

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Last Saturday in the fresh, brisk morning air between 7:15 and 8:15 I made a most interesting trip and achieved a goal I had set long ago. Along with—well actually some minutes behind—my Medford son and daughter-in-law and their six-year-old Adam and four-year-old Anna, I climbed the hill east of Heppner and reached the white cross at its summit.

One doesn't realize what lovely blooms—yellow bells, bird bills, wild sunflowers and other small meadow flowers are thriving on that rather rocky hillside until one walks among them. Saturday morning the sunshine was brilliant and the wind, as we gained elevation, was very vigorous. After we reached home my face tingled for more than twelve hours.

The view from the top of the hill was superb. Mt. Adams to the northwest shone in its full glory and although we couldn't see the Columbia River we did see the Washington hills on its north. An early morning flyer brought his plane up Willow Creek and turned southeastward at about the same height we had achieved before 7:30. We all enjoyed spotting various Heppner buildings, which looked so small, down below us. We talked about how the soon-to-be built dam would change the view to the south.

Young granddaughter Anna didn't like the strong wind and persuaded her mother to descend with her ahead of Bill and Adam and grandma. We three took pictures. I especially wanted a good picture of Adam with Mt. Adams in the background.

Son Bill told me that they had come through the Goodnoe Hills near Goldendale and had observed the Bonneville Power Administration's U.S. Department of Energy's wind power project there. He said that he thought more windpower might be generated on Heppner's hills than in Klickitat County. However, the siting committees determined that the locations west of Goldendale had the best windspeed potential. Of course, they had to consider year-around wind potential, and we were just experiencing the brisk wind of one morning in late March.

Since Saturday I've mentioned my high-level adventure to several friends who have lived here longer than I have. They say they have never been up to the cross. I really recommend the hike to everyone. The morning hour suited us and readied us all for a substantial breakfast. However whatever hour you would choose to make the hike you should see an interesting view and should wake up your appetite.

How delightful it is to have daffodils and hyacinths blooming in our yards again. In 1979 when Inez Erwin and I made our exciting tour to the Tulip Festival in Holland we had some bulbs of various kinds mailed home. My tulips are not ready to bloom yet, but the tiny, miniature daffodils are out, and I have picked a few of them. I love the standard size and varieties of dafs, but am so excited about the dainty miniatures which I hadn't seen before our look around the great gardens and flower markets near Amsterdam. Each spring now when bulbs bloom I shall recall the gorgeous gardens we walked through and the riot of colors we saw. Other folks may have different mental pictures of heaven on earth, but the Dutch gardens were surely heavenly to me.

March 17 brought a wonderful crowd to St. Patrick's parish hall for the Altar Society's Fifth Annual Irish Stew dinner. The food was dandy, the company extraordinary and the music super-delightful. Among the few folks I visited with were Dennis and Anne Doherty, now of Hermiston, who said they just had to come and bring their children back to Heppner on that day.

Kathleen Hsler told me that she had heard Ted Smith of Pendleton's KUMA Radio say that morning on his "Coffee Hour" that he thought he would plan on coming to Heppner next spring to spend part of St. Patrick's Day here and perhaps to broadcast from here.

I was lucky to sit rather near the piano where I could hear and observe the talented Lindsays, Bill Kenny and Father Joe. My friend Ida Farra and I were saying someone should get up and perform a jig or two when we happened to observe the youngest member of the Jerry Healy family really jiggling in his walker which was anchored by one leg of his father's chair. Jerry, Carmen, and their beautiful sons were seated close to the front of the musicians.

We hear the musical version of "Cheaper by the Dozen" is being prepared for performances at Heppner High. This will truly be a school and community production with talented students and talented townfolks working together. A singing merchant, a homemaker and a pleasing group of children of the area will join in taking parts in this look at the twelve-child family of Lillian and Frank B. Gilbreth. The exact dates of the performances will be announced later.

Everyone should be keeping in mind and be marking their calendars to indicate the dates of three annual sales coming along. Before the first sale, I must pull out weeds and make room for new plants which I expect to buy on April 29 at the Ione Garden Club's great annual plant sale in the Legion Hall.

Two large "pre-owned goods" sales are scheduled for later spring Saturdays. The committees making preparations for the Heppner United Methodist Church's lawn sale on Saturday, May 16, and for the Ione United Church of Christ's sale and barbeque on Saturday, June 6, are hoping that anyone who is getting into serious spring cleaning or who might be moving will call someone working on preparations for these sales who will see that donations are picked up and held until the Saturday dates.

Here's hoping our spring weather warms up soon.

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Heppner Water Dept.

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colleges, and based on historical income from federal sources. Since that time the college has been informed that state revenues will probably not be sufficient to fund the governor's budget and cuts ranging from ten to fifteen percent may have to be made.

The budget being submitted for voter approval totals \$5,133,002, which is an increase of \$609,663 over the current year's budget. The \$609,663 increase amounts to thirteen percent of which twelve percent is necessary simply to meet inflationary cost increases in existing programs.

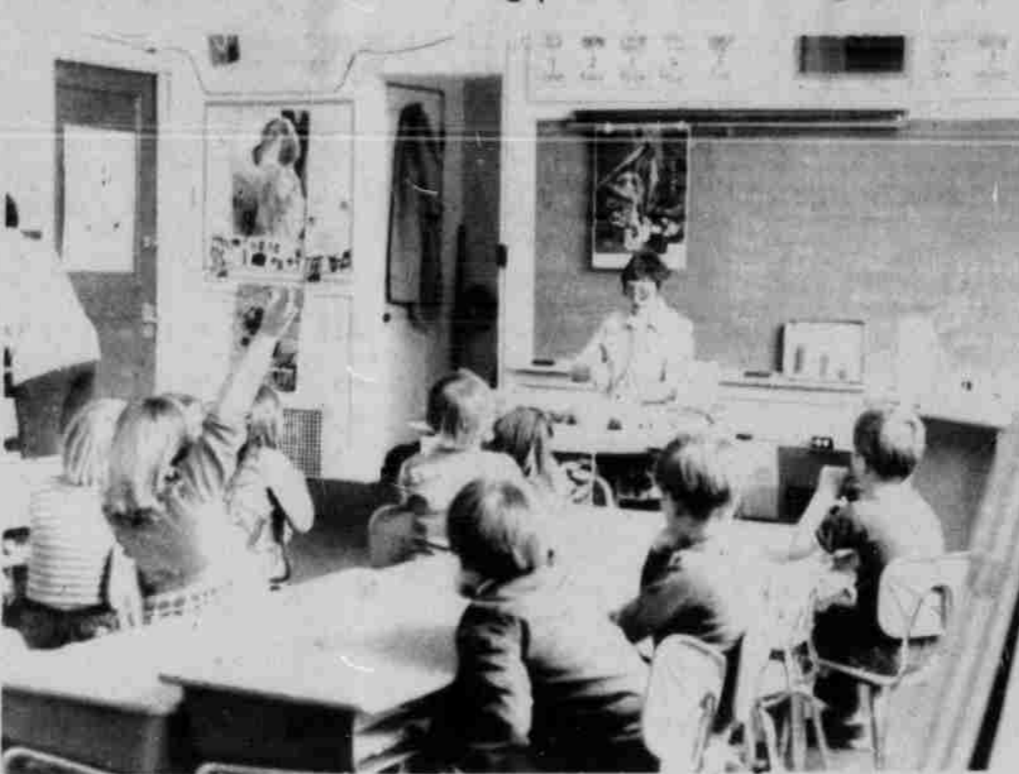
The remaining increase of \$64,900 will be used to provide new services. The new services include: 1) a new staff member to work part time in the Business Office and part time in data processing; 2) a part-time staff member to teach additional computer science classes; 3) part-time instruction funds to increase the number of classes taught through the Division of Continuing Education; 4) funds to rent additional space in the Hermiston area to meet space needs created by increased class offerings; and, 5) funds to provide additional instruction time necessitated by increased enrollment in the Adult Basic Education program.

The property tax levy required to balance the budget and the amount to be submitted to the voters on March 31, 1981, is \$2,796,794. If the voters approve this levy, it is estimated to cost \$1.56 per \$1,000 of taxable cash value which is an increase of .20 per \$1,000 taxable value over the current year's levy.

The total levy qualifies for the "A" ballot and, therefore, the total levy is eligible for the thirty percent home owner occupied state tax relief program.

No construction funds are included in the general fund budget not in the tax levy listed above.

## Wheathearts demonstrate making pasta to lone first graders



By MARY ANN CERULLO

The Wheathearts were cooking again Thursday, March 19. Jean Brazell and Janet Tucker of the Wheathearts, demonstrated the art of making pasta out of wheat to Betty

Rietmann's first grade class at the Ione Grade School.

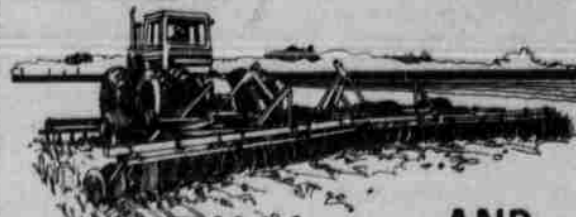
The children learned that spaghetti was discovered by a man named Spaghetti, plus all about the five food groups needed for a healthy diet.

The Wheatheart ladies visit-

ed each class, kindergarten through fourth grade, during the course of the day.

Their next and final demonstration will be at Liz Curtis' Home Economics class at the Heppner Elementary School in April.

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