

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Summer has been with us officially just under a week now and traditional summer activities are swinging along.

Weekend swim meets are real excitement for many families. Last Sunday's meet at the Heppner pool was an occasion when everybody got wet—as a pretty steady rain and grey skies cooled the spectators but not the ardor of the youthful competitors.

The culmination of a year's activity has just passed for several groups. The high school rodeo clubs throughout Oregon had their state final rodeo in Redmond last weekend. The garden clubs culminated their year of activities at their state convention last week.

Two Heppner High School weekend class reunions were said to be successful. The 30-years-ago graduates of the classes of 1949 and 1950 had their dinner at the West of Willow and continued later visiting at the Elks Club. The graduates of 10-years-ago dined at the Elks Club and attended a picnic in the drizzle Sunday.

A special event last Saturday was the Friendship Tea at Hope Lutheran Church by the Hope Women and the children of the church for which Betty Green of Lexington was the chairman. Each woman arranged a table for three non-Hope friends and set it with her linen, china and silver and served a special fresh strawberry dessert.

The afternoon's program was arranged and presented by the children of the church who presented readings and provided musical interludes tutored by Cathy Peck. The ladies at the party tables were asked to move about when a bell rang so they could spend some time visiting with everyone present. Special prizes were given for the oldest friends, the newest friends, and youngest friends.

The congregation of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church was delighted to have the ordination of Deacon Joe Kelbel take place June 24. Presiding Bishop Thomas Connolly of Baker thought this was the first ordination ever to take place here. The many visiting clergy and other guests who came to take part in the ceremony were given a dinner arranged by the Altar Society. One of the very proudest attendants was the new priest's mother, Mrs. Maxine Kelbel, from Lake Elsinore, Calif., who spent her days in Heppner as a house guest of Irene Swanson.

Much family visiting has been waiting for summer to arrive. Now grandparents go visiting children and grandchildren and some grandparents stay here and have children and grandchildren come to enjoy in our town.

A recent visitor from a very far place, Niger, was Mary Abrams, who after some emergency medical attention in Washington D.C., had a short time here with her family, the Bob Abrams, before returning to continue her work with her husband in Africa.

Bill and Jane Rawlins enjoyed having their first solo visit from their granddaughter Natalie (Dee Dee) Brewster of Corvallis last week. Dee Dee, their daughter Carol's daughter, enjoyed swimming with friends here, shopping for take-home gifts at a big yard sale, and traveling back to the valley with golfing Uncle Charlie Rawlins.

My fifth-grade (next fall) granddaughter, Anita Haberlach, is spending this week with me. Her home is in Auburn, Wash. and she misses her brother, 12-year-old Scott, their dogs and their parents and wishes she had brought along her bicycle. Her loves are playing soccer, baseball, reading, spelling and arithmetic. She tells me she is going to become a veterinarian. A highspot of this week will be some time out at the Ron Currin ranch Thursday where she will learn more about horses and riding from Jennifer Currin.

Anita and I are pleased that Lela Breidenbach is still part of my household. Lela has summer work here helping Bethel Heinrichs at the city library. It is possible if the library board approves, that library hours may be extended while Lela is working there and readers may be able to use the library parts of six afternoons each week. The board chairman, Myrna Johnson, will announce the board's decision on this matter.

What a really busy day June 24, turned out to be. The county and city elections took place, the splendid ordination of Father Joe Kelbel, the Senior Citizens bus trip to the Area Agency on Aging meeting at Milton-Freewater and the Aglow Fellowship gathering were scheduled for that day. How difficult it is to find days for our community activities at certain times of the years and months.

As we were housebound by the rain last Sunday, her first full day in Heppner for two years my granddaughter felt that this community was "dullsville", that just nothing seems to happen here. As her grandmother I tried to explain that I, now a senior citizen, don't find many days very dull here.

Senior Citizens

All senior citizens may make reservations for the annual mountain picnic at Cutsforth Park July 9. Seniors may also register this week to go on the annual Soroptimist outing July 21.

Menus for next week's dinners have not arrived for

Area woman initiated by honorary

Jan A. Peterson, a sophomore at Oregon State University and a member of Chi Sorority, was initiated into Angel Flight.

Angel Flight is a honor organization which is affiliated with Air Arnold, an honorary of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corp. Angel Flight promotes the progress and traditions of Air Arnold and AFROTC.

the June 30 meal at Irrigon. July 1, in Heppner—apple juice, Lasagna, molded cabbage and pineapple salad, cheese sticks, garden vegetables, Angel rolls and fruit and cookies will be served.

July 2, diners at Ione and Heppner will be served tomato juice, sweet and sour turkey over noodles, seasoned green beans, fluffy white jello salad, cornbread and crazy apple pie.

Son born to ex-Heppnerite

Thomas and Ruby (formerly Fulleton) Shear of Eugene had a baby boy May 24.

They named him Ryan Thomas Shear and he weighed nine pounds.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. William Shear of Eugene.



Father Joe Kelbel

Deacon at St. Patrick's ordained as priest

Deacon (now Father) Joe Kelbel of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Heppner was ordained June 24 at the church at a ceremony starting at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Thomas Connolly presided over the ceremony.

Kelbel has been in Heppner since Jan. 28 training in the internship role to become ordained.

Kelbel will be leaving soon for Klamath Falls where he will be the assistant pastor at the Sacred Heart Parish. He will teach part-time at the Catholic High School there as an instructor of religion and as a counselor. The parish is a large one with 1,200 families.

"I am looking forward to it, but it's sad to leave because I am just getting to know the people here," he said.

Kelbel was born in Texas and grew up "all over" because he was in a military family. He went to college for four years at California State University at Long Beach. He

then went to school for four more years at the Mt. Angel Seminary near Salem receiving his Master of Arts degree in Theology. Kelbel just finished his graduate and seminary work before coming to Heppner.

Attending the ordaining ceremony were his mother, Maxine Kelbel from California, and aunts and uncles from Michigan and Wisconsin. About 45 priests from Washington, Oregon and Idaho also were present.

The church's Alter Society had a dinner at the parish hall for the honored Kelbel and his family prior to the ceremony.

Garden clubs garner first place awards

The Ione and Heppner Garden Clubs each gained a first place award for the near-club garden show that they presented last fall in Ione.

Each club was also given a blue and white Oregon State Garden Club Federation rosette for its outstanding effort, and Jane Rawlins of Heppner, and Helen Martin of Ione, received certificates of honor for their work in organizing and implementing and preparing the official report of the successful show.

Julia Hill, now president of the Heppner Club and a life-time member of the Oregon Federation, accepted the first place award on behalf of the Heppner club. That club also received a certificate of recognition for its donation to the Avenue of Flags at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Hill and her husband, Harold, attended the state convention as the representatives from Morrow County. She reports that more than 300 delegates from clubs of the state federation attended. Harold Hill sat in some of the meetings with her, and he kept busy taking many pictures of related events.

Rachel Jackson of Hermiston, a native of Morrow County, who is the director of Blue Mountain District No. 10, accepted the awards and honors that came to the Ione Garden Club, which for the first time in many years did not have a member attending the convention.

Square dance club elects officers

Officers for the Grand Squares for 1980-81 have been selected.

Lloyd McNary is the president, Lorene Griffith the secretary, Elmer Heath the treasurer and Marvin Epley the vice president.

The next Grand Squares meeting will not be until next Fall when the group will gather at the Ione American Legion Hall Sept. 19.

OES unit chooses new staff

At the last regular meeting before summer recess, Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 Order of the Eastern Star elected officers.

Chosen as Worthy Matron for the ensuing term is Louise Wood.

Serving with her as Worthy patron will be John Wood.

Other elected officers are: Associate Matron, Ruby Becket; Associate Patron, Harold Becket; Secretary, Carmelita Halvorsen; Treasurer, Lewis Halvorsen; Conductress, Beth Bryant; and Associate Conductress, Susie Cooper.

These officers and other appointed officers will be installed at an Open Installation June 29 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. All friends are invited to attend. A reception will follow in the dining room.

Mary Bryant, Grand Representative to California in Oregon, was recently honored at a Friendship Night by Ruth Locust Chapter members. Visiting dignitaries attending included: Virginia Wilkinson, past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon; Margaret Jorgensen, Grand Representative of Quebec in Oregon from Umatilla; Florence Collins, Grand Representative of Montana in Oregon from Long Creek; Grand Committee members, Ruth Adkins, Cancer Research Fund from Milton Freewater; Maggie Horn, Estarl from Pilot Rock; and Marie Bensel, Youth and Membership from Hermiston.

Worthy Matrons attending were Lois Peterson, Queen Esther Chapter No. 101 of Hermiston; Lillian Mulkey, Umatilla Chapter No. 107; and Harriet Hasbrouk, Bushee Chapter No. 19 and Worthy Patron Charles Rhoads of Loyalty Chapter No. 47 at Milton Freewater.

Rick Drake sang while playing the guitar during the program and Frances Smouse played several numbers on her violin with Juanita Carmichel accompanying on the piano.

Two addendas were given by the officers. One addenda was given honoring Mary Bryant and she was presented a gift. Another addenda was given to entertain the guests and each was presented a spring bulb.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by the social committee.

James Van Winkles parents of baby girl

Mr. and Mrs. James Van Winkle had a baby girl at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner June 18.

They named her Jessica Lee. She weighed eight pounds and one ounce.



Looking back into their high school photo albums are 1949 Heppner graduates (left to right) Beverly Wright, Beverly Rippee and Mary McLure.

Alumni gather, 30 years later

More than 50 persons attended the reunion for Heppner High School graduates of 1949-50.

The reunion was at the West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner last Saturday.

Participants reminisced

and searched through pictures from their high school days. Louie Lyons of Hermiston took photos at the reunion. Lyons took the senior pictures 30 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Piper of Orinda, Calif. came the far-

est to come to the reunion.

Attending from the local area were Louie and Betty Carlson, Don and Jean Bennett, Randall and Marlene Peterson, Glen and Joyce Ward and Jack and Colleen Ployhar.

Weather clears for Kennedy reunion

After a week of bad weather, Sunday June 8 was a beautiful day for the 11th Kennedy Reunion.

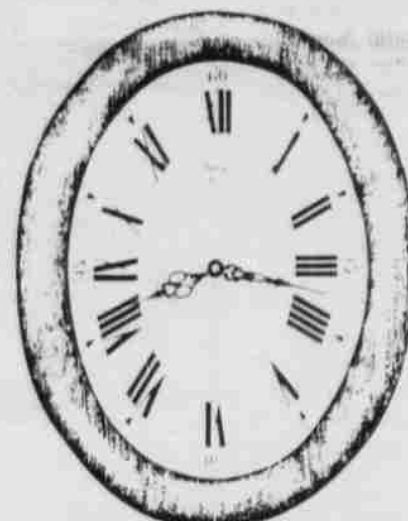
It was at Anson Wright Park this year with a Potluck picnic at noon, lots of visiting, picture-taking, playing baseball, horse-shoes, and frisbee.

Those attending were: Dewey Kennedy Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hoffmann and Jill Dewey and Rena Kennedy of Condon; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kennedy and family and three guests; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warren and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Bloodworth and Patti of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kennedy Jr. and family of Mayville; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Jennie McEnerney, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones of Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Gutierrez and Lori of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Claudia Hams and

family, and Dianne Gallecier from Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Marcy and family from Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Arv Iverson and family of Stanfield; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marlin of Redmond; Elmer Kennedy of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones from Prairie City.

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