

AROUND ABOUT

By Justine Weatherford

What an exciting week September's third week has been. Hopefully, most of the residents of this county went to the Carty Site to look at the great Boardman Coal-fired Plant. Several hundred county folks were there for the formal dedication on Tuesday and surely many more took advantage of the open house invitation for the public to attend on Saturday and Sunday.

Because I was lucky in making some arrangements several weeks in advance, I was able to fly to boardman in a small plane piloted by former commercial pilot Jim Hayes, a Heppner insurance man. How I enjoyed the bird's eye view of the beautifully patterned grain fields, of the several green valleys and of the many great circles of irrigated crops. The design of the ammunition depot at Ordnance was at first a puzzle, but reason brought out the answer to the never-before-viewed pattern of the many rows of bunkers there.

It is not possible to fly across the Boeing Bombing Range, so Pilot Hayes and his three passengers flew north by east, winging over the south-western outskirts of Hermiston before turning west along the Columbia. We took off from Paul Hansen's tiny, private airstrip, but landed at Boardman on the much larger, paved airstrip which was certainly seeing lots of traffic on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Genial Boardman Mayor and Mrs. Gerald Peck generously transported us four Heppnerites and several Portland visitors out to the plant where three large tents were awaiting guests to the dedication ceremonies.

The Riverside High School Band was playing as we entered the tents. Governor Atiyeh was presented and gave a cordial but brief address after which he excused himself to rush off to another engagement. Several PGE officials and other industry guests were introduced before Frank M. Warren, PGE's board chairman gave a short dedication address and unveiled the bronze plaque which will be a permanent feature of the new plant.

A group of tour buses from Portland stood ready to take visitors on tours of the grounds. A plant official on each bus explained the many features of the operation and answered questions about the plant. Tours through the plant took a little longer than the bus tours about the grounds. The day was warm and the huge buildings were comfortable at the ground level, but became much warmer as one rose either by elevator or by the stairways to a fourth level. The central control room, with its myriad of small screens, rows of dials, hundreds of flashing lights and very "science fictional" appearance was the most impressive part of the plant to many.

A very delectable and attractive buffet luncheon was served in the large Training Room, dining room, on the first floor of the plant to about 800 persons. People were encouraged to make a choice of lining up for luncheon or of taking one or both of the tours first and eating afterward. Many media people were in attendance, including the KATU Channel 2 news team from Portland.

After our foursome had taken both tours, enjoyed the lunch and done a bit of visiting with other guests, we were taken back to the airstrip and flew homeward. Our flight east and south was a little rougher than the morning flight had been, but again the ground patterns were intriguing.

That same evening I joined other members of The Bookworms at the first fall meeting of this venerable literary club out at Floyd and Lorena Jones' home. Wednesday, found that I wasn't progressing too well in whipping the cold I brought back from Port Orchard and had to make myself rest so that I would be in fair shape to enjoy a big dose of grandmothering over the weekend. What fun it was having seven adults and four small fry around. How blessed we all felt when Marion Weatherford and his artist wife, Leona, who have just celebrated their 51st anniversary, took the entire assembly downtown for Saturday night dinner.

It was great fun visiting by the home fireplace Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Grandsons, four-year-old Billy Weatherford and three-year-old Thomas Chenhall put on quite a show. Their tinier sisters, about-to-walk Pearl Chenhall, and sweet, smiley Bonnie Anne Weatherford were much quieter and easier to hold than the two vigorous little boys.

I often feel a bit jealous of my grandmother friends who see their little ones quite constantly while I only see my distant-living children and their offspring a few times each year. Right now, however, I must admit that I am not too certain that I could stand having even four, let alone all nine grandchildren around my home too constantly.

So, soon things will smooth out again and I will eagerly look forward to more family togetherness, but right now this grandmother thinks that with the excitement of the Boardman dedication and the family visitation that she has had a very big week and is temporarily pretty tired.



Peace Corps volunteer Mary Abrams

Agronomist Mary Abrams, 25, of Heppner, tries to improve plants and cross-breeding seed varieties as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger. Here, she and Jada Gonda, a millet breeder, examine millet for downy mildew and gather pollen for crossbreeding.

A 1977 agronomy graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson, Abrams was a field

agronomist for a private company before joining the Peace Corps in 1979.

Mary, the daughter of Bob and Marion Abrams, Heppner, is one of about 115 Peace Corps volunteers serving in Niger, a landlocked nation in Central Africa which relies mainly on agriculture for its economy. There are about 6,000 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 60 developing countries around the world.

Airman Orr re-assigned

Airman David A. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Orr, Heppner, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Orr will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Heppner student graduates from Wyoming Tech.

Wyoming Technical Institute announces the graduation of Terry L. Toll of Heppner at the 100th Consecutive Commencement Exercises held in Laramie, Wyoming on Sept. 20.

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Wedding Announcements Huddleston-Cutsforth



Mr. and Mrs. John Huddleston

Michelle Cutsforth and John Huddleston were united in marriage in a 2 p.m. ceremony on August 23, 1980, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Monsignor John Murphy of Long Creek, Ore., officiated.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cutsforth of Lexington. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston of Heppner.

Michelle, given in marriage by her father, wore a chiffon wedding gown with a tulip skirt, a French-lace yoke with a stand-up collar and French cuffs, edged with lace. A shoulder length chiffon veil, edged in traditional Norman Rose lace, completed her ensemble.

As matron of honor, Michelle chose her sister, Suzanne Purchase of Pendleton. Bridesmaids were Connie Burkenbine of Pendleton and Tammy Lucas of Portland. Maissie Gifford of Heppner was flower girl.

Best man was Mark Huddleston, Portland, brother-of-the-groom. Ushers were Mike Huddleston and Howard Huddleston, also of Portland.

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and brothers-of-the-groom.

Soloist was Linda Gifford. Music was provided by Carly Drake.

Following a wedding reception at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, the newlyweds left for a wedding trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. The new couple is now at home in Vancouver, Wash., where John, a former OSU student, is employed by Groves Construction Co. Michelle, a former Mt. Hood Community College student, will now be attending Portland Community College.

Reception to honor newlyweds

A wedding reception and potluck dinner, followed by a barn dance, in honor of newlyweds, Mary Ann (Greenup) and Clayton Davis, Jr., will be held at the Greenup ranch, Heppner, on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Former Riverside High School students who are now enrolled in colleges include: Joe Daltoso and Curtis Viall to the University of Portland; Lori Witt and Tammy Rock to Whitworth, Spokane. Tammy is a junior; to Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, Kris Baker, Mari Evans, Buddy Mills, Gary Gordanier, Stacy Coleman, Pat Sharkey; to Blue Mountain Community College, Carol Ann Donovan and David Cooley; and to the Phoenix Institute of Technology, Wesles Haws. Ella May Eggman of Tacoma was an overnight

guest of Mary Stephens on Thursday. She had also visited her aunt, Mae McKinney, in Pendleton.

Ito Rucker was honored on her 90th birthday Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Columbia View Fellowship Church.

The open house birthday party was hosted by her seven children and their families. They are: Clarence and wife Al; Jack and Olah; Elmer and Helen; Bud and Lavone; Lewis and Ailene and daughters, Violet and Vernon Tilson and Joan Adams and Jim Capps.

The new business look

Leading fashion publications and designers have declared that the dress is back, and nowhere is it more evident than with the business or professional woman who no longer needs to adopt the dress code of her male counterparts in order to be taken seriously. The conservative, three-piece business suit, long considered the new woman's "success uniform," has given way to dresses, many in bold colors.

Jerry Silverman, executive director of the American Dress Council, has these suggestions for successful dressing.

• Depending upon your budget, have from three to six basic dresses. Silk is one of the

best fabrics because it goes easily from daytime to evening and can be worn year round.

• Select dresses with simple lines and colors that are easy to accessorize. But don't be afraid to experiment with bold patterns and bright colors.

If you select your accessories carefully, you'll find these dresses are as easy to accessorize as the more conservative ones.

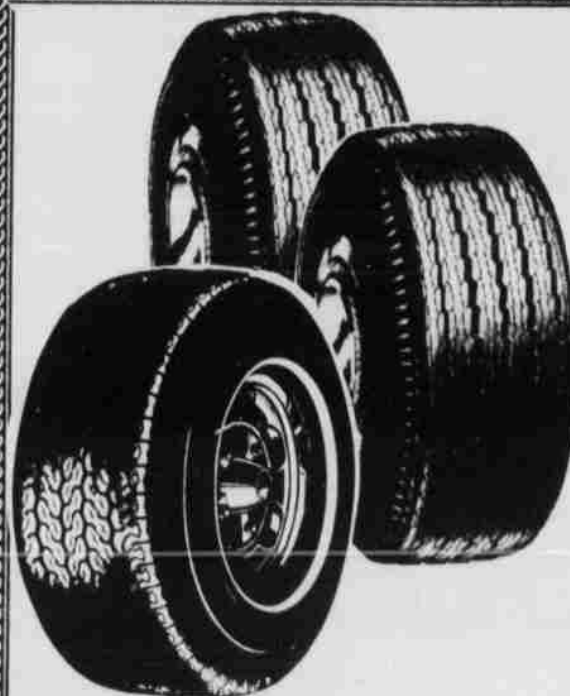
• Blazers and unstructured jackets are your best accessories. These can do more to change the look of a dress than anything else. Have at least one for winter and one for summer, and pick neutral colors.

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