

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

In spite of the recent ice and snow, cold temperatures and drift-piling winds, I felt cheered last week when I noted the courthouse clock beaming again. We who need to be out after dark can feel reassured by its re-lighted dial, which had been dark for several weeks.

Just as we thought we were getting back into a regular post-holiday meeting schedule, many gatherings had to be cancelled or postponed. School children got to stay home and enjoy an extra holiday last week. Their teachers had quiet halls and classrooms.

Portland newspapers did not get to Heppner between Wednesday and Saturday, but in spite of storm and sleet the faithful rural mail carriers made their rounds. Route 2 carrier, Zelma McDaniel, said it was "mighty rough," and she didn't follow her usual route all the way each day (couldn't get from Sand Hollow over to Little Butter Creek), but she did not miss any boxes. It was several hours later than usual before she completed all her stops.

County road crews worked strenuously to open roads blocked by high drifts. By late Thursday, however a few outlying ranches were still snowbound, such as the Raymond French place east of Lena, where the owners broke their road open on Saturday morning.

A hero of the traffic-stopping blizzard in the Columbia Gorge was the "little train that could." The valiant Amtrak Pioneer even made unscheduled stops at Cascade Locks and Bonneville and, loaded to standing-room-only capacity, brought many cheering passengers into Portland on Thursday evening. Portland's Mayor McCreedy was so pleased with the Amtrak performance that she rushed a letter off to Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt saying this "rescue trip" should help prove that the train is really needed and appreciated by Oregonians.

Recently Morrow County Pioneer riders have been Mr. and Mrs. Gay Harshman, Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, Heppner. Both couples made round trips to Seattle.

Martha King went to Corvallis to spend the holidays with her Kennedy clan. By the weekend of Jan. 6 she was ready to come home; so her sister-in-law, Helen (Mrs. Bud Kennedy), a Corvallis neighbor and Martha made a nice drive up the Columbia in the bright beauty of Monday, Jan. 7. The next morning Helen and her friend decided they had best get westbound; they made it as far as The Dalles, where they were held up along with so many other folks until Friday, Jan. 11, when they proceeded south and west and back to Corvallis around the south side of Mt. Hood. At The Dalles the two women were lucky to find a motel room at \$25 per night (an expense that they of course had not planned on.) Now whenever their recount snowbound adventures they can describe their "I was there" stay along Highway 80-N.

The sudden disappearance of most of the snow during Friday night disappointed a group of Heppner highschoolers. Todd Harrison and a number of friends had planned a sledding party for Saturday afternoon. This was to be such good, old fashioned fun, and those invited were full of happy anticipation. The plan included pizzas after the sledding at the Bob Harrison Ranch near Lexington. But the sledding was cancelled by the thaw.

Some householders seem to think that the shoveling of their sidewalks is no longer necessary. Among those who did clean their walks, the best shoveler on South Court Street was James Thomson. Jimmy didn't even wait until the snowing stopped. What a pleasure it was to walk in front of his oversized lot on a cleared walk instead of stumbling and slipping as some did on many residential walkways.

Cal Sherman was most helpful to business neighbors near his service station and to others as he moved about voluntarily snowplowing.

When last Saturday afternoon's rain and melting snow were making very large puddles at the intersection of Baltimore and Main Streets, another helpful, good citizen, Ida Farra, bundled up, grabbed a garden tool and worked at cleaning the clogged street drain to release the collecting water.

The Main Street plowing by the Heppner municipal crew which created a low alpine ridge down the center of the street, really stopped some of us from crossing it in the middle of the blocks, as we know we shouldn't.

The county's first baby of 1980, Melissa Ann Cutsforth, is very special in several ways. She is a member of the fifth generation of Cutsforths to live in this county. Her great-grandfather, Orville, told me that his parents came here from Canada. There aren't too many families with a five-generation record here.

## Senior Citizens News

The Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Council is eager to have help in achieving the best use of the 17-passenger bus which was granted by the federal government to this county last year to be used primarily by and for handicapped and older citizens. It is equipped with a wheelchair lift and also a new citizens band radio.

Groups other than the handicapped or elderly may apply to use the bus when these primary users have not scheduled its use. The transportation committee has a list of qualified drivers.

Any group who asks to use the bus will be expected to contribute the cost of its operation and will be responsible for its management when and if the request for use is approved.

Seniors or shut-in citizens of the five communities in the county are urged to schedule bus trips on a sort of rotating basis. Between trips the bus is located in Heppner unless it is scheduled for use in close order by neighboring communities. Truman Messenger, Lexington, is the chairman of the Transportation Committee.

At the advisory council's last meeting a "Name the Bus Contest" was set up. The council would like to have some better name on the bus than its present label "Quintra Bus" which refers to the five-

county ECOAC area to which the 5 buses were granted.)

Anyone who has a good name to suggest should tell Advisory Council President Doris Gollyhorn, Ione (422-7512) before Jan. 28, when the council will be meeting again. A prize of \$5 will be given to the person who submits the name selected. The Transportation Committee suggested that the new name help publicize this county in some way.

Last week the Tuesday and Wednesday dinners at Heppner were very poorly attended due to the inclement weather and the Wednesday meal was not served at Ione.

Chief cook Eleanor Gonty said that if attendance didn't pick up and stay up, possibly the meals would be cancelled. However with last weekend's improvement in the weather the meals should be continuing. All citizens who are 60 or more years old are urged to attend, to enjoy the meals and fellowship.

Menus for Jan. 22 and 23 will be:

At Heppner on Tuesday, Argentinian meat and fruit stew, cheese bisquits and jelly, molded lime and grapefruit salad and peanut butter pie.

At Heppner and Ione on Wednesday, Jan. 23, saucy chicken and rice, pineapple-glazed carrots, bran muffins and jelly, tossed green salad and apricot cake with topping.



Gov. Vic Atiyeh donates blood in Salem. It was his participation in Oregon Blood Donor Month.

## When bloodmobile visits, Morrow people give

January has been designated "Oregon Blood Donor Month" by Governor Victor Atiyeh.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital does not have the equipment needed to take blood from donors so any Morrow County residents interested in participating in "Oregon Blood Donors Month" must go somewhere else, according to Lucky Felt, hospital administrator.

Felt said the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to Heppner once a year, usually in April or May. He said Pioneer Memorial does not have the facilities to test donated blood so it is only taken in an emergency.

The administrator added that 50-100 pints of blood are usually obtained from Morrow County donors when the bloodmobile comes to Heppner.

"When the bloodmobile does come," Felt said, "our staff will have time off to volunteer and help the drive and our employees will be encouraged to donate blood."

Felt said the hospital does not have an inventory of blood so that when blood is needed, Pioneer Memorial has to get it from other hospitals.

In a ceremony Jan. 3 at the First United Methodist Church bloodmobile in Salem, the governor read and signed a proclamation that stated "Volunteer blood donors are responsible for saving thousands of lives each year in Oregon through their unselfish donations of blood. The only source for this vital fluid is healthy, caring human beings."

It went on to say that "there remains a growing need for new blood donors. January is the month with the highest usage of blood and blood products... therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim January 1980 as 'Oregon Blood Donor Month' and urge all healthy citizens between the ages of 17 and 66 to give blood at their local blood center or bloodmobile."

Following the ceremony, Governor Atiyeh showed a pint of blood to his

## Jim Monahan

has new grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Ron B. Hoffman of Oregon City had a baby boy, Nicholas John, who weighed six pounds and 15 ounces.

The grandparents are Jim Monahan of Heppner and the Johnnie Hoffmans of Pendleton.

He joins two sisters, Heidi five and Andrea three, at the home.

## Valby Church

sets meeting

The Valby Lutheran Church will have its annual meeting Jan. 20.

Because it is Super Bowl Sunday, the meeting will take place at 9 a.m. with the worship service beginning at 8 a.m. this Sunday only.

There will be no potluck dinner because of the time change. There will be a coffee hour, according to Pastor John Maas.

## Aging advisory

panel meet

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will meet Feb. 14 in Condon at the United Church of Christ, two blocks west of the main street, toward the north end of town.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Lunch will be served "dutch treat" at the Senior Center.

## Christian Unity Week set for observation

A special service in Heppner at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 23, will commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The service, to be held at the

First Christian Church, will be sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, said the Rev. Cathy Barker of Ione, who is the local coordinator.

She said the observance follows a tradition dating to 1908, when it was established by the Greymoor Ecumenical Institute in New York State.

The theme this year will be "Your Kingdom Come," and participants will include ministers of Heppner, Lexington and Ione, who will give prayers, readings and soliloquies. There also will be special music.

The public is invited.

## Parents get bid to confer with teachers

A parents conference day will be held at Heppner High School Jan. 23 according to Principal Jim Bier.

There will be no school for high school students that day.

Teachers will be contacting some parents to schedule conferences. However, all parents are invited to come to the school and pick up semester grade reports and conference with teachers.

Conference hours are set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents that cannot come during these hours may make arrangements for another time by contacting the school.

## They're straight A!

Kristin L. Edmundson of Heppner and Lorinda Ann Schnell of Irrigon earned straight A grades and were named to the President's Honor List at Oregon College of Education.

The school had 203 students on the honor list.

Sharon Anne McCarl of Lexington and Anita Eileen Rogers of Irrigon were named to the College Honor Roll for having a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

The Oregon College of Education had 375 students on that list for a total of 578 students receiving grades of 3.5 or better.

## Parents' day set at Ione

Jan. 22 will be Parents Day at Ione Junior and Senior High Schools.

Students in grades 7 to 12 will remain home while parents attend a mini-schedule of classes in the morning, eat lunch in the cafeteria at noon, and have conferences with teachers in the afternoon.

Elementary students will have regular classes that day.

## 3 from Ione on honor roll

Three Ione residents are listed on the University of Portland 1979-80 fall semester honor roll.

They are: Carol McElligott, sophomore, School of Education; Janet McElligott, freshman, College of Arts and Sciences; and Michael McElligott, senior in the School of Business Administration.

## \$1,000 grant to aide Nursing program

A \$1,000 grant will help provide periodicals for the nursing library at the Oregon Health Sciences Center School of Nursing at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande, according to Delpha Jones, Lexington and Justine Weatherford, Heppner, members of the Eastern Regional Council of the Oregon Lung Association.

The grant has been made by the Saide Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Fund.

In 1915, Mrs. Dunbar became the first executive secretary of the Oregon Tubercu-

losis and Health Association, now called the Oregon Lung Association--or the Christmas Seal Association. She held the position until 1951. She died May 12, 1960 at the age of 80.

In 1908, Mrs. Dunbar had been elected chairman of public health for the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. In 1938 she served as national president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1956, the Oregon Lung Association and the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs together established the Saide Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Fund.



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