

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Life's pace quickens, hearts beat faster, more colored lights are twinkling. Many families brought their Christmas trees down from the mountain last weekend; trucks loaded with carol singers have been making their musical way along Heppner's residential streets.

Almost every social organization has scheduled a Christmas party. The churches are leading out with joyful celebrations of the traditional, Christian festival that annually reviews the drama of the first Noel. The TV schedules feature many super specials interspersed with countless seasonal commercials.

Last weekend's basketball tournament drew many here; the Cattlemens' annual banquet and the CowBelles gatherings were pleasing; the Tri-County Shrine Club coaxed some Heppnerites to its annual assembly in Arlington. The senior citizens' county advisory board and its transportation committee enjoyed their bi-monthly meeting held in the Ione United Church of Christ, where they were delightfully entertained after dinner by its Pastor Cathy Barker's a capella singing.

As this youthful minister, the daughter of a minister, who on occasions plays the part of a clown, introduced the humorous number, "All I Want for Christmas is a Hippopotamus" which she followed with three lilting European carols, she laughingly said she would sing "Acapulco."

To some of us one of the best current Christmas customs is the sending out of greetings and annual family letters. Presently we are sharing experiences of this past year as we move toward the new decade, and we are gaining updated understandings of changes in our friends' lives.

News comes back to Heppner from some who have moved away. The Dick Schlichting family tells of a growing number of grandchildren in their latest report from Fresno, Calif., where they moved from a northern California location last year. Dick is now working as a right-of-way agent.

The Charles Patching family is very busy in Weston; all four are really involved in school activities. Charley has been teaching evening classes for Blue Mountain Community College senior John is the busy student body president at Weston-McEwen High; Will and Lesley are busy as usual. Mom Lesley proudly states that John has been receiving feelers from many Ivy League universities as well as from Stanford, because he scored so high in scholastic aptitude testing. His former teachers here must feel good about this, too.

News from Rochester, Minn., about the Rev. Ed Cutting comes from his devoted wife Doris, saying that his recent surgery at the Methodist Hospital there is past and how thankful they are that the spots on his lungs were benign. Along with youngest son Craig, they will be returning to the parsonage in Coquille about the first of January after the Rev. Mr. Cutting's convalescence.

How disturbing it was for some bank officials and Social Security recipients here early this month when the printout of payments got lost in the mail somehow. All were relieved when a duplicate verification came along a few days late.

If you haven't recently traveled the Heppner-Lexington road, you should do that so you can enjoy the smooth new highway. Also you will note a sort of building boom at Lexington. Last week I took a look around Del Piper's considerably enlarged and nicely reorganized store, and I also noted three sizeable new residences that are under construction nearby.

Even though some of us simply write our seasonal greetings and wrap a few to-be-mailed presents, others have been working many months on their especially-created gifts. I hear that Postmaster Hubert Wilson has been building clocks as gifts. He explains that he is using native woods in this work.

Lots of ladies have used lots of yarn in their knitting and crocheting. Ella Smith sent off a multicolored afghan to a beloved granddaughter recently. Florence Green, as usual, provides super handmade items. Rachel Harnett always constructs a few sweaters and bedsocks and other enjoyable, useful items. Eleanor Gonty has been buying greenware and pretty glazes and has her kiln heated up. Super bakers including Betty McLaughlin, will soon be wrapping delicious cookies, fruit cakes and beautiful Christmas breads.

Amid the hustle and bustle of these Advent days, some of us have just remembered the horror of Pearl Harbor which took place on a Sunday morning 38 years ago. Some of us are also so concerned about today's international crises. Hopefully the joy and warmth of Christmas will not ever become crowded out of our hearts.

1979 Shrine Game nets \$45,000 for hospital

About 50 Nobles and their ladies attended a dinner meeting of the Tri-County Shrine Club Dec. 7 at the Village Inn in Arlington where the Arlington Shriners served as hosts for the evening.

Club Vice-president Bill Platt of Condon presided during the election of new officers and the presentation of financial reports on the 1979 East-West All-Star Football game.

Officers elected and installed for 1980 are: President Bill Platt; vice-president Glen Devin of Arlington, and secretary-treasurer, John Wood from Heppner.

Wood reported that the 1979 game netted about \$45,000 toward the support of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. He stated this was about \$10,000 more than the money made from the 1978 all-star game. These games are played at

Baker and usually several players from the high schools of the Columbia Basin League participate, and many folks from Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties support the event.

Several children from this area have been treated at the Portland hospital both as resident patients and as outpatients.

Heppner persons who attended the dinner and meeting included John and Louise Wood, Happy and Claude Graham, Millard Nolan, Howard and Beth Bryant, Dr. and Lota Tibbles, Paul and Blanche Jones, Wavel Wilkinson and Justine Weatherford.

This year's flu vaccine is formulated to protect against three full strains that might be expected to occur during the flu season: 'Brazil, 'Texas and A-Hong Kong.



Ray and Ruth Heimbigner of Ione celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 17. Their children, Toni, Vicki, Linda and Drew, say "Congratulations." The picture shows the Heimbigners on their wedding day.

Senior Citizens

The Morrow County Senior Citizens Transportation Committee met Dec. 5. The County Advisory Council met at 1:30 p.m. that same day in the basement of Ione's United Church of Christ. Truman Messenger chaired the morning meeting and Doris Gollyhorn presided over the larger group in the afternoon.

Reports presented included Sue Jepsen's review of Home Health and Homemaker activities. She said four new homemakers have been hired in the tri-county area she supervises, and she is so pleased that two of them are males. She also explained that when homemaker helpers need to bathe clients, they need to be trained by home health nurses and must be certified by that nurse and by the client's doctor.

Area Agency on Aging Director Rollin Reynolds talked about changes coming under the State of Oregon's Project Independence that is stressing keeping elderly and handicapped persons in their own homes and not sending them to institutions.

Reports were given from representatives of the three mealsites in the county. Each stressed that seniors must be encouraged to attend these nutritious meals and to get out and be sociable with persons their own age and in similar circumstances.

The transportation committee report was given by chairman Messenger assisted by Paul Jones. They urged more input into planning of the use of the senior bus, they hope to have help in determining what good the county bus can do now and in the future. Thoughts are needed about how the bus can be better used and how its use can be paid for after the original federal operating funds dry up. They feel the use of the bus should be based on the cost of its gas and oil for each trip. They presented a list of certified drivers that might help in each of the five county communities.

The bus is available for use by handicapped and elderly individuals, but it also may be used occasionally by others, if the use is approved by the transportation committee here and in the area and if the other organizations requesting it arrange to pay for its use. The bus has recently been equipped with a citizens band radio.

Paul Jones moved that the advisory council give a five dollar prize for the best name for the bus that is submitted before the council's January meeting. Bus name nominations can be sent to Messenger, Jones or Gollyhorn. The motion carried. Paul read guidelines for the use of the bus, and they were accepted

with the recommendation that they and any good additional suggestions for its usage be circulated and publicized.

The transportation committee has the responsibility for the county bus and stresses that users must assume careful management when it is loaned.

A brief discussion followed concerning how many would be attending the bi-monthly meeting of the Area Agency on Aging meeting in Weston Jan. 11. It was determined not to take the bus to Weston but to rely on private cars.

As Chairman Gollyhorn concluded the meeting, she thanked those who had attended and said the next meeting of the board will be Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Columbia Basin board room in Heppner.

The board members joined the regular diners at Ione for dinner and enjoyed the Christmas songs presented by Pastor Cathy Barker after the meal.

Menus being offered to senior diners this week are: at Irrigon Dec. 17—roast turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relishes, fruit salad, dinner rolls, butter and jelly, pumpkin deep dish pie with topping and Christmas candy and oranges. There will not be a dinner in Irrigon Dec. 24.

At Heppner Dec. 18—juice, liver and onions, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, molded cheese salad, hot bread and jelly and apricots and cookies.

Dec. 19 at Ione and Heppner the festive Christmas Dinner will include roast turkey, dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, relishes, buttered peas and carrots, hot bread and jam and angel cake with lemon topping. There will be no senior meal Christmas Day but there will be a meal Dec. 26 in both Ione and Heppner.

HOLIDAY TABLE SETTINGS

Best linen, candles on display

By Molly Saul
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Holidays are a time to bring out your best table linens and candles, according to Molly Saul, Umatilla County Extension home economist.

Although the combination creates a beautiful table decor, the candlewax dripping can cause a problem on linens.

Wax stains on linens can be prevented by using a candle snuff to put out the candles rather than blowing the flame, which can spatter the wax on the tablecloth.

Also, plastic collars are available for many types of candles that help protect the linen from dripping wax. A small piece of plastic under

the candle holder also can be an effective guard. Simply hide the plastic with an arrangement of greenery or other decorations.

If candle wax does drip onto fine table linens, Mrs. Saul recommends removing as much wax as possible by scraping with a dull knife or spoon. Then place the stained area between blotting papers or white paper toweling, and iron lightly at a low temperature. Replace the blotting paper or paper towels frequently until no more wax is removed by melting.

Then wipe the remaining wax stain using a pad of absorbent material which has been dampened with dry-cleaning solvent. Change the

pad frequently and continue wiping until no more stain is removed.

If any wax is left, decide whether or not chlorine bleach can be used on the table linen by testing the bleach inside the hem. Mix one teaspoon of chlorine bleach with three teaspoons of water. Apply the solution with a medicine dropper or cotton-wrapped toothpick.

Do not allow the bleach to remain on the fabric more than two minutes. Run cold water over the test area to remove the bleach; then one teaspoon of white vinegar over the area and again flush with cold water.

If the bleach does not change the color of the hem test area, use the same procedure on the candlewax stain. Be sure all traces of the bleach are removed.

Bishop's aide to conduct service at All Saints

The Rev. Robert Anderson, bishop's consultant, will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church Dec. 16.

Following the service, there will be an information and sharing meeting with the theme, "What does God expect of us in our ministries?"

The Right Rev. William B. Spofford, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Eastern Oregon, will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 30. A potluck dinner will follow the service.

Bishop Spofford is resigning his position Jan. 1. In thanks

giving for his ministry in the diocese, friends are being given the opportunity to donate to a local fund which will be given in Bishop Spofford's name to the Presiding Bishop Fund for World Relief.

Donations may be mailed to Gail Hughes at Rt. 2 Box 2314 in Heppner.

Born in Turkey

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor of Ione are grandparents. Their daughter, Terrie lives in Turkey with her husband, Duane Higel. Matthew Lee was born Dec. 1.

Community Santas work for Christmas cheer

A group of volunteers are busy getting ready to make Christmas happier for the needy of this county by working together at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Director Pat Brindle is again supervising the preparation of suitable clothing, toys and boxes of food for the needy.

Organizations such as the Lions Club, the Juvenile Advisory Council and the Veterans are repairing toys. Others have donated money toward the Christmas dinners and have contributed clothing for needy families.

Carolyn D. Holt has recruited several County Court-house employees to make doll clothing so that refurbished dolls will delight some underprivileged girls.

Many school children of the area are collecting canned food for the family food boxes.

Anyone who has food, clothing or toys to donate will find that their contributions will be appreciated. They are asked to bring them to the Neighborhood Center immediately as the Christmas boxes will be going out Dec. 21, according to Mrs. Brindle.

You're invited.....

Sheree Anita Marquardt of Lexington and Robert Howard Smith of Heppner cordially invite all their friends and relatives to witness their marriage Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Heppner.

A reception shall immediately follow.

Fresh vegetables reflect inflationary price trend

By Velma Seat
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Fresh vegetables are not reflecting the general inflationary trend. Prices, in most instances, are no higher than they were last year. So budget-minded consumers will find fresh vegetables a wise choice for fall and winter menus.

Cabbage is lower priced than a year ago and is tasty served raw in a salad or as a cooked vegetable. Carrots, potatoes, onions, broccoli, celery and hard-shelled squash are reasonably priced. Tomatoes are in short supply and costly.

New-crop navel orange supplies are increasing. Quality is good and there are a variety of sizes. More California tangelos and tangerines are coming to market. There is less Texas Grapefruit because of earlier hurricane damage. This will probably mean fewer grapefruit bargains.

Much of the apple crop has gone into "controlled atmosphere" (CA) storage, and prices are trending upwards. Increased amounts of fresh pineapple are coming to market. Anjou pears are plentiful and will be in the markets until late spring.

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