

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

The premier of last week was the excellent mystery play at Heppner High School. Its viewers were pleased with the attractive setting and period costumes as well as with the good performances and adept stage management. Cheers go to Jane Rawlins for her inspirational directing.

I was really disappointed not to see every seat taken. It seems sad that some persons just couldn't tear themselves away from their nightly television viewing—or other activities—and come out to support a fine, big effort at a public school. They would have been convinced that many of today's students are talented in the dramatic arts, thanks to competent teachers.

During the intermission the members of the National Honor Society offered playgoers coffee and cuts from a fine assortment of homemade pies. There was a short period for visiting with neighbors. Gene Rietmann from Ione told me how he has enjoyed Rawlins-directed plays since he was an Ione High student years ago.

Rob Abrams was there to applaud for his youngest sister, who was the play's star.

Dr. Gifford wasn't too certain that the menacing-looking villain, Dale Holland, was doing too much to help the public image of physicians.

On Saturday I had hoped to attend Blue Mountain College's production of "Camelot", but the deep ice cover on the roads that morning influenced a change in my plans. I found that I was unable to back the car out of our garage and onto Gilmore Street when I needed to keep a morning appointment at the hospital.

I telephoned 911 and easily persuaded our helpful and friendly Police Chief Dean Gilman to take me up the hill and home again later. Officers Rathbun and Cowett have also been very helpful and friendly during other times when I really needed help against the icy weather.

It seems that too many nice families are leaving Heppner these days. Among the younger families I have particularly enjoyed were Rod and Nancy Aho and their attractive daughter and son. Rod taught several Blue Mountain Community College adult classes here, and Nancy gave piano lessons to youngsters.

Last Wednesday just before the senior citizen dinner, Rod Aho gave a good talk on energy conservation. He introduced Paul Sumner who will succeed him as the customer service representative at Columbia Basin Electric. The Aho family have moved to Walla Walla where Rod will work for the Bonneville Power Administration. Now who will be our authority about Amtrak matters?

Saturday morning when I happened to be up quite early observing the ice situation I noted a U-haul truck followed by a passenger car heading north and wondered if that might be the Ahos. In fact, I breathed a short prayer for whoever was starting out so bravely over the terribly slippery roads.

Meeting weekly with local commercial persons at the Chamber of Commerce luncheons, I have become aware of county business conditions. Many have felt pretty discouraged during traditionally slow January. Last week, however, Allen Nistad gave an encouraging report on the Kinzua Mill. It is also good to hear of work beginning on the enlargement and modernization of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

It seems to me that all town and agribusiness persons in the south county should be members of the C. of C. Avon Melby arranged for an assortment of good programs and Jim Rogers, West of Willow's proprietor, gets every week off to a good start with his hearty Monday lunches.

One of the small, but significant business matters I have heard brought up at the chamber and elsewhere is the need for a drycleaning facility here. Many people really mourn the retirement of competent and helpful Bill and Daisy Collins. For a brief time there was an agency for a Hermiston cleaning establishment here. There is a real need for someone to take on a regular route which might mean two days of travel each week between this area and either Hermiston or Pendleton.

8 Heppner students earn straight A for semester

Eight Heppner High School students received straight A grades on their semester report cards.

They include seniors Alice Abrams, Marie Van Schoiack, Lee McCarl and Dale Holland; junior Paul Palmer; sophomore Ann Lindsay; and freshmen Suzie Jacobs and Mardell James.

Forty-six of the 212 students at HHS are on the honor roll for receiving grades of 3.33 or better.

Of the 55 seniors, 17 are on the honor roll. They include Jari Alasvanto, Jeff Edmundson, Sandy Farley, Todd Harrison, Paula Heinrichs, Sandi Hudson, Larry Palmer, Jim Parker, Debby Paustian, Todd Sherer, Janice Sherman, Jana Steagall and Jojean Stevens.

Juniors on the honor roll include Cindy Bowman, Pat Clark, Lynn Dee Devin, Jeanniene Forquer, Mi-i Murai, Bonnie Nix, Carolyn Plochard,

sky, Brett Sherer and Anne Van Schoiack. Ten of the 53 juniors are on the honor roll.

The nine students of the 50 sophomores on the honor roll are Cindy Bergstrom, Lorri Day, Darcy Hollomon, Cindi Hudson, Pam Marquardt, John Murray, Sarena Panter and Sandra Ward.

Freshmen on the honor roll are Tawny Wilson, John Stevens, Anne Murray, Kim Miller, Wes Marlatt, Shelly Fraser, Greg Connor and Sherry Clement. There are 54 freshmen and 10 are on the honor roll.

Weekend visitor

Gene Heliker from Seattle, Wash., visited his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Cutsforth, over the weekend.



Salmon featured in Lenten casserole

For a delicious Lenten family or company dinner, try this flavorful combination of canned salmon, rice and spinach. Drained canned salmon and cooked rice are arranged atop a bed of spinach in a shallow baking dish, then covered with a smooth cheese sauce using the liquid drained from the salmon. Additional shredded Cheddar cheese is sprinkled over the top. The casserole needs only a short baking period, just long enough to heat rolls or bread and prepare a salad to complete the menu.

Canned salmon is a convenient and nutritious ingredient, perfect for adding variety to menus during the observation of Lent. Aside from numerous casseroles, it is delicious in hearty soups, sandwiches and salads.

SALMON AND RICE FLORENTINE

- 1 can (15-1/2 oz.) salmon
- 2 packages (10 oz.) frozen spinach
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 cups milk
- 1-1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, divided
- 2 cups cooked rice

Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Break into chunks. Cook spinach according to package directions. Drain well. Melt butter in saucepan. Add onion and saute until tender. Blend in flour and salt. Gradually add milk and salmon liquid. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add 1 cup shredded cheese and stir until melted. Spread spinach over bottom of shallow buttered baking dish. Layer with salmon and rice. Top with cheese sauce. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake at 400°F. 20 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Friendship Baptist sets recognition service

Friendship Baptist Church of Heppner will be having a special recognition service Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The church is a new congregation, that has been meeting for one year at the multi-purpose room of the Heppner Elementary School.

The special meeting will be in the junior high gym as people from around the Blue Mountain area will be coming to share in the service.

The Rev. Paul McArthur of Umatilla Baptist Church will bring the message of recognition while the Rev. Jim Page of Prairie City and the Rev. Dave Simmons of John Day

Advisory group to meet Feb. 11

The Heppner-Lexington School advisory committee will meet in the Heppner High School Library Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda items to be covered are recommendation of certified staff, reports on budget meeting, report on district board meeting and a report on the parent conferences held at Heppner High School.

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There will be refreshments and a time for fellowship and sharing following the service. Everyone is invited to attend as the local church unites with the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon.

Singspiration service set

A community Singpiration Service will take place at the Heppner Christian Church Feb. 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All old or new residents of every age are invited to come enjoy singing favorite hymns.

According to the host pastor, the Rev. Sikes, refreshments will be served and a time for fellowship will follow the singing.

Sunday evening Singspirations are a cooperative effort of the churches of south Morrow County.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Homemakers Program in area reported growing

The bi-monthly meeting of the Morrow County Senior Citizens' Advisory Council was Jan. 28 in the Columbia Basin Conference room. President Doris Gollyhorn and a large group of seniors attended.

Reports of various programs relating to seniors were given. The Homemaker Program seems to be growing. It has been aided here by some of the interest on the Bisbee Fund of Heppner's All Saints Episcopal Church. This fund was established by Kay Bisbee as a memorial to her mother Julia Bisbee. Sue Jepsen stated that in several instances money from the source had helped worthy senior citizens with needed emergency assistance.

Paul Jones asked the council secretary, Theta Lowe, to send a letter of appreciation for the assistance from the fund to the All Saints Church and to Kay Bisbee.

Reports from the county mealsites show that at Ione there needs to be more response to the program. The council members hope that residents there will begin to attend the meals and special programs provided in larger numbers soon.

Much time was given to the matter of making more use of the bus given to the seniors of this county. It was stressed that more ideas are needed in

order to involve more people in ways to use the new 17-passenger bus which is equipped with a CB radio and with a lift for wheelchair users.

One suggestion concerned the use of the bus to occasionally transport seniors from Boardman to the Monday dinners at Irrigon. Other ideas are that regular outings to places of interest should now be planned and scheduled by groups in the county for the spring and summer months.

Area Agency on Aging Director Rollin Reynolds, Homemaker Supervisor Ruby Kirk and Nutrition Supervisor Rogena Marks from Pendleton attended the meeting. They announced that there would soon be some re-defining of several staff positions.

As the meeting concluded, it was announced that the group will hold its March meeting at Irrigon March 24, at 1:30 p.m. It is likely that the bus will be ready to transport persons from the south county to that meeting.

The most immediate plan to use the bus will be Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, when the five-county Area Agency on Aging Council will meet in Condon.

The bus will leave from the Heppner Neighborhood Center at 8 a.m. to get those from the county who are members of

the council and others wishing to attend into Condon before the 10:00 a.m. meeting. Everyone is invited to enjoy the luncheon at the Condon mealsite that noon.

Persons from the north county will need to arrange their transportation to Heppner by private cars. If council members and mealsite representatives do not fill the bus, other seniors or interested citizens may fill any available seats. Telephone Truman Messenger at 989-8518 or the Heppner Neighborhood Center for a seat reservation by Feb. 12.

The Social Security representative will be at the center Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. All who need help with fuel costs can check with Pat Brindle to see if they qualify. She has already helped many persons and wants to help more.

Looking ahead, blood pres-

sure clinics will be held in Heppner Feb. 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and in Ione Feb. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. Folks are also reminded that a lively TOPS group is meeting each Monday evening at the Heppner Center. Barbara Pike is the group leader and she invites all who care to Take Off Pounds Sensibly to join the fun.

Next week's menus are: Feb. 11 at Irrigon—fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed green salad, bread, butter and jam and peaches and cookies.

Feb. 12 in Heppner—orange juice, tuna ala king on biscuits, green beans, carrot-apple-raisin salad, cheese sticks, biscuits and jelly and cup cakes.

Feb. 13 in Ione and Heppner—oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cheese biscuits and jelly, fruit salad, raspberry poke cake with topping.

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