

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

In its own way Heppner joined the parade of communities honoring the freed hostages last week on Presidential Inauguration Day with flags flying up and down Main Street. Never have so many yards of yellow ribbon been displayed everywhere, including those tied up by the Boy Scouts here. Although it was not actually a cause for such community recognition, Jan. 20, just happened to be ex-judge Paul W. Jones' 70th birthday.

Last Thursday I was fortunate to ride along to Pendleton and back with friends. We went past the North Lexington Elevator where the wheat had been piled so high, but where the ground is swept clean now. We saw acres of next summer's wheat looking so beautiful in their green glory. Everyone is hoping that this will turn into another great wheat year, although many are worrying because of the lack of snow in our mountains.

Last week's G-T announced that a sign language class is being offered here through Blue Mountain Community College for five weeks now. Perhaps those of us with fading hearing can learn how to cope with our problem by attending.

Next Saturday, Jan. 31, will be a big day in Ione when the grand opening of the new branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon is celebrated from 2 to 5 p.m. Last Wednesday Helen Martin showed several trays of her good colored slides to the senior citizens after their dinner. She had good pictures of various steps taken in the building of this fine, modern bank building.

A bright spot in my past week was a surprise telephone call from a last-year Heppner graduate, Lela Breidenbach, from Boise. She is very happy and is doing good work as a student at business college there. Her big excitement is that she plans to marry a fellow student next summer in Boise. By that time her fiance, Ron Peterson, may be working as an accountant. Lela said she hopes to bring him to Heppner with her sometime this spring so that he can meet some of her friends here.

What a beautiful day came to our area last Sunday—blue skies, a few white clouds and lots of bright sunshine to which our eyes had become unaccustomed during the recent weeks of grey fog. The thermometer on my front porch registered about 52 in the middle of the afternoon. I suppose some avid sports fans hardly noticed the weather, however, as their attentions were on the Super Bowl football game down south.

A letter from a couple in Alaska who are wishing to relocate in a small town in Oregon or Washington came asking for information about Heppner. If they could be sent a picture taken in the glory of last Sunday's sunshine, they might rush here. The man who wrote says he has worked as a logger and welder and that his wife is a R.N. They must know that Heppner has a hospital and logging industry. They will be receiving this newspaper for a month now so that they can learn more about the community.

Last fall I asked for and received the assignment to write "Sifting Through the Times." Doing this writing is so interesting for me. I have only lived in Morrow County since 1966, but I am really very interested in filling in my understanding of many things that happened before I arrived. When I settle down in the G-T office to sift through the copies of historic papers, I really get so involved in the interesting stories I find that it is often hard for me to try to limit my copying of the old accounts. Sometimes I would like to repeat all of what I think is so interesting, but of course, space is limited, and I understand that not everyone is as interested in the past as I am.

Last week I was starting to copy news from the issues of February, 1931, I came across several stories about preparations for the Washington Bicentennial. (George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and all of the United States planned to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth.) Although I was almost through high school at that time, I somehow don't remember the Washington Bicentennial.

Several G-T news stories tell that the national Washington Bicentennial chairman was urging that in each community across the nation trees should be planted to mark the anniversary. (I wondered if the tree planting idea was based on the little take about young George chopping down that cherry tree.) The national goal was set to plant 10,000,000 trees. A committee in Heppner met and deliberated about where the special-occasion trees should be planted. After much discussion it was determined that they should be planted near the artisan well.

A little quick research informed me that the fine well up on Willow Creek was then only a few years old. It had replaced a well at the old power and water company site where the town swimming pool is now. The news story telling of the planned celebration and of the many local committees involved urged everyone to plan ahead to come to the well site to take part in the ceremonies.

I vividly recall the preparations and events which took place here in 1976 at the time of our National Bicentennial. Now I am wondering how many residents still remember that tree planting of the year 1932 when Washington's Bicentennial was celebrated up on Willow Creek?

Sometimes we think we will never forget certain events, yet they do become dim as time passes. How long will we remember January 20, 1981, when our Iranian-held hostages were freed after 444 days of imprisonment and when the nation's 40th president was inaugurated?

Sifting through the TIMES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

Wallula cut-off is coming in a year; delegates to a Walla Walla meeting were told of the route's progress. Plans are to spend \$165,000 in the State of Washington of the road this year.

Doric Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, will honor four 25-year members of the order by the presentation of veteran's jewels at an open meeting of the lodge Tuesday evening, Feb. 17. A full program featured with a supper is being arranged by the entertainment committee, headed by Dr. C. W. Barr, for the enjoyment of the Knights and their invited guests.

The Heppner Gazette-Times received official notification Monday of its selection as the best weekly newspaper published in Oregon in 1930, from a field of weekly newspapers entered in a contest sponsored by Oregon Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national honorary journalism fraternity at the state press conference held in Eugene last weekend. The telegram of notification was signed by the University of Oregon School of Journalism's Dean Eric W. Allen.

Launching of a general wool and lamb campaign in Oregon, starting Feb. 1, is announced by Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, who has been in Portland this week arranging details for extensive use of the radio and store window displays in that city. This campaign is undertaken as a part of the work of the women's auxiliary of the Oregon Woolgrower's association, of which Mrs. Mahoney is president, in an attempt to get people to eat more lamb and use more wool.

A Thomson Bros. grocery ad offers: No. 1 size can of Alaska pink salmon, 12 cents; bag of seedless raisins, 29 cents; shaker salt, plain or iodized, 9 cents; 4-sewed enamel handle kitchen brooms, 39 cents each; toilet tissue, 4 large rolls, 25 cents; coffee, 40 cents a can.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

County rates third in bond sales during 1955. The two counties out-selling Morrow were Sherman and Harney.

Support was given to the Boardman area on Monday by the Chamber of Commerce in its effort to interest the Air Force in establishing an Air Interceptor Command base on the Boardman Bombing Range. The chamber passed a resolution which will be sent to congressmen and senators asking that the site be investigated.

The men of All Saints' Episcopal Church will put on an all-men's supper Tuesday evening at the parish house with the men of the church preparing and serving the meal. The supper is open to the public.

Cooks will be Jack Bedford, Harold Johnston, Allen Case and George Little. Other committee members are: headwaiter, W.C. Rosewall; chief dishwasher, Alex Thompson; gate, Robert Ferrell; ticket sales, LaVerne Van Marter; waiters, Lowell Gribble, Jack Loyd, Frank Anderson, Phil Gunderson, Bob Jones, Earl Gilliam, Walter Wright and Bill Barratt; the greeting committee will consist of Dr. A. D. McMurdo; and the publicity committee, Bob Penland.

Lexington High has just presented the play "Aaron Slick from Pumpkin Creek." Those in the cast were Donald Hunt, Dexter Miles, Hugo Leyva, Inez O'Neal, Pat Steagall, Maureen Groves, Sue Laney, Gerry Messenger, Beverly Baker, George Hermann, Cherry Grey, Barbara Steagall and Hoyt Laney. Others involved were: stage manager, James Laney; assistants to the director, Mike Patrick, Gerry Nessenger, Lee Cornilson; advertising, Laddie Henderson, Hank Pointer; business managers, Karl Beach, and Barbara Steagall; costumes, Cherry Grey; dressing, Nancy Wright; makeup, Joan Patrick; properties, Vern Nolan and Keith Peck; electricians, Larry Henderson and Paul Breeding; sound technician, Dora Sue Davidson. The director was Nola Coval. Te cast held a party after the play.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Mike Sweeney was introduced as a new member of the Morrow County Planning Commission at the courthouse Monday night. Dorris Graves, Roy Lindstrom and Fritz Cutsforth have been re-appointed to the commission for another term.

An awards dinner for employees of Eastern Oregon Logging Company, Kinzua Corporation, was held Jan. 17 at Kinzua. The dinner was held to honor construction employees and their wives for having no lost-time accidents during a three-year period.

"The City of Heppner now has enough water to serve 2,500 residents, or until 1995, if the population increases at the rate predicted one percent annual growth," said City Engineer Steve Anderson, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

The Morrow County Mental

Health Clinic had a federal site visit on Jan. 21 by Elsie Ho and Charlotte Markel. They were here to insure that the clinic is providing services required under their grant-in-aid.

The basketball scene wasn't too bright at Heppner High in Jan. 1976. The Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots defeated the Mustangs, 74 to 63. The Pilot Rock Rockets were winners by 66 to 57 in Pilot Rock.

Phil Bowman is the new manager of the Jordan Elevator Company. He replaces Paul Pettyjohn who has been manager for the past 33 years. Bowman previously worked for the Condon Grain Growers.

Soroptimists initiate five new members

Five area business women were initiated into the Heppner Soroptimist Club in a noon meeting Jan. 15.

Initiated in a ceremony conducted by Marion Abrams were Joan McDonald, Vi Wilgers, Pat Hyatt, April Skyes and Christy Lovgren.

N.E. Oregon cereals conf. set

The Northeast Oregon Cereals Conference, sponsored by the Umatilla, Morrow and Union Counties Wheat Growers Association and OSU Extension Service and the Oregon Wheat Growers League has been scheduled for February 3, 4, and 5 at the Red Lion Indian Hills at Pendleton. Pre-registration for the conference is required. A registration fee of \$30 will cover

conference expenses and one meal each day.

Willow Creek C.C. to meeting

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Columbia Basin Board Room.

Purpose of the meeting will be to review the budget, meet new officers and award trophies and prizes for the 1980 season. All golfers are encouraged to attend.

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