

# AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

This week's column will differ from most of its predecessors. It will be an attempt at stream-of-consciousness writing, thoughts that move along through my mind.

At the beginning of each year there is usually lots of looking backward and looking forward, of recalling and projecting, of winding down and starting up. I am herewith putting into words some of my reactions to remarks made by new Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce President Fred Toombs as he began his administration. He said that in 1981 the community might see considerable change depending on the philosophy of new state and federal officials, on the effects of the coming Willow Creek dam, on changes in the regional power picture and on the great-on-going struggle against inflation "a monster so hard to control."

Although some of us really enjoy looking back (we love history; we are thrilled by old ways, by old things)--it is good for us to also try to keep looking forward, to think about the future, to plan for our tomorrows.

Ah--planning can cause distress sometimes. The L.C.D.C. regulations have upset so many. Some folks cry out that they can no longer decide how to use their own property and what parts of it they wish to sell or to use for various purposes. Others staunchly defend land-use regulations as the only way to go on making the most reasonable, the wisest use of land.

Will our community change for the worse or the better? The differences of opinion here about the Willow Creek dam are long-standing and interesting. The entire world is speculating on the possible changes our new national administration may or may not bring about.

Possibly the coming dam and the changing regional power picture are somewhat related. We keep seeing news items about more small power-generating systems being planned throughout the country. Of course Columbia Basin Manager Toombs has more concern and surely more knowledge about the changing regional power picture than we have.

We have seen home-heating change so much these last few years since fuel oil, propane and electricity have continued to jump in price. The thousands of cords of wood brought down from our mountains and the smoke rising from thousands of chimneys attest to this. Homes have surely changed, too, with the number of mobile, and factory-built homes increasing rapidly year after year. Will our area finally gain a mobile home park or two?

Our county offers so many old and new recreational opportunities. We understand that with our long weekends, with possibly 35 or 30-hour work weeks ahead, that recreational pursuits are bound to increase. These last fifteen years have seen snowmobiling and water skiing rise in popularity here. The usual hunting, fishing and horse sports have continued popular along with a rise in participation in golf and tennis. Jogging was a strange word fifteen years ago. Maybe dude ranch vacationing will begin to really blossom here?

No one can really present facts about future changes. Just look at other changes that have taken place around about this county in the last fifteen years, such as, the development of Penland Lake and the growth of the Blake Ranch area in this southern section. In the northern section, the Columbia River area, the agri-business and the community developmental changes have been even more impressive.

Maybe the struggle over inflation, especially with the constantly rising cost of gasoline, will bring many significant changes. Perhaps we will not be able to continue traveling about in our own autos. Perhaps gasohol or other new fuels will rescue auto travel; perhaps we will be driving electric cars filled with batteries and plugged in to rechargers regularly. Perhaps instead of going out of town so much to buy in other communities, the population here will return to completely local shopping as the pioneers did when horse travel took so much time and roads were less developed. Maybe public transportation will have to be developed. Bus and train travel could pick up very much. Maybe more people will walk or bicycle more, like the populations of other continents do. Possibly the railroad will again move people in and out of our Willow Creek communities on a daily schedule as it did years ago. Then we would have to rebuild those depots -- or provide better new depots.

Do you understand what imagination is? Imagination is the power of forming pictures in one's mind of things not present to the senses and the ability to create new things or ideas or to combine old ones in new forms. We can not imagine life here not changing in the future. Some pessimistic souls think Heppner is dying and point to the empty spaces in the business blocks. Others more optimistically feel that maybe Heppner is about to really wake up and grow again. Some don't want community growth; they fight change and face it unhappily. Some long for changes which they feel will bring more opportunities, more conveniences, more community happiness.

Quite a few economists are telling folks to move out of the cities with their proliferating problems and get into small towns. Many small towns, for example in New England, are experiencing tremendous new growth and re-vitalization.

One of the magazines I've especially come to enjoy reading is "Next" which offers its readers a look into the future. Some of its articles are rather frightening, such as, "If the

Hopefully Chamber of Commerce President Toomb's introductory remarks last week Tuesday started several trains of thought. Maybe some of those thoughts will be counter-productive and maybe some will be productive. You now see what his words brought out of my consciousness and through my typewriter to you.

Inflation Rate Tops 25 Percent" and "Will Robots Take Over?" Others are quite re-assuring such as those in the February '81 issue featuring the "media decade." This issue states that newspapers will survive, that TV viewers should try to choose wisely between good and junky programs, that magazines and books are constantly improving.

Even though these winter months are sort of armchair months when we, like the bears, seem to hibernate and rest up for more active months ahead, let's not let our imaginations degenerate or just get too sleepy. It seems that modern living with colored pictures flashing by in our homes at the turn of a TV knob has seen many youth and adults quit exercising their powers of imagination. Do you realize that the very first regular commercial television broadcasts began in 1939--just about 40 years ago? Round the clock television by many stations did not come until after 1950--less than 30 years ago. In Heppner television began coming into homes in 1955, and I understand that before that some folks drove up on the hill by the transmitting site to watch a receiver.

As one who loves reading and who for some years tried to teach young people to enjoy reading, I've found that not everyone can enjoy pictures painted on paper by words alone. Some of us can become excited, really emotional while reading--reactions that I think must be related to the state of the development of our imaginations. Some of us often react vigorously to spoken words, to lectures, to sermons, but to others they are just sounds and rather insignificant sounds.

## Special 4-H events planned for January

by Birdine Tullis  
Morrow Extension Service  
SKATING PARTY

"Everybody's hot on wheels these days" according to John Nordheim, 4-H agent, "so we are planning a 4-H Family Night and Awards Presentation on wheels."

The whole family is invited to join with 4-Hers Saturday, January 17, 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Rollerina, 922 East Main Street, Hermiston. Cost will be \$1.75 each for skates and rink charges. The roller rink has been reserved for 4-H from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Awards for best record book in junior, intermediate, and senior divisions of home economics, natural science, and agriculture, as well as county medals will be presented at this time.

Last year the skating party drew a record crowd. It is hoped that all 4-H members, leaders and families will attend again this year.

LEARN TO "BE A CLOWN"

Bring on the clowns...or those who want to "clown around in 4-H." Learn all about the basics of clowning, including makeup, mime, choosing your clown character, and costumes from our favorite 4-H clowns, Harrison, Harrison, and Hughes.

This special one-time training event is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the 4-H Annex,

fairgrounds, Heppner. Also included in the program is a slide-tape presentation on clowning, prepared by Cheri Jo Carter, Union County Extension agent as part of her master's program at OSU.

Clowning is fast catching on as a 4-H project in many areas. We found there is much interest in clowning here as we recruited at schools last fall. Those attending may want to bring old clothing such as funny hats, ties, oversized shoes, wigs, etc., to make their clown costume. Instruction of making up a clown face will be given by Todd Harrison. Theatrical makeup will be provided for all wishing to try their hand at making up. Each attending is asked to bring 50 cents to cover cost of the special makeup. Todd will be assisted by his two student clowns, Trent Harrison and Kevin Hughes. As a special ending for the event, all clowns will be given the opportunity to clown up and down main street.

Clowning offers many opportunities for the kids; offering the basics of clowning will provide the opportunity for those really interested to get started. Clowning helps the individual gain self-confidence, overcome shyness, and brings out creativity. Leaders, as well as members are invited to attend.

## 2nd annual Hope Lutheran auction slated Jan. 18

by Bet Green

Fun and fellowship will be enjoyed by all at the second annual Hope Lutheran Church Auction on Sunday, Jan. 18. The auction will be held in the church basement following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Besides the auction there will be a movie, a fishpond and a pinata for the kids, and a slave auction featuring the

teens.

There will also be a potluck dinner, with the main dish furnished. Each person is to bring a salad and dessert.

The event features the talents of Jim Ackley, John Maas and Les Polzen as the auctioneers.

Price of admission is one auctionable item (new or used) but please no clothes,

## Weddings Hedlund-Palmer



Cathy Palmer, Heppner, and Gene Hedlund, Jr., Ashland, were married Dec. 20 at Valby Lutheran Church. The Reverend John Maas officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer, Heppner. The groom is the son of Gene Hedlund, Sr., Medford.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a v-necked gown of polyester organza. The long sleeves, bodice, skirt and chapel train were trimmed with appliques of lace and simulated pearls. The two-tiered, full-length veil was trimmed with lace, and attached to a petal cap of lace and pearls. Cathy carried a bouquet of red carnations, stephanotis and evergreens to complete her ensemble.

Wedding music was played by organist Christi Chapman of Harbor, Ore. Soloist was Jim Ackley, Heppner.

Maid of honor was Cynthia Mead, Wilsonville, Oregon, friend of the bride. Matron of honor was Sandra Van Liew and bridesmaid was Paula Palmer, both sisters of the bride from Heppner. Best man was Terry Farrier, Coquille, Ore., friend of the groom. Serving as groomsmen were Dan Van Liew and Larry Palmer, brother-in-law and brother of the bride. Heppner Jason Palmer was candlelighter for his sister.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. After a wedding trip to Mount Bachelor, the couple are living in Ashland where the bride attends Southern State College and the groom is employed with Reter Fruit Co., Medford.

## Engagements

### Skillicorn-Nolan

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nolan, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina, to Jeffery Skillicorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Skillicorn, Heppner. A summer wedding is planned.

## UP expects to carry 20 percent more grain

Union Pacific Railroad said recently it expects to carry about 20 percent more grain this year than in the record-setting year of 1979 when it moved 14.4 million tons.

President John C. Kenefick said the old record was surpassed in November and that 1980 will probably show UP moving more than 17.4 million tons.

Much of the increased tonnage is being carried on feed grain trains which move grain to the West Coast. During the first eleven months, UP sent 1389 feed grain

trains west compared to 1123 during all of 1979. In addition, the new wheat train program introduced early in 1980 has produced 255 trains.

Kenefick said, "Perhaps the best news for our shippers is that we fill nearly ever car order as soon as it is placed. In fact, there have been times when the railroad had a large surplus of grain cars, despite record tonnage hauled."

Since 1970, UP has acquired more than 10,400 covered hopper cars, including nearly 2000 returned to UP this year as a result of the Rock Island Railroad's collapse.

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### IMPORTANT ISSUES (Expected) FOR THE 1981 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. Budget Cuts: Because of people out of work State Revenue from income taxes will be down. The State of Oregon will have to look at major budget cuts to balance the State Budget.
2. Reapportionment: Re-establishing boundary lines for the 60 representative, 30 senatorial, and 5 congressional districts.
3. Economy: Establishing or encouraging new industry, new jobs, and stimulating the housing and wood products industry.

### BILL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!

1. Bill is always ready to assist people with problems dealing with Government. Don't hesitate to call or write at anytime.
2. Bill is always ready to attend a meeting or activity in your area to talk on legislative matters and concerns. Don't hesitate to call or write with the requests.
3. Bill always appreciates letters from constituents expressing views on legislation that will be voted on during the legislative session. Your opinions are necessary and IMPORTANT.

### YOUR VIEWS:

1. During his first term Billy Bellamy made one campaign promise. To maintain contact with people of District 55. 5 to 6 questionnaires were mailed to 200 people in the district during the last session on subjects dealing with the legislations. These were very helpful to Representative Bellamy.

If you would like to be on the mailing list and receive the questionnaires, please fill out the section below and mail to Bill.

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