

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Don't the recent local weather changes remind you of a childish jingle about a little girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead? "When she was good, she was very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid!"

Last Wednesday night as Lavonne Bergstrom and I drove very slowly back to Heppner from a Tupperware party at Renita Powell's, we passed an "almost" accident, which made me shift to a lower gear. It appeared that a station wagon had surprisingly headed off the highway for a quick, shortcut trip toward John and Louise Wood's front porch, but after slipping onto the high, graveled dropoff from the highway, the vehicle had stopped and seemed to have been left hanging on the edge.

Last week when there were tremendous floods in southern California and Arizona, it was good to have a phone call from daughter-in-law Tess Weatherford saying that she and Bill and Billy were still OK.

Some of us were concerned that our county budget officer, Alma Green, and her sister-in-law, school cook Gladys Van Winkle, had chosen such an exciting time to go visiting brother Jack in Arizona—although weren't they smart to leave Heppner and Lexington when they did?

Here are a few helpful definitions gleaned from recent reading: Graffiti—wit-and-run literature; Platitude—an epigram with a steady job; Rapid transit—what everybody wants everybody else to ride on; Conscience—what hurts when everything else feels so good; Housework—something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

Last weekend was great for youngsters involved with local Methodist Youth groups. Early Saturday morning some were off skiing at Spout Springs; some attended the exciting Heppner basketball game that evening; some went roller skating in Hermiston Sunday afternoon. "Oh to be young again," their slightly weary adult advisors were saying.

The John Breidenbach family from Timber Lake was in town for four days last week. John and Cindy worked at completing the remodeling of their Chase Street home while John Alan and Howard and Rosalie enjoyed visiting with former school friends. The five former residents and high school senior daughter Lela joined others from a wide area in attendance at the memorial service for Cindy's grandmother, Olive Reade, which was in the Spray High School Saturday afternoon.

A coming event that we can enjoy anticipating, the St. Patrick's Altar Society, will hold its annual Irish Stew Dinner and family-night program March 17.

A coming event that we suffer anticipating—the approaching deadline for income tax reports. A few smart and happy folks have theirs all processed and maybe their refunds will help postpone the promised economic depression.

Here is a collection of "Remember when" thoughts, borrowed from various places. Remember when...charity was a virtue, not a telethon...lights, not people, were turned on and off...instant recall was a sign of good memory, not of bad manufacturing...trouble in the streets meant potholes...campers were people, not trucks...movies were rated on how good they were, not on who was allowed to see them.

Frigid weather promotes more than the usual TV viewing by many. How pleasing viewers find the exhilarating Winter Olympics. Thankfully they were not cancelled by the Iranian and Afghanistan crises. Seeing winter sportsmen from so many countries competing and seeming to enjoy one another's company is delightful.

Senior Citizens

Last week it was declared in this space that a bus load of seniors had departed from Heppner at 8 p.m. Thursday to attend a five-county, Area Agency on Aging meeting and a Valentine luncheon in Condon.

Such are the exigencies of newspaper deadlines, that the story had to be written in advance as if the senior had, indeed, taken the trip.

Well, it turned out not to be.

The director of the Aging Agency, Rollin Reynolds, telephoned from Pendleton before the senior dinner Wednesday evening to say that the meeting had been called off because of very unsafe travel conditions. He alerted seniors in the other four counties, too. The county's Senior Citizen Program, which was granted a federally-funded bus last year, has tried to arrange for more use of the vehicle. It is a shame that no one has worked out a way to use the bus more. It is here primarily to help the elderly and handicapped citizens, but also may be used by community groups who clear with the senior's transportation committee and who arrange to handle the responsibilities of operating the bus.

The 17-passenger bus is insured, has a citizen's hand radio and is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Those who ride it are expected to donate enough money to cover the cost of its gasoline for their trip.

Both the Heppner and Ione senior citizen groups were

saddened by the sudden death of Marion Hayden. He had been a most dependable and pleasant helper of the program for many years. Recently he had been carrying the Wednesday meals from Heppner to Ione each week.

Since Marion's death, Adon Hamlett of Ione is serving as a substitute carrier. Pat Brindle says there is a need for someone who will make the weekly roundtrip each Wednesday. The senior citizen organization pays the cost of the gasoline for the carrier.

The best turnout of 1980 attended the Heppner meal-site last week, Wednesday, to see Inez Erwin's colored slides and hear her tell of her travels in Argentina and Peru. After the program about twice the usual size group enjoyed the Valentine dinner served by Eleanor Gonty, Marilyn Bergstrom and their helpers.

Next week the following dishes will be offered to senior diners at Morrow County's three senior mealsites: at Irrigon Feb. 25—tomato juice, baked beans with bacon, baked squash, tossed green salad, relish dish with carrots and celery and birthday cake and ice cream.

At Heppner Feb. 26—burger and tater tot casserole, island style baked beans, tossed salad, bulgar muffins and jelly and fruit cobbler.

At Ione and Heppner Feb. 27—apple juice, meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, carrot, apple and raisin salad, biscuits and jelly and chocolate marble cake.



Fluffy hot cooked rice is perfect to serve with Savory Steak Jardin, complete with its own rich, flavorful sauce made with condensed cheddar cheese soup.

A warming meal on a chilly day

Just a pound of lean round steak can serve six when combined in this mouth watering dish — Savory Steak Jardin. The meat is a less expensive cut and serves more because it's thinly sliced and served over rice. Use condensed cheddar cheese soup as the sauce and add easily available winter carrots and celery as vegetables.

Cook the rice by your favorite method while the meat and vegetables are simmering. Rice is bland, but its blandness is ideal as the natural accompaniment to the saucy savory steak.

SAVORY STEAK JARDIN

- 1 pound lean boneless round steak
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 cans (11 ounces each) condensed cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 2 cups sliced celery
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Freeze meat 1 hour to make slicing easier; slice into thin strips. In saucepan, brown meat and cook onions in butter until tender. Stir in soup and seasonings. Add carrots. Cover; cook over low heat 20 minutes. Stir in celery; cook 10 minutes more or until done. Serve over rice. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Life changes new topic for Extension training

Are you able to adjust to the many changes taking place in society and in your own life?

If you aren't, you'll want to attend a special training program to be presented by Jan Weber, Oregon State University Extension home management specialist, Feb. 27 and 28. The title of her program is "Living with Change." It is designed to help us live with changing times and manage for an uncertain future.

This training will be presented for Home Extension study group leaders in Morrow and Umatilla counties. According to Extension Home Economist Molly Saul, a new concept in leader-training will be started with this program. Because of the high cost of gasoline, resulting in higher costs for leaders to attend meetings, more than one training lesson will be held at the same time. This will allow leaders to pool rides. It is planned that more training sessions will be combined next year.

While Ms. Weber is teaching, simultaneously Molly Saul will teach a training lesson on "Unusual Fruits and Vegetables." This lesson will show homemakers how to make meals more interesting by using less common fruits and vegetables.

Study groups are asked to send at least four leaders to

Retired teachers slate meeting in Hermiston

Oregon Retired Teachers Association Unit 9 will meet at the Assembly of God Church, 703 E. Hurlburt in Hermiston, on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m.

The program at this meeting will be on "Pre-Retirement Planning." Chairman, Rachel Jackson, of Hermiston, and National Retired Teachers Association Area 9 Vice President, William J. Miller, Portland will be speakers.

this training, two for each lesson.

Both classes will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Peace Lutheran Church, N.W. 9th and Carden, Pendleton.

The identical training will be presented Thursday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Catholic Church Parish Hall, 145 S.W. Sixth, Hermiston. There will be a coffee and get acquainted session each day from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Mrs. Saul encourages organized groups to send representatives to this training session, and later present the programs to their groups.

Ticket requests being taken for new play

Reserve seating requests are currently being taken by the College Community Theatre for the winter term production of "Long Days Journey Into Night," to be presented Feb. 28, 29, March 1, 6, 7 and 8.

All reservations must be made by mail and only season ticket holders may request a reserved seat. Reservations may be made by writing Blue Mountain Community College in care of Theatre Tickets, P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

When requesting a reservation, one should state his name, phone number, the number of seats desired, the date, whether all seats must be together and any special requests. The CCT asks that orders reach them at least two days before the night of the performance requested.

Book describes vets' benefits

Benefits for veterans and their families and how to get them are described in a booklet, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents." It can be obtained by sending a check for \$1.50 to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

EXTENSION TOPICS

Roller skating party creates family togetherness

By Birdine Tullis
Morrow Extension Service Skating Party Attracted a "Rink Full"

We know now, 4-H'ers and their parents love to roller skate. That fact was proven by a full house attendance at the roller skating party recently. Family togetherness was the rule with mom, dad, and the kids all taking to wheels. A few spills, lots of laughs, and lots of good, clean exercise and fun. All that skating develops a hearty appetite, so pizza after the party was the rule. Almost 150 skaters enjoyed the event, and asked for more of the same.

The skating party was planned as the "4-H Loves

Families" event for Valentines Day.

Home Ec and Creative Arts Leader's Luncheon

Plans for spring and summer activities were the agenda for the 4-H Home Ec and Creative Arts leaders as they enjoyed a luncheon get-together at the Vern Evans home, Irrigon, last week. Changes coming up and thoughts of county fair were reviewed, as well as special trainings and fun events, for approval by the leaders. The event was planned as a "4-H Loves, Leaders" salute for the Valentine season as well as a work session for leaders.

Spring Events Planned
We think that spring is not

far away, so numerous plans have been started for special events that come along with the spring-summer season! Looking ahead, we'll share some dates you may wish to add to your calendar for reference:

Homemaker's Spring Tour to The Dalles and surrounding area, scheduled for April 2; Homemaker's, or Women's Day, May 1; 4-H Camp at Cutsforth Park, 4th through 7th graders, dated for June 22-25; Summer Week at O.S.U., Corvallis for 8th through 12 graders, June 9-14; and County Fair, August 17-20.

Many other plans are underway for events for both 4-H'ers and adults. We hope you watch this news space for news of extension programs for everyone. Complete information on all events is included also, in the "Morrow County's Extension Letter", which goes out monthly to all 4-H leaders, those involved in study groups, and others who request it. If you'd like your name on our mailing list, just call 676-9642.

4-H Scholarship Available

Last year the Morrow County 4-H Council established a scholarship in the amount of \$250, which is available to high school seniors in the county who have been involved in the 4-H program at least three of their high school years. Application forms will be mailed this week directly to those seniors who are currently enrolled in the 4-H program. Those who have been involved three years, but are not currently enrolled may pick up an application at the extension office. The completed application is due in the Morrow County office by April 15th. For more information, call John or Birdine, 676-9642.

"Rock Crushers" Tour

Ten "Rock Crushers" and their leaders, Liz and Rick Curtis, have plans underway

for a trip to Portland to attend the Gem and Mineral Society show at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry on March 1st. After the OMZI tour, they will be taking other fun and education side trips to the Forestry Center or Zoo. The members of the 4-H Geology Club keep an active pace, and more fun is in store later this spring when they make their annual trip to Camp Hancock, also an OMZI sponsored science center.

Wheathearts
That's the name of the women's auxiliary group to the Oregon Wheat Grower's League. Lots of people do not know that, and maybe it isn't important that they do for in our county the Wheathearts are about to present a whole new image.

Recently appointed chairman of the group, Janet Tucker, called the gals together just the other day to ask what the wives of wheat growers wanted to do to assist the industry, or to better understand the production of wheat on their farms. She asked the question, and she got answers! So if you are interested in the wheat industry, or are the wife of a wheat farmer, watch for what is about to happen locally with the Wheathearts! You'll be hearing more from Janet, and her husband Brok, who is president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers this year.

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Crab Feed

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Dinner - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Arts show entry forms available

Entry blanks for craftsmen wishing to display and sell their work at the seventh annual Pendleton Arts Festival, May 9-11, are now available.

Three photos or slides representing typical work are to be submitted for judging. Categories include textiles, pottery, wood-working, glass, jewelry, leather and graphic arts.

For an entry form write Arts Council, P.O. Box 573, Pendleton, Or 97801.