups' annual Bike Ride to benefit St.

Jude's Children's Hospital was considered. Members ask that prospective riders be watching for details and complete instructions to be published soon.

Tonight is first session of BMCC

Expectant Parent class

The Expectant Parents class offered in Heppner by Blue Mountain Community College will begin Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m.

Couples may register the first night of class in the Heppner High School library. Total cost of the class is \$18 per couple. Instructor will be Chris Adelman, Registered Nurse. For more information about the class, Mrs. Adelman's number is 676-5196.

English Riding-Horseman-ship class in Heppner will begin April 1 at the Heppner Fairgrounds from 5 to 7 p.m. Those interested in the class should contact Merlyn Robinson, 676-9761.

Area coordinator for Heppner is Nancy Brownfield. Heppner area residents should contact her at 676-5039 if they have any questions about BMCC evening classes.

Historical Society seeks data on county's Indian heritage

The Morrow County Historical Society is seeking factual accounts of early-day Indian encounters and Indian life in Morrow County.

The society plans to compile data on the county's Indian culture for preservation. Persons with insight into Indian life—including family stories or diaries—are urged to contact Orville and Barbara Cutsforth, who are working on the project.

Mr. Cutsforth suggested that the project be launched during a March 26 meeting of the Historical Society's board of directors, held at the home of Jean and Norman Nelson. In other developments during the March 26 meeting, Harold Peck showed photos of a display on Morrow County in the State Capitol Building.

The Historical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to museums and other points of

interest in the John Day-Canyon City area on May 5. Persons wishing to make the trip may reserve seats by calling Ruth McCabe at 422-7194 or Barbara Bloodsworth at 676-9706. Cost will be \$12.50 per person, not including

meals. The bus will leave Lexington at 7:30 a.m., and depart from Heppner at 8 a.m. on May 5.

Renowned agronomist to discuss world food supply in Heppner speech

Is there hunger in the world? Can we feed future generations? These and other topics will be explored by Dr. Warren Kronstad, agronomy professor at Oregon State University at a public meeting Tuesday, April 3 at Heppner High School Cafeteria.

"World Food Supply" is the topic of the 8 p.m. speech sponsored by the Heppner Branch of AAUW.

Dr. Kronstad is a well-known speaker as well as a plant breeder. He has developed several varieties of wheat adapted to eastern and western Oregon including McDermid, Hyslop, Stephens, and Yamhill.

He has worked closely with Dr. Norman Borloug, Nobel Peace Prize winner for initiating the Green Revolution. The plant breeder has been involved with Borloug at a research center in Mexico and has worked with the wheat

program in Turkey. Last year he visited mainland China and toured research stations.

There will be a 7:30 p.m. business meeting preceding the speaker for all AAUW members.

Wallis-Mitchell wedding rite held at Morrow Courthouse

Marlene Wallis and Charles Mitchell were married in a ceremony at the Morrow County Courthouse on Friday, March 23. A number of friends and relatives were present for

the ceremony, performed by Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray.

The newlyweds, both Kinzua residents, will be making their home in Heppner.

Rick Boyce to wed Debbie

Brown in June

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown, The Dalles, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Rick Boyce, The Dalles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyce of Heppner.

Debbie is a graduate of Baker High School and is presently employed at the

Tapadera Restaurant in The Dalles.

Rick is a graduate of Heppner High School and the University of Oregon. He is currently employed in the office of Fred Thomson, C.P.A., The Dalles.

A June wedding is planned.

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