

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

The rather sudden arrival of snow here last Friday brought out winter clothes and got everyone talking about the weather. Reading through newspapers of 25 years ago, I discovered that Heppner had 20 degrees below zero in a horrible November cold spell in 1955. There was a longer than usual power outage at the same time. An interesting Gazette-Times picture shows Dr. McMurdo wearing a precious, old beaver coat that he had saved for such an emergency. So cheer up—the weather could become much worse, recent history proves.

Glancing back at last week, although flag-decorated downtown Heppner was very quiet on Armed Forces Day, some folks were very active. Former residents Gene and Fay Ferguson were here from their retirement home in Hermiston, because Gene, a lucky winner of some cut and wrapped beef at the Monday night Morrow County Grain Growers 50th Anniversary dinner meeting, needed to collect his prize. Fay joined the Bookworms at their meeting at Inez Erwin's home. She was a very regular attending member during the years that the Fergusons lived here, and the present members were so pleased to have her with them to enjoy viewing the slides shown by extension leader Harold Kerr. He took the slides as he traveled on the Dow Chemical Co. tour last year through East Texas and other southern areas.

Because this venerable club has changed from evening to afternoon meetings, high school librarian Marion Abrams cannot attend regularly. It was so good to have her present on Nov. 11, a school holiday. Extension teacher Kerr surely does much educating in this county.

Educational programs have abounded in Heppner this month. The MCGG dinner meeting brought out many facts about that enterprise. During the same hours Delta Huber was educating the members of the Heppner Garden Club about the techniques involved in hydroponic gardening. This R.N. is an outstanding gardener and an excellent teacher. Her presentation and the samples of her own success in "gardening without soil" held her audience's rapt attention. Delta and Pat Pettyjohn joined the Heppner Gardeners at their regular November meeting at Ida Farra's home on the second Monday of the month.

Armed Forces Day was properly commemorated by the Heppner American Legion and its auxiliary at the annual holiday dinner where veteran members were especially honored. Sixty-year pins were awarded to Clarence Bauman, Alva Jones, Frank Hamlin, Darl Hudson and Henry Peterson by the legion, and Hazel Hamlin was presented a 50-year pin by the auxiliary.

We heard that Inez Meador, former Heppner educator who now lives near Brookings, spent some time in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital last week and early this week. Inez, who was in the mid-Columbia area, determined that when she needed medical care she would come back to Heppner where she has many friends.

During the cold days from Sunday into Thursday last week my home furnace decided not to function. An early call for help brought Clayton Ayers who surely tried to fix it but who didn't have the parts needed. Then Ed Dick was recommended and kindly came when I reached him on Wednesday. He too tried valiantly, but no longer had the necessary tools or parts the job required. Clayton had told me that son Ray would be here "later in the week." What a relief it was to have Ray Ayers and his tall apprentice, son Chip, come from Pendleton Thursday and apply the necessary skill and the needed parts to the furnace.

Last Wednesday you may have noticed the Quintra Bus in several locations around town. It brought a full load of senior citizens from the Irrigon-Boardman area here for an educational and interesting look at the county museum and for dinner with the seniors of this area. Everyone was pleased to see the bus being used so well.

The AAUW branch deserves congratulations for arranging the Energy Fair last Thursday. The educational presentations there were well done and very interesting. It seems that community programs do not bring out very large audiences. Those who attended gained a wide selection of educational and practical information.

Heppner Neighborhood Center is into an extra busy period. This week the regular dinners were held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Wednesday dinner was the special Thanksgiving feast which meant extra preparations by chef cook, Eleanor Gonty, and assistant cook, Marilyn Bergstrom, and their helpers who prepared turkey and fixings. The Thursday afternoon craft ladies have been putting in extra time preparing attractive items for sale at the coming Artifactory. They have also been first assistants to the center staff in preparing for a long-planned sale at the center dining room this weekend. They will be selling some of the miscellaneous things that have been crowding the center's storage areas. Many bargains are promised to shoppers between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and again on Saturday as long as the supply of saleables lasts.

Several fall harvest dinners have been scheduled these weeks before Thanksgiving. A number of local church congregations have had or are having their annual congregational feasts. Next Saturday evening the Degree of Honor Lodge is holding its Thanksgiving dinner for members, their families and a few fortunate guests, all of whom will surely enjoy seeing Delbert Piper's lovely colored slides of birds and plants of this area.

Drama coach Jane Rawlins tells us that the dramatic program announced for the coming weekend at Heppner High has been re-scheduled. Now instead of coming the weekend before Thanksgiving it will be presented after the holiday.

Many are very busy working on preparations for the big Saturday Artifactory which is fast approaching. Only two weeks from this Saturday much action will take place at the Fairground Pavilion Building and its 4-H Annex. Many tables have been reserved by groups and individuals in the larger room, while in the annex, the Heppner Garden Club's Greens Workshop and plant-craft sale will be augmented by a display of items from the Tone Garden Club and will be enhanced by the Morrow County Artisans' display and sale. No one should miss this top happening on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Angus titles earned at International



Grieb's Commotion 1790 was named reserve-senior-Angus-bull-calf champion of the Pacific International Livestock in north Portland. He was exhibited by Gary and Virginia Grieb, Lexington.



Reserve-junior-champion-Angus bull of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in north Portland was Grieb's Jogger 1589, owned by Ken Grieb, Lexington.

Angus breeders and young Angus exhibitors led 137 bulls and heifers into the show ring in north Portland to vie for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition championships. George Strathearn, Mariposa, Calif., lined up the entries.

In the 33-head junior heifer show, Strathearn directed Patrick Verbout of Mulino, Ore., to the winner's circle. His heifer was Barbara 1D of PV. Reserve honors went to Sherree Friedrich, Mulino, on Princess Eileen 56D of FAR.

Open show competition featured Grieb's Black Revolution 1948 as senior and grand champion bull. He's owned by Bill Cox of Hermiston and David Medeiros, Turlock, Cal.

Holthaus Brothers of Cottonwood, Idaho, took the reserve-grand spot with junior calf champ Gaucho HB.

Cotterill's Bandette 3079, junior champion, earned the top female rosette for Joe Cotterill, Sultan, Wash. Garvin Foote, Melba, Idaho, owned the reserve grand, senior calf champ, Foote Acres Nell 258L.

Foote Acres Angus, Melba, Idaho, picked up all of the first place ribbons in group competition. They grouped KAF Northern Jet 1045 calves to win the junior and senior get-of-sire classes, and put together the best six head.

Additional bull show champs were: reserve-senior champ, Foote Acres Olympian, owned by Foote Acres Angus and Meadowmere Farms, Deer Park, Wash.; reserve - junior, Grieb's Jogger 1589, exhibited by Ken Grieb, Lexington; intermediate champion, Kessler's Conductor 6B, shown by Randy Kessler, Milton-Freewater; reserve-intermediate champ, Shandar Evolution 49L, owned by Shandar Angus, Payson, Utah; senior-calf champ, U Winton, exhibited by Unruh Angus Ranch, Warden, Wash.; reserve-senior calf, Grieb's Commotion 1790, shown by Gary and Virginia Grieb, Lexington; and reserve - junior calf winner, Chaparral Pride 302, exhibited by Ronald Finnicum, McMinnville, Ore.

More heifer show results included: reserve - junior champ, 5-W Elite Blackbird J220, owned by Cathy Wiser, Monroe, Ore.; intermediate winner, Footes Queen Mother 227L, shown by Foote Acres Angus; reserve - intermediate champ, Extreme Royal Lass of T.B., owned by Teresa Barker, Beavercreek, Ore.; reserve - senior calf champ, Elbie 160 of AV, owned by

It's 'Community Night Back at School' at Heppner Elementary

Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. is "Community Night Back at School" at Heppner Elementary's open house.

"We want to invite parents and friends of the community to make it a family affair."

said a school spokesperson. Children are invited to attend with their parents.

The program will begin in the school's multipurpose room with a short introduction of the school staff and an explanation of the evening's

activities. After the introductory program, people are free to visit any classroom situation, said the spokesperson. The open house coincides with National Education Week which is Nov. 17 through 21.

Allen resigns from planning commission

Gene Allen, Boardman, has resigned from the Morrow County Planning Commission. "I indicated when I started

that my objective was to get the comprehensive plan passed, and I got that done."

Allen said of his reason for resigning. No replacement has yet been made.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR GOOD WOOL CLOTHES

Thanks to increased energy awareness, manufacturers are, perhaps more than ever before, promoting wool and wool blend fabrics as the "natural fiber"—one which lasts for years and provides warmth in a way that no synthetic fiber can.

As Americans welcome the woolies back into their wardrobes, the following tips on proper care of woollens will be helpful:

- Wool garments should be stored in a cool, dry place, particularly during the summer months.

- Protect woollens against moth infestation by storing them in plastic or cardboard containers.

- If washable, woollens should be hand laundered in lukewarm water with a mild detergent specifically formulated for such use; otherwise, they should be professionally dry cleaned after repeated wear.

- After hand-washing a sweater, squeeze (never wring!) excess water from sweater, lie it flat on a towel and block to its original shape.

- Try to blot away grease, oil or ink stains as soon as they occur, as these are difficult to remove once they have set.

Keeping track of child's gloves

"Oh, no! Not again! That's the third pair of gloves this winter!"

Sound familiar? Does your young child—or absent-minded adolescent—find it difficult to hold onto a pair of gloves without leaving one or both on the school bus, in the playground, or in the snow?

There's an easy solution: attach a loop of yarn to the upper portion of the glove, and sew a button on the inside of the child's coat.

Or, run a long strand of yarn through the sleeves of the jacket, and sew it to the edges of the glove.

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Child-proof your home to keep youngest holiday visitors safe

Do memories of Christmas past haunt you?

You can make sure that Christmas present stays pleasant this year by instituting a few child-proofing measures before any guests arrive.

Even if you have children of your own, and routinely institute safety precautions around the house, it helps to review them at holiday time.

- When you decorate the tree, place breakable ornaments on upper branches where children can't reach them.

- Position candy canes, gingerbread men and the like on lower branches, and make sure they

are fresh and edible.

- Remove glass vases, china candy dishes and other breakable objects from table tops and place them on a high shelf or in a cabinet that's inaccessible to youngsters.

- Child-proof electric outlets with safety plugs from the dime store.

- Check electric extension cords to make sure no one can trip over them.

- Children often find their way into the kitchen. Make sure all cabinets close securely so that a child can't open them.

- Remove any cigarette lighters and matches.