

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Last Sunday was such a nice day that many people enjoyed spending time in Morrow's mountains. Large groups were at the Search and Rescue gathering at Anson Wright Park, at the reunion at Hardman, and at the Elks Picnic at Cutsforth Park. Those who took advantage of the opening-day free swim at the Heppner City Pool must have been pleased to have sunny warmth. Such good scheduling!

On Saturday last, rain crippled the Degree of Honor outdoor rummage sale. The women hastily moved their racks of clothing into their lodge hall and crowded furniture and household articles into the Farra garage. The committee says that their considerable collection of donated unsold goods will be offered to the public again soon.

Friends tell me that the Gerald and Violet Swaggart golden anniversary party in Pendleton was great. There was a lot of good visiting. Four generations of Swaggarts were present, and many of their friends from Morrow and Umatilla counties enjoyed the event with them.

Last week my personal schedule was rather unusual. I spent four meeting-filled days on the campus of the west's oldest university, Willamette, in Salem, and spent my first—and probably only—night sleeping in a fraternity house (Sigma Chi.) My delightful roommate was Jane Johnson, a published poet from Portland's west side, who autographed a copy of her "Varied Verse" for me.

We watched no television, heard no radio news and only glanced quickly at a few newspaper headlines from Tuesday through Friday; however, there was much news going on on the campus, where the more than a thousand clergy, lay delegates, clergy-mates and others attended the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Distinguished speakers addressed the conference and expounded on many causes. The annual, multi-million-dollar business of the conference was approved and the budget for the coming year was adopted. The presiding bishop, Jack Tuell, who will soon be re-assigned after eight years of leadership with this conference, admitted that his legal education and his excellent training in parliamentary procedure seemed almost more important than his theological instruction, as he guided the delegates through a maze of motions, amendments to motions, reconsiderations, withdrawals, repositionings and votings by voice, by show of hands and ballots.

Raincoats, umbrellas and non-summery clothing were the uniforms of our days. The huge, amazing variety of rhododendrons and gorgeous roses around the campus were blooming beautifully and were exciting to those of us who came there from areas where they do not flourish. Willamette's lively grey squirrels were not nearly as evident as they have been in other years; they seemed to spend their hours huddled under the shrubbery and not scampering about the constantly wetted lawns.

Among the mass of delegates were several well known here. The Rev. Al Boyer and his musician wife Cara were very active. The Rev. Mel Dixon and his wife Nancy, who formerly worked in the Heppner Post Office, and the Rev. Ed Cutting and his wife Doris were given special recognition as they accepted retirement from the conference (Mel wanted to leave at age 62 and Ed at 65.) The Rev. Grace Drake assisted during the assembly as a teller, she also spoke the final benediction at the final legislative session. Her second daughter, Gwen, now taking graduate classes at the University of Oregon, came to share a few meals and to spend a night at Willamette. The two voting delegates from Heppner were the Rev. S. Michael Sheridan and Justine Weatherford.

Early Thursday evening the conference attendance was moved by bus, van and private car to join state officials for a ceremony on the east bank of the Willamette River, near the Wheatland Ferry location. All took part in the appropriate dedication of a new state park, Willamett Mission State Park, and enjoyed a picnic in the gentle rain.

This spacious park is on the site of Methodism's mission to the northwest Indians that the Rev. Jason Lee established in 1841 and which evolved into Willamette University and the City of Salem.

At one of the noon meals during conference I happened to sit beside a tall, now white-headed delegate from Canby who noting my Heppner badge, asked me if I knew Wavel Wilkinson. Then he asked me to tell Wavel that Rudolph "Red" Stewart sent greetings to her and her twin sister. He explained that they had been friends since their student days at Oregon State in the 1920's.

Because of a meeting in Madras on Saturday, I came back eastward via the North Santiam Highway and found driving impeded by a long National Guard convoy between Salem and Suttle Lake, and by the Saturday noon rodeo parade in Sisters where many fans had gathered for a three-day event.

After the Madras meeting adjourned, about 4 p.m., I drove to near Prineville to visit and spend the night with my husband's sister, Edythe W. Newell, and her husband George, who is anxious to redeem his 25 acres of cut, wet hay. He has turned it several times between showers and is now hoping that one more turning will permit him to bale it and get it off the growing second crop. Many other Oregonians are suffering through the same situation during this extra wet season.

My Sunday, non-stop trip home via Mitchell, Spray and Hardman showed me that many folks were enjoying the sunny day outdoors. How I enjoyed the clean greenness, the blooming wildflowers and the slow-to-arrive sunshine.

Well, now we northwesterners have lived with an active volcano in our region for just one month (it really became violently active on May 18). How its three major eruptions have changed lives, altered schedules, affected business-as-usual attitudes.

For the first time in many years, the Portland Rose Festival lost money because prospective tourists cancelled their reservations. Many tour groups called off travel into the region thus compounding the drop in business income.

Next week Tuesday, June 24 voters in Morrow County and the city of Heppner will ballot again on their budgets. It is important that budgets be approved so that county and municipal business may continue without a serious loss in revenue.

7,000 tornadoes predicted for 1980
If the 1980's prove to be a normal decade for tornadoes in the United States, at least 7,000 of the violent windstorms will strike the nation, causing as many as 1,000 deaths.



The sight of two, big charter buses in Heppner this week drew some attention. The drivers were Harley McDaniel, left, and Del Bunch who delivered a group of girls representing the Mormon Church in the Tri Cities area to Penland Lake for a camping-out experience.

Mormon girls camp at Penland

More than 85 girls from Latter Day Saint churches in Richland, Wash. are camping at Penland Lake about 40 miles south of Heppner in the Umatilla National Forest.

The teenage girls were taken there Monday morning and will camp in tents until

Saturday at noon when chartered buses will take them home.

Bus drivers Larry Schroeder and Harley McDaniel stopped in Heppner Monday after dropping off the campers. The two drivers work for Del Bunch of the Royal

Charters bus service out of Pasco. The company has seven charter buses.

Schroeder has worked for Bunch for "about a year" and McDaniel has worked for him "off and on since '48. I used to drive cab for him until he closed his cab business," he said.



by Dorothy Estberg
Fair Premium Books are being processed and they will be sent out soon in the mail.

The Rodeo Committee will be sponsoring its Queen's Dance June 21 at the County

Fairgrounds Pavilion for Queen Lori Edwards.

There will not be any skating this weekend but it will resume June 27 and 28.

Persons may make space reservations for campers and trailers during fair time by calling groundskeeper Steve Estberg at 676-5159 or 676-9474.

Wrist bands will be distributed to 4-H and FFA members to use as free passes at the fair. Members may pick them up at the Extension Office or by calling Fair Secretary Dorothy Estberg.

There will also be Senior Citizen passes for persons 62 years and older. Those passes may be picked up at the

Heppner Neighborhood Center in August.

Fair dates are: 4-H horse show, August 16 at 2 p.m.; August 17 is the Wrangler's horse show at 9 a.m. with "Old Time Fiddlers" entertainment that afternoon; August 18 at 10 a.m. is the deadline to turn in exhibits for the fair. Flowers will be judged at 7 a.m. August 18.

Heavy loads

Trucks carry three out of every four tons of freight, all or part of the way. They haul 48 percent of intercity freight, or more than 60 percent measured in value.

Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant scheduled at Pendleton

The Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant will be held in Pendleton Sept. 5, 6 and 7, according to Glenn Thorne, director of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant and chairman of the Oregon pageant.

Thorne said the three-day competition will be judged in the following categories: horsemanship, appearance and personality, and is open to women between the ages of 18

and 23 who have never been married.

According to Thorne, this year's competition will have two winners. The woman who wins Miss Rodeo Oregon for this year will go to Oklahoma City to compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant prior to the National Rodeo Finals in December. The first runner-up will assume the Miss Rodeo Oregon title January 1, and will represent

Oregon at the 1981 Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

Thorne said that Mrs. Pat Ennor has been named secretary of the pageant and will mail applications upon request. Applications may be obtained from the Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant, 106 S.E. First Street, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. The telephone number is 276-8262. Deadline for entries is Aug. 22.

Cowbelles honor Father's Day

Morrow County Cowbelles honored Father's Day by giving away the following recipe in the Heppner Grocery Markets June 14.

The recipe, called "Far East Stir Fry Beef," is said to be very economical. Since the Cowbelles ran out of the recipe sheets, they decided to make it available to all the Heppner Gazette-Times readers.

Ingredients needed are: 1½ pounds beef top round or other lean cut, one tablespoon cornstarch, ¼ teaspoon sugar, ¼ teaspoon ginger, ¼ cup soy sauce, three tablespoons salad oil, two stalks celery, cut diagonally into slices ¼" thick, two carrots, cut diagonally into slices ¼" thick, one chunked onion, one clove garlic, minced and ¼ cup water.

To make the dish, slice meat diagonally across grain in to ¼-inch pieces. Combine cornstarch, sugar, ginger, and soy sauce; stir in meat and marinate 15 to 20 minutes. Heat oil in skillet over medium high heat. Add beef and marinade, and stir-fry quickly two to three minutes, just until brown. Remove

meat and pan juices. Add celery, carrots, onion, garlic, and water; sprinkle with salt. Cover and simmer three minutes, just until vegetables are tender crisp. Stir in meat, heat and serve. This can be served over rice or noodles. Makes four to six servings.

Vegetable substitutions for the dish are: green pepper, water chestnuts, mushrooms, whole tomatoes (cut in eighths) cherry tomatoes (cut in half), mandarin oranges, pineapple chunks or bean sprouts.

Children's story hour set

The first American Association of University Women sponsored summer story hour at the Heppner public library will be today from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

John Maas has been asked to show the children a fire engine from the Heppner volunteer fire department.

The children will also participate in finger plays, sing songs, and listen to stories.

After storyhour the children may check out books from the library. Pre-schoolers and primary grade children are encouraged to attend. Adults and older children are welcome to accompany the younger children, said AAUW member Chloe Pearson.

Extension Topics

Muppet theme set for 4-H camp

by Birdine Tullis,
Morrow Extension Service
THE MUPPET CAMP
4-H campers will decorate their tents and develop skits and ideas following the theme of "The Muppet Show" this year.

Camp starts June 22 at the 4-H Camp at the Cutsforth Park south of Heppner. Campers will travel to camp in a truck, and immediately begin activities planned to offer them an educational three days in the mountain atmosphere.

Older youth, who volunteered their time to serve as counselors for the fourth through seventh grade campers, helped with plans for the forthcoming special 4-H event. Nature hikes and exploration, craft classes, games, competitions, ceremonies and campfire antics keep the younger kids interested, as well as the opportunity to meet new friends from various parts of the county.

Staff at the camp this year will be John Nordheim and Birdine Tullis, extension staff; Francine Evans, volunteer cook; Bob and Sharon Harrison, volunteer helpers for kitchen and other activities; camp nurse, Eunice McElligott, and counselors Todd Harrison, Angie Evans, Lottie and Shane Laughlin, Jay Keithley, Heather Winters, Larry Palmer, and Paula Palmer.

The camp truck will depart from the fairgrounds in Heppner at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22, and returning campers will arrive back at the fairgrounds about 2:30 p.m. June 25.

Parents and leaders are invited to visit the camp at any time during the camping session.

NEW CONTESTS ADDED TO INTEREST 4-H AT COUNTY FAIR

"Build a Better Burger," sponsored by Morrow County Cowbelles, will be a new and different contest added to 4-H opportunities at the county fair.

The idea behind the contest is to encourage all young people to know the nutritional value of a "burger" as well as the great variety of ways that a burger may be served.

To be sure that all start with a good product, Cowbelles will provide the ground beef for the contestants to use in the contest. 4-H members entering the contest may choose or create their own variation of the traditional hamburger. They may use any bread, relishes, additions to the basic ground meat, or to the finished product to make it more unusual and tasty, as well as add nutritional value.

The contest is open to all 4-H members, boys and girls, with no specific project require-

ment. Valuable prizes are offered for the winners of the event, scheduled for Tuesday evening of county fair. Contestants will compete by age groups.

Now is a good time for members to experiment at home, to develop unusual new ideas for a "Better Burger".

MUSHROOMS PLENTIFUL THIS YEAR
With the ample amount of moisture in the mountain areas this year, more than the usual number of wild mushrooms should be appearing.

Caution should always be used in picking and using wild mushrooms, as some can be deadly, or very poisonous varieties. Be sure you know what you are doing when you venture out to the woods to hunt mushrooms. Many excellent resources are available to help you learn ways to identify the good ones, but care should still be used in eating any mushroom that you have not tasted previously.

Talk to an expert, positively identify mushrooms and use only those species that you know to be edible. Leave all the others alone.

APPLIANCE ENERGY USE

Determining the energy needs of one appliance compared to another has been hard in the past. In the future watch for bright yellow tags showing you the operating costs of the appliance.

Family Resource Management Specialist Jan Weber tells us: "Before long you'll be seeing bright yellow tags on these major appliances: refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, dishwashers, clothes washers and room air conditioners. These labels have the information necessary to compare energy costs and efficiencies of competing models. Room air conditioners will have an energy efficiency rating, all other energy guides will show the estimated annual cost of any particular model."

"Since energy costs for operating an appliance are often higher than its purchase price, it's to your advantage to use these guides when you shop."

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