

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Our area weather maker got ahead of the official date for changing from fall to winter somehow. If he had waited until Dec. 21, we would have no right to complain. However, even snow and ice didn't spoil one of Heppner's biggest Saturday events, the 9th annual Artifactory. In fact, the all-white setting really gave the pre-Christmas event a truly holiday look. Doesn't snow and ice make bright lights seem even brighter?

Ione residents reported that their location had more snow than Heppner, which cut down Artifactory attendance some, and slowed other inter-town traveling.

Walking through the aisles of sales tables, I was again thrilled by the great assortment of beautiful items most of which were produced in this county by its creative, artistic residents. A few "outsiders" wanted to come to display and to sell at the Yule roundup, and they were welcomed, but the amazing variety of home-created articles produced by our neighbors and friends were most thrilling.

As one strolled through the Fair Pavilion and its Annex, one noted beautiful books; great, home-baked goodies; charming china paintings; dough art delights magnificent macrame; lots of nifty needlework; prize-winning paintings; splendid silver jewelry; teasel tantalizers; wonderful wheat weavings and much more.

It was so easy to not see everything being displayed and offered for sale by smiling merchandizers of all ages. Several quite young girls had fashioned different Christmas-tree ornaments which were made from real ice cream cones with sparkle added. I decided that my grandchildren might be pleased to see a couple of those on my tree this year. The table of quaint, dainty, quilted items of colored paper seemed a first appearance of this craft locally. I don't recall so many clever uses of the prickly teasels. I couldn't resist buying a pair of teasel mice for my tree, too.

Many who entered through the 4-H Annex remarked about the dandy, seasonal smell there where a mass of fresh mountain greenery was being fashioned into lovely wreaths and swags under the guidance of Heppner Garden Clubbers. They were also selling table and wall decorations made of natural materials. The holly from Coos Bay pleased folks, some of whom have tried to grow it here and have been so disappointed.

This year the Morrow County Artists (oil painters) sublet part of the Annex and their superb pictures contributed lots of class. There are a few county males who paint with oils, but the works displayed were all created by females with talented, disciplined fingers and great eyes for color and composition.

Two crowd-pleasing characters strolled about during the middle hours of the Artifactory. They were a colorful clown whose disguise I didn't penetrate, and that most popular December 25, dressed-in-red-and-white personality, who reminded me very much of Terry Hughes.

Among the newcomers who viewed their first Artifactory, were Dr. Tim McCoy and his wife, Mary, and their young son, Eric Peder, and new Heppner band teacher, Don Boyce, and his musician wife, Dianne.

Maybe you have noted the large number of traffic citations reported recently. I got a surprise, polite warning last week because I entered town from Lexington somewhat faster than I should have. Now I realize what might be the reason for the increase in the too-fast violations. People have grown so accustomed to having gas pumps show just half the total charged, and they have now become confused by their speedometer readings and may somehow think they are only going half as fast as the instrument registers. Could that somehow be worked into an acceptable excuse?

Last Friday morning there was a big-city type bargain rush at Kroll's Department Store. It is very sad to have that store going out of business. Many of us still mourn the

departure of the J.C. Penny Co. store that occupied that location before Coast-to-Coast and then Krolls. We think our town has a pretty good assortment of merchandise establishments where we can buy almost everything we need, but losing the department store is a real blow.

What is surely one of the nicest films about our state and its agricultural base was shown to the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce last week. It is a gift to Oregonians from the E.R. Jackman Foundation in memory of Professor E.R. Jackman, teacher and author of many books and articles about this state he dearly loved. His best-known book is "The Oregon Desert" which he co-authored with R. A. "Rube" Long. Birdine Tullis projected the film and announced that each county extension office has a copy available on request for group use. It is heartily recommended that each man, woman and school child in the state be given the pleasure of viewing this fitting memorial to a most outstanding agriculturist. "Prof." Jackman. The film was beautifully produced by Oregon State University.

In the rush of Christmas preparations, of finishing projects, of writing and mailing greeting cards, one can gain a beautiful uplift, a restful renewal, if one will enter one of our area's churches and join its congregation, singing along with them the beloved carols of the season, or perhaps, just listening to the long-cherished music.

Lexington news

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Graveside services were held recently in Hermiston for Clarice Otzenberger, who passed away at Good Shepherd Hospital.

Mrs. Otzenberger had been a former Lexington resident for several years, moving to Stanfield about 22 years ago. She was born in Idaho Springs, Colo., June 19, 1915. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Holly Rebekah Lodge of Lexington.

Surviving are her husband, Lloyd, Stanfield; a daughter, Inez Frost, Hermiston; sisters, Pauline Korticus, Denver, Colo., Edith Moore, Scotts Bluff, Neb., and Maxine Eastwood, Seattle, Wash.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Oregon Fund of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or the cancer fund.

Attending the services from Lexington were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones and Annetta Klinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom were recent callers to Seattle, Wash., where they visited with friends and relatives.

The PNG Club of Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the Frusus restaurant in Hermiston Wednesday for their Christmas meeting. Tables were decorated for Christmas with an exchange of secret sister gifts. Those attending were Leila Palmer, Dorothy Burcham, Catie Padberg, Ruth Robinson, Donna Pa-

pineau, a member from Hermiston, Florence McMillan, and a member from Irrigon, Jo Irvin, with a guest, Flossie Breeding. All report a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones spent a couple of days last week at Glenden Beach with their daughter and family enjoying Thanksgiving. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Irvin from Irrigon, Mr.

and Mrs. Jim Bowen and twins, and Linda Smith of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Whitney and daughter, Jessie, from Beaverton. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had just returned when they were called to Lincoln City by the death of a sister-in-law, Dorothy B. Jones, wife of William N. Jones. Services were held Tuesday in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewie Lovelace of Ontario were overnight guests of the C.C. Jones family enroute to their home from Lincoln City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chick and family spent some time during the holidays with her mother, Venice Hendrickson. Mrs. Hendrickson has been ill at her home, suffering from the effects of a fall.

Minerva Denslinger of The Dalles has been visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Cutsforth, and renewing acquaintances in the Lexington and Heppner area.

Sherri Klinger of Hermiston was a Thanksgiving Day visitor at the home of her mother-in-law, Annetta Klinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske, Pat Wright and son, Mark, and daughter, Sandi, entertained their mother, Freda Majeske, with dinner at Beecher's Cafe one evening last week, honoring her on her birthday. On Thanksgiving, the other members of the family met at the Wright home, honoring Mrs. Majeske

with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounts, a daughter and husband from Portland; a grandson, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounts, from Boardman; Mr. and Mrs. Burke O'Brien and family from Echo and the family of Mrs. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske visited a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Ropp, in Depoe Bay, over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Munkers and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers on Thanksgiving Day where they attended a family reunion of the family of Mrs. Munkers, the Sharrards, former Arlington residents. There were about 40 guests present for the day.

Linda Jones entertained with a birthday party honoring her son, Michael, on his birthday Saturday. The boys were entertained by painting a mural on a large paper on the wall. "what birthdays mean to them." Refreshments were served to Andy Harshman, Shane and Ryan Munkers, Jason Smith, and Scott Johnson.

Lexington Grange is making plans to help with the Christmas party for the patients in Pioneer Nursing Home. This will be held on Dec. 18 with a program, refreshments and gifts. The hospital auxiliary and the grange will be working together on this and invite anyone who wishes to attend and help the nursing

home residents enjoy their day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McTavish of Gresham, are parents of a baby boy, Michael Patrick, who was born in October.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson, Hood River. The baby's mother is the former Betty Henderson, of Lexington, who went to school in Heppner.

Michael joins a sister at home.

Date changed for Rhea Creek Christmas party

The Rhea Creek Grange meeting has been changed from Dec. 12 to Dec. 14, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will feature a potluck dinner and Christmas program.

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