

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Not very many people missed the lone barbeque and tremendous auction last Saturday. What a well-organized sale it was: the attendance was probably the largest in the event's 17 years. Practically everything offered was sold. Nearly 500 persons were served the delicious noon meal in the Willows Grange Hall's downstairs dining area which looked great with its recently installed, warm, orange-tone carpeting.

Just after noon, Norman Nelson in his busy model-T Ford, picked up a colorful and exciting passenger at the United Church of Christ parsonage, a real clown, and many of the children at the auction were entranced by the gaily-dressed, lively character who even helped the auctioneer with the selling of furniture. One bidder, who really wanted the daveno the clown was demonstrating, tried to insist that the lovable clown should come along with the furniture. When uncostumed, the clown actually is the Rev. Cathy Barker, pastor of the United Church of Christ.

Although a brief shower fell in mid-afternoon, the rain was not detrimental as the eager buyers and sellers kept right on doing their things. Many folks left lone after their hours of good fun and visiting, with their cars and pickups well loaded with exciting purchases.

In Heppner, the Junior Rodeo on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoon, was an interesting event. The weather was so off-and-on for the first two days, but by the Sunday afternoon performance proper rodeo weather reigned. The sky was blue with only a few white, puffy clouds, the Fairground's flag waved nicely in the breeze, the temperature in the grandstands was very comfortable—not yet too warm and thankfully warmer than it has been recently. There was just enough dust moved about by performing animals to authenticate the rodeo atmosphere. The events seemed to move along in good order. Attendance may have been down some, but the human participants and the animals seemed to be going through their paces nicely.

Several weeks ago many Morrow residents received most attractive invitations to an open house at the Pendleton Elks Club this Saturday afternoon and evening, June 14, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart. On the invitation's cover is a very nice, oval, colored picture of Gerald and Violet, who were so active in Morrow County for the many years that they ranched on Little Butter Creek. The anniversary party is being arranged by their family. Many here will recall their three daughters who were active, popular cowgirls and were among the fair and rodeo royalty here for several years. The Swaggarts have been living in Umatilla County near Mission for about five years now. Gerald and the three Swaggart daughters, Laurine, Geraldine and Christine and their deceased brother Paul all attended Heppner High School.

One of our county's fine educational institutions that doesn't attract as many local residents as it should is the Morrow County Museum. Within the last month, curator Rachel Harnett reports that several travelers from Texas and one, Peiho Ito, from Japan have come to view its exhibits. The usual spring busloads of school youngsters have enjoyed their field trips through the museum's spacious rooms. Some of the young visitors had picnic lunches in the adjoining park, but some who happened along on the rainy days had to enjoy their lunches on their buses.

A fine busload of third and fourth graders came from the Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton; two buses brought 90 youngsters from Hermiston; 46 third graders came from Boardman; Mrs. Kincaid brought her roomful from Lone. The museum's room-like exhibits, which afford a look into a pioneer home, and the great collections of old guns, tools, costumes and many pioneer-day household articles surely make history more believable to the visitors.

Rachel says that several families stopped last Saturday after the lone Auction, and other visitors who were in town for the Junior Rodeo, came strolling through. Rachel is on duty every Saturday and Sunday (from 10 a.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. on Sunday until 5 p.m. each day). Persons interested in viewing the one-room, Democrat Gulch School in the park, need only tell her they would like to see it and she will gladly open it for them. The little school, a 1976 Bi-Centennial project, is an annex to the museum.

For sometime some of us have felt that a sidewalk sign provided by the county or some generous organization or donor, which could attract Main Street traffic to the museum during the hours it stands open, would be helpful. During the summer months many persons drive right by this wonderful place not realizing the museum is open every weekend and that they are most welcome to visit.

Many of us sympathize with job-hunting adults and youngsters. The best deal for inexperienced workers we have noted is that call for rye pullers at \$3.50 per hour. High school graduates anxious to start working are really having difficulty getting first jobs now.

Bargain hunters and yard-sale buffs should be gathering in back of the Farra Shoe Repair Store this Saturday by 8 a.m. for the Degree of Honor outdoor rummage sale. The lodge ladies promise a great pot-pourri of useful articles will be offered at below pre-inflation prices.

On Sunday, June 15, at 1 p.m. everyone is invited to come for a free swim in Heppner's Municipal pool. The sunshine is cordially invited, too.

Herrick Family Reunion slated in California

Mrs. Lois Potter, of Look-out, Calif., reports the Herrick Family Reunion will be held June 27, 28 and 29 at the Hat Creek Campground, 15 miles north of Lassen National Park in eastern Shasta County, California.

Those planning to attend, she said, should take picnic-style food. A pancake breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings. Also, people should take musical instruments for entertainment in the evenings, she said.

Alvin and Pauline Herrick

were the forebears of this group and many of their relatives live in the western states, including F. Herrick Herrick, formerly of movie and TV activities.

Several persons are working on the genealogy of these families and plan to publish the "Family History" within the next few years, Mrs. Potter said.

Further information may be obtained from Helen Herrick, P.O. Box 1963, Chico, Calif. 95927, or by phone 1-916-343-0704.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart, both of whom are Heppner High School graduates will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday in Pendleton. See Justine Weatherford's column at left for details, or friends may call 1-276-2548 or 1-276-5882 for information.

Senior Citizens

Last week Heppner and Lexington seniors were urged to ride their bus to the lone Auction. Paul Jones had volunteered to drive. Only two seniors signed up to go. So again the trip was cancelled and the bus not used. Unfortunately, this pattern of non support discourages the Senior Citizen Council, the Transportation Committee and the Neighborhood Center from trying to schedule bus trips. What can be done to assure its usage?

The Rev. and Mrs. Sikes are being missed by the diners at the Heppner meal site.

Menus at the three Morrow

County meal sites for next week include: At Irrigon on Monday, June 16—apple juice, beef stew with fresh vegetables, sliced tomatoes, cheese sticks, fruit salad, corn bread, butter and peanut butter and rhubarb cake with topping.

At Heppner, Tuesday, June 17—Hawaiian baked beans and hotdogs, baked sliced potatoes, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, molded cheese salad and cherry cobbler with topping.

At Lone and Heppner, Wednesday, June 18—meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, tossed green salad, bran muffins and lemon squares with topping.

Farewell luncheon honors Morrow County couples

Members of the congregations of the Heppner Christian Church and of the Lexington Christian Church on Sunday, June 8 joined in honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Sikes at a joint farewell potluck dinner in Lexington.

More folks arrived to share the meal than the small church at Lexington expected or could easily accommodate, and it was a bit difficult to seat the more than 75 diners. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams, who have recently moved from Lexington to Hermiston, were also honored guests.

Their church friends gave

Kendalls parents of boy born at local hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duane Kendall of Heppner had a baby boy, Joseph Edward Kendall, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner June 3.

He weighed eight pounds and nine ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McAninch of Newberg and Betty Heath of Hermiston. The great grandmother is Myrtle Hughes of Hermiston.

Heppner woman to matriculate in Spokane

Claudia Jo Huston, of Heppner has registered to begin classes at Kinman Business University in Spokane, WA, where she plans to prepare for a career in Professional Accounting.

She is the daughter of Jo A. Huston and a graduate of Heppner High School, where she was active in Girl's Athletic Boosters, Spanish Club and worked on the yearbook publication.

Extension Topics

4-H leaders, spouses invited to a steak fry

By Birdine Tullis
Morrow Extension Service
A Thank You Event

All 4-H leaders and spouses have been invited to a special "Leaders, Steak Fry" scheduled for June 20, 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Heppner. The annual event is the time when leaders receive recognition for their volunteer leadership to the 4-H youth of the county.

Plans call for an outdoor barbeque, with steaks provided by Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative. Steak chef for the evening will be Paul Summers, public relations division of the power company.

Program for the evening, in addition to the awarding of leader pins, will be a showing of slides of Hungary by Debbie (Hoef) Nordheim, formerly an IFYE exchange student to that country. Leaders are asked to take a salad or dessert to help with the dinner...breads, drinks etc., will be provided by the leader's council.

It is the night when all say "thank you" leaders...and thank you, families, for your contributions to youth!

Camp Plans Completed

Counselors are working on a program and ideas for the annual 1-H Camp at Cutsforth Park, June 22-25. All interested members, 4th through 7th grades, are encouraged to send in their registration forms immediately, so all plans may be finalized. New games and activities, hikes and skits, ceremonies, are in store for those lucky kids who get their names in by June 13.

Food Preservation Helps

There is an unprecedented interest in food preservation, due mostly to inflation and the resulting high cost of living, as well as the increased interest in home gardening. Those who gardened early will soon be reaping their harvest, as well as more fruits and plentiful vegetables appearing both in markets and roadside stands. Extension service has free

bulletins and fact sheets on all phases of food preservation...canning, freezing, jams and jellies, pickling and food drying. Directions for making your own food dehydrator are also available. More than 24 topics are available.

If you are joining the ranks of those "putting food by" for future good eating, and have questions, call your friendly Extension service office, 676-9642.

Time to Check Gauges

Before the harvest and the canning season really arrives, is a good time to check your pressure canner gauge! This should be done early to insure accurate processing of foods. An inaccurate gauge may result in food spoilage or possibly even food poisoning. There are no testing stations in Morrow County, but this service is available at the Pendleton Coast to Coast Store, and various places in Walla Walla.

You do not have to take in the entire lid...just the gauge is needed for testing. If the pressure canner has a weight instead of a gauge, no testing is necessary.

Pectin Substitutes

Molly Saul gives the following information on jams and jellies using less sugar.... Cutting back on sugar in jam and jelly recipes can lead to some surprises. Your end product may be a syrup rather than a gel.

Sugar promotes gel formation in jams and jellies. The correct proportions of fruit, pectin, acid, and sugar are needed to make these products thicken. If sugar is decreased in recipes that rely on pectin for thickening, the products may have the consistency of syrup.

used for low-sugar jellied products. Gelatin or vegetable gums can be substituted for pectin. Some pectin substitutes can be found in the canning sections of most supermarkets. The jams made from these products may differ in flavor and texture from jams with pectin.

Decreasing the sugar content also changes the keeping qualities of jams and jellies. Low-sugar jams and jellies should be kept refrigerated or frozen to prevent the growth of mold.

10-speed bike given as Superwalk prize

Lisa Collins won a 10-speed bicycle for collecting the most money, \$558, for the March of Dimes Superwalk that took place on Mother's Day from Heppner to Lexington and back.

The grand prize was paid for by Sears, Western Heritage Savings and Loan, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Doris La-Rae's, Green's Feed and Columbia Basin Electric.

Dawna Devin received a popcorn popper from Morrow County Grain Growers for placing second in the amount of money collected.

Kathy Grissom won third prize, a camera from Murray's Drugstore.

Sheri McMinn collected the fourth place prize, a Talk'n Tops tee shirt and transfer. Janet Loughlin placed fifth and received a six-pack of pop.

Collins won a pair of tennis shoes from the Shoe Box for having the most sponsors, 143.

Second place in that category went to Devin. She won a hooded sweatshirt from Gardner's Mens Wear.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for attendance and participation in the lone U.C.C. Auction and Barbeque. The day was a big success, thanks to community involvement.

Keith and Judy Rea

Third went to Grissom, who won a baseball shirt from Kroll's Dept. Store.

Fourth place went to McMinn who won a \$5 gift certificate at the R and W Drive In.

The youngest walkers award went to Tareena Nash and Teresa Linsay, who won a medal from Peterson's Jewelry.

Bob and Marian Abrams were the oldest walkers. They won trophies from Peterson's.

The largest family participating in the walk was the Abrams with children Rob and Alice participating along with their parents. The Abrams family won a pizza dinner at the West of Willow.

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