

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

At last April has arrived. This fourth month is named for "Aprill" a Latin word meaning "to open." April was the second month in the Roman calendar until Julius Caesar changed it to the fourth month in the Julian calendar in 46 B.C.

Some of us fret because income taxes are due in the middle of the month, but we should not let our fretting spoil this lovely time when grass is greening and leaves are bursting forth on bushes and trees. Small animals that sleep through the winter are usually out of their burrows now, birds begin flying northward and early butterflies and bees may venture out to gather nectar from the first flowers.

April is a planting time. It is time for spring sports — outdoor sports. It holds many special days, such as, yesterday's April Fool's Day, Arbor Day and usually Easter and many other Christian religious celebrations. Namely, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and also the Jewish festival of Pesah (Passover) come in April. The Chinese celebrate the Pure and Bright Festival early in the month, and people in England and Canada celebrate St. George's Day.

Several folks tell me that they are planning to climb up to the white cross on Heppner's East Hill this month. Others have told me about their fun climbing there before I made my first trip up.

By now, you may have guessed, I love to travel. This last week I've had such fun circling the world vicariously. A note from Ellis Thomson, mailed from The Bronx, told me that he thought I might enjoy reading the travelog about his recent world-circling. "At last, Justine, I've lived up to the title of your story about me several years ago saying I am a world traveler."

At the top of his page one, Ellis has the title 'Around the world in sixty-two days,' and his introductory paragraph states that he made the trip "in less time than did Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's masterpiece, but it was hardly a record." He explains that he had been thinking of visiting India and then decided to give himself a 70th birthday gift of the circle trip "on a Pan American offering, using a standby schedule with 12 blank coupons to be filled in as you go on your way." He was warned that he might be "making a big mistake with no reservations, which I still stoutly maintain are strictly for American Indians."

Ellis left LaGuardia Field on Nov. 25 "after voting for the Republican ticket" to do his first visiting with family members in and around Florida. Then he hopped to Texas for more visiting and flew on to California from where he bused to Portland, Oregon, for family and friend visiting, after which he Greyhounded back to the San Francisco area for more visiting. Then he flew off to Honolulu, then to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Kowloon and Singapore. From there he traveled by land and sea to Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur, to Penang Island and to Bangkok, Thailand. On each segment of his journey he met interesting folks and had some delightful and some less pleasing travel adventures.

The pages telling of his progress from San Francisco to Bangkok were especially exhilarating to me as I had made the very stop he made — and a few others, too, such as, the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Taiwan and Vietnam — on my big Oriental trip the year before I was asked to change my name to Weatherford and to come to Morrow County.

From beautiful Bangkok, where I have great friends who

USDA simplifies appeals

People who have been denied assistance by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration now will find it easier to appeal the decision than in the past, a USDA official said recently.

"A new procedure now being followed requires an

informal discussion between the applicant and the person in our agency responsible for the decision," Kenneth Latcholia, acting administrator of the agency, said. "We often clear up misunderstandings informally, saving time and trouble for all."

"However, if an applicant

Hedmans win expense paid trip to Hawaii



Rita and Arnie Hedman, owners of Case Furniture in Heppner, have won an all-expense-paid trip to Hawaii for top sales of carpet in their class in the Pacific Northwest, Sound Floor covering announced recently.

The Hedmans will leave for their Hawaiian vacation on April 29.

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would have enjoyed meeting Ellis, he flew to India for exciting looks about in New Delhi, Agra (the site of the Taj Mahal), Calcutta and Madras. He took an Indian Ocean boat trip to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and after a good look about there went back to Madras, on west to Bombay and then back north to New Delhi from where he flew to Frankfurt, West Germany. From Frankfurt he took a side trip to Paris which he wouldn't miss seeing and which he has so enjoyed many times before. (I believe Ellis has been in Europe at least 14 times now.) About traveling to Paris, he writes "my second-class coach was a palace on wheels after those awful Indian trains."

In Paris, Ellis again spent happy hours at the Louvre Museum and again enjoyed the "little changing" Follies Bergere. (In 1979, Inez Erwin and I had our look at the Louvre cut short when an alarm sounded and gendarmes rushed everyone out of the building — we never heard what fabulous, priceless art treasure was endangered. We spent one of our big nights in Paris at The Follies Bergere.)

His next stop was London, and after visiting thereabouts, he made the big hop to the J.F.K. Terminal and got home to his East 88th St. apartment. Because I, too have seen Frankfurt, Paris and London, I really enjoyed his descriptions of these great places as he viewed them last winter. He reached Frankfurt when there was snow on the ground, and weather was nippy, "but I found the perfect hotel just across from the station. For \$21 on my charge card I got a lovely steam-heated room, a lovely clean bed with a down comforter, an Oriental rug on the floor and an enormous basin with boiling water 24 hours a day. It was too cold to be out, so I spent hours with my trusty radio enjoying the Armed Forces broadcasts. I heard the voices of Reagan and Bush being inaugurated. The hostages from Iran had returned that day, and they were only a few miles from me."

Ellis mentioned Heppner several times throughout his pages, for instance, while he was visiting in the Portland area and went to see Kay Bisbee in a new retirement home at Milwaukee — "an unexpected dividend was getting to see Eva from my days at Heppner High School."

Because I wanted to know Eva's family name, I telephoned some of Ellis's relatives and friends. First, Madge Thomson said she and Jim were puzzled too; then I called Elaine George who didn't think she remembered an "Eva" from those years but who said "Call LaVerne Van Marter, he has a marvelous memory of people and names." So I called LaVerne, who was in grade school here about 50 years ago. He told me "Eva has to be Eva Hiatt whose married names are Baldwin and Miller."

Ellis Thomson's travelog really inspires me. I am thinking right now that if I can save the cash, maybe I shall plan to give myself a 70th birthday gift something like his and take another really big trip. I am not saying I will circle the planet, but I would surely like to go back to Asia and then extend south to Australia and New Zealand. A picture postcard mailed by Clifford and Frances Williams from Rotorua, New Zealand, reached me last Wednesday. Both the Williams taught for many years. Now they are seeing faraway places as I hope many more retired folk will be able to do. The Williams' cards says "Everything is beautifully green and grows to an enormous size. About eight other passengers on this tour are from the U.S. — two from California and two from Dundee, Oregon." However, the picture side of the card shows a bubbling mud pool — not something beautifully green.

When Frances and Cliff are back in their comfortable home in Hermiston, we will surely look forward to having them come over to south Morrow to share their knowledge and pictures of New Zealand.

Last weekend I gave my lawn its first mowing of 1981. This week Monday all the pupils, teachers and working staff people returned to school after their Spring Vacation. Now they are all so refreshed and so ready to perform diligently until schools close for the summer. Happy day.

wishes to formally appeal a decision, the new procedure clearly spells out how to do it

and establishes definite time limits within which the agency must respond," he said.

"We also are setting up a reporting system to give us information on various types of appeals and how they are handled. In this way, we can develop a uniform approach in dealing with adverse decisions."

grants to individuals and communities in rural areas who cannot get financing from other sources. The agency provides assistance in four areas—farming, housing, essential community facilities and business and industrial development—through nearly 2,000 district and state offices.

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans and

EOSC sets Festival of fine arts April 6 - 11

A British pair performing scenes from Shakespeare, Oregon poet William Stafford reading from recent work, a one-man show of paintings by Union artist Don Gray and an all-night costume ball headline the list of events during the Eastern Oregon State College Festival of Fine Arts Monday, April 6, through Saturday, April 11.

The week is a major college-community event and all programs and activities are open to the public, said coordinator Dr. John Cobb, associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

The first event of the week will be the Woody Allen movie, "Sleeper," Classroom Building Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. on Monday. There is no admission charge but seating is limited.

Tuesday offers a double header of art and poetry. At 7 p.m. William Stafford, considered by many Oregon's foremost nationally known poet, will read from his own work at Ars Poetica, Hoke Center, Rooms 201, 202. The event features a prelude and postlude by Portland lutenist Terral Stone. There is no admission charge.

Stafford's many recognitions include the National Book Award for Poetry, a Guggenheim Award and selection as poetry consultant to the Library of Congress. He's authored 10 volumes, the most recent being "Places Where There Aren't Any People," and is in demand nationally and internationally.

Immediately after the Stafford reading, about 8 p.m., the audience can move down the Hoke stairs to the EOSC Nightingale Gallery and the opening of a one-man show of paintings by Union artist Don Gray. Gray is known for his sensitive oil and watercolor paintings of people, places and animals of eastern Oregon. His paintings command as much as \$4,500 each.

The gallery exhibit will display pieces gathered from many different private collections in eastern Oregon. Gray, a 1970 graduate of EOSC, had work recently selected for inclusion in the prestigious Charlie Russell Auction in Montana. Recent work will be part of an exhibit opening April 23 in the Foster White Gallery in Seattle. The opening includes a public reception with refreshments for Gray and Stafford. There is no admission charge.

There are three events scheduled for Wednesday. Free foreign language films will begin in the EOSC Administration Building Theatre at 1 p.m. with the Spanish film "Subida Al Cielo," about the bus ride adventures of a loyal son.

The fare turns German at 2:15 p.m. "I'm Labrin der Priele" explores the small water ways in marshes near the North Sea. "Die Postkarte" is an adaptation from a story by Heinrich Boll about the power of the state over the lives of individuals in time of war in the late 1930's.

The final film in the series will be the French "Le Plaisir," based on Guy de Maupassant stories and narrated by Peter Ustinov, beginning at 3:15 p.m.

That same day at 3 p.m., there will be a student recital featuring different EOSC music students performing on a variety of instruments. It's free and scheduled for Administration Building Room 105.

That evening at 8 p.m., the Grande Ronde Symphony takes its place in the Administration Building Theatre to perform selections by Grieg, Bartok and Mendelssohn. Gail Swart is the featured piano soloist. Admission is \$1.50 and \$2.50 or by season ticket.

There'll be more music on Thursday when Portland lutenist Terral Stone performs at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building Theatre. Admission is \$1 and \$2.

On Friday night at 8 p.m. comes Shakespeare in "Flash of Lightning" by acting team Deirdre Barber and Arthur Kincaid, Oxford, England. Beginning and ending with a wooing scene, the British professionals transform themselves from Richard III and Lady Anne to Hamlet and Ophelia, Orlando and Rosalind, Macbeth and his lady, to conclude as Petruchio and Kate, in a series of lightning-swift costume and character changes. The curtain goes up on the performance at 8 p.m., EOSC Administration Building Theatre. Tickets will be \$2.50 and \$3.50.

The final event of the annual arts festival will be the increasingly popular Beaux Arts Costume Ball and Buffet Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. According to coordinator John Cobb it's an all night event of live music, dancing, eating and general frivolity.

Costumes are not required but Cobb said, they would "definitely add to the enjoyment." Costume rental will be available this year from the EOSC drama wardrobe. Persons interested in making rental arrangements can call

963-2171, ext. 298, weekdays between 8 and 5 p.m. For those desiring more than that, Cobb said the office can provide interested persons with details on getting costumes from Helen's Pacific Costumes in Portland.

Tickets for the ball and buffet will be \$3.50 per person or \$6 per couple at the door.

KIDS' PLY CLOTHES SHOULD BE STURDY, EASY CARE

Fashions for little girls are prettier than ever and little boys are looking as debonair as their Dads in designer separates. It's a whole new era of fashion-conscious children.

But what's lovely in the classroom, or at the theatre for a matinee, is less than practical at playtime.

Jeans are hotter than ever for dressing down. Children of all ages are imitating their parents—whether their jeans are denim or corduroy, chances are good that there's a designer label on the rear pocket.

Teamed with spiffy sneakers (yes, sneakers are a fashion must, too) and a football jersey or designer T-shirt, kids are storming the playground in style.

When you set out to buy play clothes for your brood, there are some things to remember. Style is important (they won't let you get away with something that's not in the fore of fashion), but even more important is quality construction: overalls should have reinforced knees, and seams should be double-faced.

Pick clothing that's easy-care—duds that are going to the playground or baseball field should not be dry-clean-only. All active sportswear should be machine-washable, and stain-resistant fabrics are a plus.

Local air ambulance proposed

At 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, a meeting will be held in St. Anthony Hospital's auditorium to discuss a proposed helicopter air ambulance service.

The proposed service should provide reduced primary response times for emergency medical incidents in remote

areas of northeast Oregon and shorter times for interhospital transfer of critical patients, said a spokesperson.

Rambling Rotors, Inc., of LaGrande is planning a 60-day feasibility trial for the Pendleton-based service. Input during the discussion on April 9 is invited.

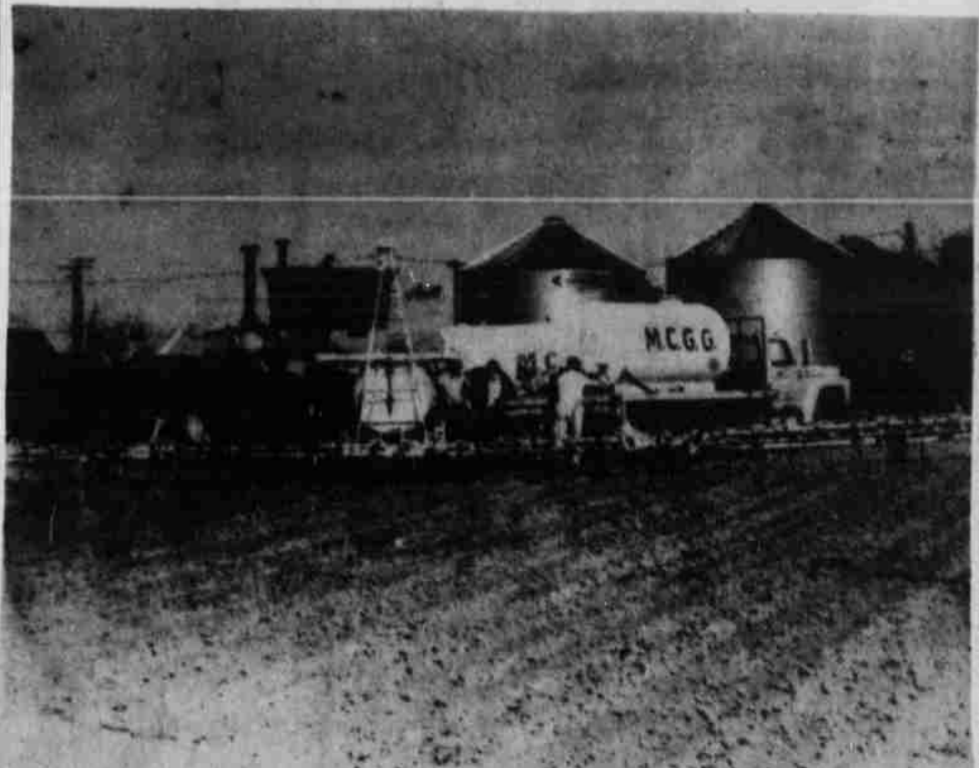
TEEN OF THE WEEK KRISTI FISHBURN



Kristi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fishburn. Although only a freshman Kristi has started out her career at HHS with a great start. She is involved in GAB, Spanish Club, Pep Band and the Methodist Youth Group. Kristi enjoys swimming and horseback riding in her spare time, and maintains a 3.83 grade point average.

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