

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

After two month's leave of absence, I hope to continue to share observations, impressions and thoughts, along with bits of news with you through this weekly column. For almost six weeks I was in England and on the European continent. I am now pleased to be home.

So much has happened here during my traveling. It is sad to learn of several deaths and joyous to learn of several births. My friend, news editor Rick Steelhammer, has gone, and I find a new friend, news editor Jim Hackett who knows my older son at Port Orchard. I am hearing of changes taking place, of budgeting problems, of elections and appointments.

Being a lover of warm weather, I am relieved to have real summer here. Inez Erwin and I were together the first four weeks of traveling. I left her in southern Germany on May 15 to go north alone on the efficient German Rail System. As we parted, we agreed that our experiences together had been nearly perfect—the only imperfection being the cold, damp weather. Europeans were fearing that winter might last all summer.

London and the surrounding area, true to character, was continually foggy and cold. I was soaked the afternoon that we visited the great, historic Tower of London and its storehouse of crown jewels.

Our Thursday-through-Sunday tour of Holland took us through mushy snow and lots of rain and mud. In late afternoon, we took our tourist-boat canal ride and it rained so hard we could not see much through the glass top and sides of the boat. However the rain kindly ceased while we visited the heavenly tulip gardens and the superbly landscaped park.

We paid money down on a tour to Switzerland, but that tour was called off because of impossible visibility—snow and heavy rain and fog in the Swiss Alps. We then changed our plans and were able to join a bus tour to Paris, a fantastically significant city.

Last Sunday's Oregonian had a front page picture of German children frolicking in a fountain in Frankfurt in 90 degree heat—which told me that, at last, Germany is getting long-awaited warmth. The farmers and gardeners I talked with in western Europe were all saying this last winter was exceptionally hard and long-lasting.

My first experience with mammoth international airports came the year before I moved to Morrow County when I visited Japan and S.E. Asia and was almost overwhelmed by the vast size of the Tokyo Airport. Now I have been in and out of Heathrow and Frankfurt International Airports and found them so huge, so busy and so time consuming.

Some of you will hear me talking of my travels for years to come. Since I am back viewing my own TV, I've seen several of the great buildings and monuments I gazed at with awe so recently. Because I have always loved literature and history, I felt somewhat acquainted with much that I saw, but I had not really anticipated the thrill of being actually present, of actually touching the great cathedrals, the gigantic monuments, the historic grounds.

To me travel positively strengthens one's cultural appreciation. It surely awakens one's feelings about the natures of other nationalities and their backgrounds and their values. In London, Amsterdam, Paris, Berlin and Frankfurt I actually talked with persons from all parts of the earth. There are so many Arabs, Pakistani and East Indians working everywhere in England. Yen-laden Japanese are traveling everywhere. In Germany many "outlanders" have come from Italy and Spain to work in the industries. All the great cities are most cosmopolitan with banks and restaurants for each national group very visible.

The timing of this trip was most fortunate. Marsha Lovgren, who made our stay in London most extraordinary, has resigned from her position at the American Embassy and left London on June 1. Her hospitality and guidance helped us immeasurably. Shirley Erwin Clark, husband Dick and sons David and Scott provided our home base at Cooke Barracks in Goppingen near Stuttgart. Shirley helped us look around and be included in U.S. Army sponsored tours. I visited briefly with former Corvallis neighbors, Col. and Mrs. Neil Saling, Jr., and their children at Heidelberg. He is a grandnephew of the late Phebe Bartholomew of Butter Creek and a descendant of the pioneer residents of Weston's Saling House.

From most-exciting Heidelberg, I continued north on the efficient trains via Bonn, Köln and Hamm along lovely river valleys, through blossoming orchards and sprouting vineyards on terraced hillsides. Between cities were a series of neat homes and manicured gardens clustered around spired churches composing loveable German villages.

My final two weeks included my journey to Berlin and look around East Germany and East Berlin which was an

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**Review:**

## School concert judged success

By Jim Hackett

The upper grades spring concert Thursday night at the Heppner Elementary School demonstrated the fine musical talents of fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders—and hope for the musical future of the entire school system.

Most appealing, depending on your personal preference, were the choral selections with their physical themes. Most of the youngsters acted out play type sequences; the best in this writer's opinion was the Jr. High Chorus's "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and of course, the most outstanding, the sixth grade's rendition of "Long Tall Texan."

Words cannot describe the charm of the sixth grade girls singing their part in falsetto as the boys sang masculine harmony. The costuming, the boys attired in cowboy garb and the girls in bonnets added to the entire effect. The choir's "Candy Man" theme was excellently performed.

The fifth grade choir's selection of "Blue Tail Fly" was well orchestrated by Choral Director Kitty Mooberry.

Interspersed between the choral selections were band

numbers reflecting the range and depth of Heppner's young musicians. The fifth grade band played such traditional numbers as "Camptown Races," "Safari," "Krazy Klock," the sixth graders tackled the "Festival March," "Songs of the Sage" and "Grandfather's Clock"; the Junior High Stage Band, which has limited practice time, performed well with the selections of "Joshua," "Mexican Jumping Bean" and "Boogaloo Man", while the Jr. High Band played "Yellow Bird," "Boogie on By" and "Country and Western Jamboree."

Jim Ackley, elementary and jr. high band director and Kitty Mooberry are to be congratulated on Thursday's program as well as the young people performing. Ackley received recognition from the youngsters with awarding of the plaque and the band director thanked people in the community for its support of the program.

The audience attending the performance survived the heat of a warm spring evening to give Ackley a standing ovation.

## Dianna Wright Currin weds Gerald Hoeft



Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hoeft  
formerly Dianna Wright Currin

Dianna Wright Currin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Heppner and Gerald Alan Hoeft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoeft, Coeur d'Alene, were wed May 6 at South Lake Tahoe.

The bride, wearing a polyester knit, yellow dress and carrying a bouquet of white daisies and yellow chrysanthemums, was given away by her parents. Matron of honor was her mother, Beverly Wright, and best man, her father.

Following the nuptials, the bride and groom left for a honeymoon to Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nevada.

The couple is residing at the family ranch, two miles from Pilot Rock.

The bride attended schools in Heppner and is currently employed at the Pendleton Banking Company in Pendleton. The groom attended Pilot Rock schools and Blue Mountain Community College. He has been employed at Pacific Power and Light Company for nine years.

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## Farewell picnic for the Steve Tollefsons

The congregation of Heppner's United Methodist Church is planning a farewell, potluck, picnic on Thursday evening, June 14. Since they are saying goodbye to Rev. Steve Tollefson, his wife Vicki and their sons, Greg, Ben and Ted.

The picnic is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the park behind the Morrow County Courthouse. If bad weather occurs, the festivities will be moved into

the basement of the Methodist Church.

The committee has worked out plans for the farewell including selecting co-chairpersons, Alma Green and Ann Spicer.

has been assigned to pastor the church by Bishop Tuell of the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

The Tollefson family's last Sunday here will be June 24. They are moving to Ashland, Oregon, where Rev. Tollefson

## Rhea Grange to host student

Rhea Creek Grange will be host to Reidun Martinsen, I.F.Y.E. student from Norway, at its regular meeting on June 8.

She will show slides and tell about her native country, dressed in an authentic Norwegian costume. Everyone is

welcome that wishes to attend this program.

There will be no potluck supper before the meeting. It will start at 8 p.m. and refreshments served.

Ladies of the grange will mend for Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Monday, June 11 at the home of Emma Drake.

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