

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Last week I made my first trip north on Thursday and south on Saturday along Highway 15 through Washington. The villainous Mt. St. Helens was not visible either day, but I saw much damage it had wrought around the Toutle River area. I turned off the freeway on the Toutle River Park Road on Saturday and was able to shoot two pictures of the grey desolation there. Many other curious folks were looking at the greyness and the broken trees that had drifted down the Toutle where landowners and the timber companies are fighting over removal of the logs.

For miles around Kelso and north of there some ash was still along the highway, and as I looked west toward the Columbia in the Castle Rock vicinity I could see acres of grey, dried mudflow and ash and dead-looking deciduous trees.

On Thursday I had stopped at Woodland for lunch and managed a nice visit with former Heppner residents Roberta Klaus and son Rick. I had carried along some golf clubs that Francis Doherty through belonged to the Klaus Family—but Roberta said they did not. She took the golfball marked Ron Klaus out of the bag and said she would give it to her younger son. She thought that the clubs might belong to the Lowe boy whose father worked with the First National Bank here and who used to play golf with Ronnie Klaus. The Klaus are happy to live in the new home they built along the Lewis River just a few miles out of Woodland. Rick has been elected vice-president of the high school student body for next year. Daughter Debra will be a freshman at the University of Puget Sound and is pleased that Heppner's Todd Harrison will be in the same class there.

Several exciting births took place last week. On Wednesday afternoon when Charlene Isom was working at fixing my hair, she had a telephone call from her daughter telling her that Charlene's grandson and his wife had just become the parents of twin sons, Gus and Guy. This makes very vigorous bowler and golfer Charlene a great-grandmother, which is hard to believe.

On Friday morning in Karla Weatherford Weaver's Port Orchard, Washington home we two received a call from her brother Bill telling of the arrival of baby Bonnie Ann Weatherford. Now that I have four sets of grandchildren, each consisting of an older brother and younger sister, expectant Karla and husband Rick hope that they can continue this nice pattern.

Heppner's volunteer firemen had several opportunities to prove their efficiency last week. On Wednesday evening they were very prompt in controlling and extinguishing a grass fire that was creeping up the west hill near the west end of Center Street. On Thursday morning they put out a smaller grass fire in front of the Paul Jones and C.A. Warren homes near the foot of the Condon-Heppner Highway, or on South Main Street.

Two summer travelers have had bad luck leaving things behind them. Gary McElhany and his family just had an Oregon Coast vacation. They left the Sea Lions' Cave without Gary's glasses which had fallen out of his pocket—but, after telephoning back, they were surprised at the quick U.P.S. service that brought the glasses home to Gary the very next day. That was lots faster than my last letter got to Port Orchard. I mailed it to Karla on Monday, July 14, telling her I would arrive on Thursday afternoon. It reached her mailbox on Friday, July 18, the day after I arrived.

I am the other traveler who left something. I left my wallet at Karla's and am hoping that either the U.P.S. or the mail will be able to get it to me soon. Although I didn't miss my cash and license and other cards until noon on Saturday, I was panicked when I couldn't find them. Thoughtful Karla had phoned my cousin at Woodland that she had them and would get them off to Heppner on Monday. I surely did my most careful driving from Woodland home: so afraid I might be stopped and asked to show my driver's license.

Incidentally my cousin, Dwight Kleinsorge, lives in the western foothills of Mt. St. Helens inside Governor Dixie's "Red Zone." He has to show a pass every time he leaves his home, and it is about impossible for him to have visitors. He says everyone near the mountain is depressed and so is the value of all property in the area.

Faye and Gene Pierce have had visiting family from Oklahoma who were so happy to get away from the terrible heat there for a time. Dee Crist had a call from her sister in Missouri telling how terrible their weather is and about the many heat deaths there. Aren't we lucky to live in Oregon? Some of us have been complaining about the cold and wetness more than the heat this year.

The Methodist minister, Rev. Mike Sheridan, has just spent ten days working with youth at the Methodist's Camp Magruder near Rockaway on the Oregon Coast.

When he returned last Saturday he was followed by a busload of youth from churches between Heppner and Boise.

These young people unfurled their sleeping bags in the Heppner Methodist's Church's basement for over Saturday night and were breakfasted on Sunday morning by the local youth, led by Ron Young and Lela Breidenbach. After attending Sunday worship, they re-loaded their gear and themselves on the bus and headed east toward Idaho, with a series of stops along the way.

It is so good to have Rachel Dick back home after a period of medical attention in Portland. If you have some time in Pendleton, you might stop to check on Jack Loyd at St. Anthony's Hospital.

While I was away, Mary Benge kept the picture of the Heppner High students that Madge Thomson had loaned to me last Wednesday. Mary and Terrel and friends had lots of fun trying to identify the students and teachers.

The clippings Madge has saved from 1930 Heppner are so interesting, too. In next week's column we plan to share excerpts from some of them with you.

Irrigon news

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Janet Brown honored at shower

Janet Brown was honored at a bridal shower July 1 at the Fellowship Hall of the Irrigon Assembly of God. Janet is the bride-elect of Billy Griffin. Both are of Irrigon.

Several games were played before the many beautiful gifts were opened. Donna Driver helped Janet record her gifts.

Betty Morrow and Julia Bivens served the sweetheart cakes that they had made and decorated. The cakes were formed in the shape of two hearts joined together and were decorated with roses.

McCoy attend convention

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy of Irrigon, attended the state convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Medford.

McCoy was elected senior vice president and Mrs. McCoy is chairman of hospital work. Her duties include visiting the veteran's hospitals. The State of Oregon has four such hospitals, located in Medford, Portland, Roseburg and White City. The hospital in White City is a live-in type of hospital. Frances McCoy keeps in touch with the chairmen of the various auxiliaries of the state that provide handmade items to the veterans, especially remembering them on birthdays and at Christmas.

Partlows tour Canada

Mrs. Al Partlow and Sherry

spent a week in Ontario, Canada, where they toured Toronto and attended several Shakespearean plays in Stratford. While in the area, they also visited Niagara Falls. On the way home, they stayed overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Berg in Seattle. From Seattle they drove to Portland where Sherry met Debbie McCoy at the airport, and the two girls left for Honolulu, where they are attending summer school at the University of Hawaii.

CWC meets

Christian Womens Club met at Columbia View Fellowship Church in Irrigon Monday evening, with over 30 in attendance. The ladies were entertained by the "Three Fishies" tumbling class of Hermiston, blessed through the music sung by Lori Schnell and inspired through the evening speaker, Liz Thayer. Liz related the experience of her family escaping from East Germany when she was a small child, and also spoke of the protecting hand of God throughout her life. Liz and her husband, Don, are currently involved with the Tri-City Gospel Mission.

Christian Womens Club in Irrigon meets the second Monday of each month at Columbia View Fellowship at 7:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. You may make your reservation by calling 922-3310 or 922-3359.

Warners honored on 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, July 12. The occasion was co-hosted by their four daughters and three of their sons-in-law, Esther Copeland of Pasadena, Ca., Cyril and Beth McLellan of Springfield, Mo., Panteleis and Ruth Vrontakis and Salem, Or., and Arland and Linda Pember of Springfield, Mo. This was the first time in 28 years the four sisters had been together at one time.

Cyril McLellan was master of ceremonies for the informal program and entertainment of the afternoon. McLellan is the director of the Revivaltime Choir, an Assembly of God National program heard worldwide on radio. His mother, Florence McLellan Robe of Vancouver, B.C., was also an honored guest.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was singing by Mrs. Warner's cousin, Creston Marshall. Mr. Marshall had also sung at the Warner's wedding 50 years ago. He and his wife came from Vancouver, Wash. The Warner's grandson, Richard Pember, also entertained by playing several pieces at the piano. Friends told of interesting and often humorous happenings in their encounters with the Warner family.

There were many visitors from the surrounding areas of Umatilla and Hermiston. Out of town visitors included: Edwin Schoolcraft of Forest Grove; Margaret Wooley and Mr. and Mrs. David Rand of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bolton of The Dalles; Dan and Violet Hill of Gresham; and Robert Ford of Gaston.

Stealing the show, of course, was the Warner's first great-grandson, Paul, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Copeland. Mr. Copeland was unable to attend because of work responsibilities.

The Sunday morning service at the Assembly of God Church in Irrigon was dedicated to the Warner family. Arlan Pember sang "Give Them All to Jesus." He was accompanied by his wife Linda. Their son, Richard, played a piano solo and Cyril McLellan played several numbers on the violin. Beth McLellan told a missionary story and later played the clarinet in a duet with her husband who was playing the violin.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have lived in Irrigon the entire 50 years of their marriage. Harvey Warner attended school and graduated from Irrigon High School. Both were active in community affairs until recent years. Mrs. Warner teaches the adult Bible class at the Assembly of God Church and has been the pianist for most of those 50 years. She is also the church treasurer. Warner is a member of the church board.

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Alma Green retires as county secretary

Alma Green, 24 year employee of Morrow County, retired last week.

Alma started with the county in March of 1957. She worked for the health department as a secretary for many years before moving to the judge's office as secretary. Over the years Alma has been secretary for four separate judges.

Alma says the biggest change she has seen in the county in 23 years is the number of employees.

Because of changes in the county's coal fired plant, circle irrigation, and larger forest products production and food processing, Alma says the county government and the number of employees have increased.

"I have good memories. I enjoyed my job very much," Alma says of her years at the county building.

She says now that she is retired she plans to do some yard work "and maybe travel a little bit."



Alma Green (left) with replacement Judy Lanohlin

A dream realized

Janet McElligott, lone, will be leaving soon to spend 10 months in Salzburg, Austria, attending school at the University of Portland, Salzburg. "Naturally I'm excited," she says, explaining how she and a group of other students will be traveling to Europe before school starts the second week of September.

Janet, the daughter of Jerry and Marvyn McElligott, lone, says she will be flying to London sometime the last week of August. From there she will join with other students and take a boat to Paris for several days of sightseeing. Then it's on the Belgium, Luxembourg, Innsbruck, Austria, and finally to Salzburg in time to start school.

The school is a sister school of the University of Portland, which Janet attended as a freshman last year. She graduated from Ione High in 1979.

While attending the University, Janet says she will be staying in a pension (boarding house) in a town about one quarter mile from where she says the castle seen in the musical "The Sound Of



Janet McElligott

Music" is located.

Janet, who was very active in school events both at Ione High and the University of Portland, says she applied for the overseas study through the University and was one of 38 people chosen from the U.S.

"When you finally realize you're going, you really can't believe you're actually going to do it," Janet says. "I have my passport and my visa—and I'm ready to go."

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