

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

This spring maybe the heading for this column should be changed to "Travel Talk." It seems that the most interesting items I've had to share with you recently have to do with travel. However, on some of the quieter, rather cool days we have had, armchair traveling has pleasantly filled hours.

Irene Swanson returned home last Friday from a spring vacation look around coastal Asia. She traveled from Seattle by Boeing 747 (a little shorter than a football field) with her pilot son, Denny, his wife, Joann, and their three daughters. Denny's employment with Northwest Orient rated them first class seating and a visit to the cockpit to talk with the pilot.

Highlights of their trip, which Irene made daily notations about, included a view of some of Alaska's magnificent mountains, their arrival in Tokyo in 15 hours, and then their quick trip to Hong Kong, where they checked in at the Sheraton Hotel in Kowloon. From there they took the Victoria Peak trip, shopped under the barter system and observed thousands of families living on boats just as their ancestors have lived for many generations.

Irene was impressed by the street selling - so much food being offered along the sidewalks, the many small doorway-type shops offering such a variety of items. The Swansons were distressed by the ever-present, pitiful beggars. The temperature reached 100 degrees, and this quickly tired the U.S. visitors.

From Hong Kong the travelers flew over Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to Bangkok. Denny had been in Vietnam about 20 years ago, and he pointed out the area where Mike Benge was captured. The Swansons checked through the Bangkok airport and then made the long taxi ride into the city center on the freeway that the Thais have been building for over 20 years. "It was so good to check into the air-conditioned Plaza Hotel."

Among the sights seen at Bangkok were the Royal Palace, several ornate temples, the great, many-blocks-long street market, the canals and the floating market. Irene noted that many persons, of every age, were at work repairing the temples. Again they found the streets lined with food stalls, and they watched many Buddhist monks in orange robes moving about.

On Saturday night the hotel had a super banquet. Beautiful Thai girls in elaborate costumes were sitting on the banquet tables and serving the elaborate food to the guests. Much of the food was fruit and vegetables, with rice, of course, and fish, too. Irene noted that the Orientals use lots of curry and ginger.

Sunday morning the six Swansons attended Mass in the open-air cathedral in the center of Bangkok. The church was filled mainly with Orientals, but there were some small groups of Occidentals. The Mass was said in the Thai language. Almost all of the Thai people are buddhists - less than one percent are Catholic.

When the family got back to the airport they found that the hijacked Indonesian jet, which we heard and read about here, was near their plane, but it was cordoned off by soldiers. The Swansons flew back to Hong Kong for another stay, this time at the Regency Hotel which is very luxurious - "even has three telephones in each room, one on the desk, one beside the bed and one in the bathroom."

Because they were traveling on standby they got bumped at the airport when they expected to depart and thus spent an additional night in Hong Kong, at the less elegant Lee Gardens where Denny said pilots often stay. Again they walked among the thousands of shops and noted signs at clothing stores saying "Buy now - we will make it fit."

After a three-hour flight the group was back in Tokyo, disappointed to find that they could not immediately fly to Korea. Irene and Toni (Denny's college-student daughter) opted to return to the U.S. as Toni was eager to get back to Whitworth College in Spokane where she has a basketball scholarship. Denny, Joann and their two younger daughters

went on to Korea and really enjoyed looking about, mainly in the Seoul area.

The plane which brought Irene and Toni back to Seattle also brought 230 refugees from Afghanistan and from south-east Asia. This large group of displaced persons was of every age, although many of them seemed to be older folks. There were, however, small children and babies, too, and some of them were naked. The stewardesses rushed around buying clothing for the most needy as the temperature would drop from the heat these people were so accustomed to down to the 50's when they were unloaded at Seattle. Irene felt very anxious about this collection of homeless people, most of whom could not understand or speak English and who were also unable to communicate with many of the others in the big group.

Before they left Asia, the Swansons learned via television of the shooting of President Reagan and the other three men. Irene brought home several English-language newspapers. The Bangkok paper of Sat. March 28, carries big stories about the labor situation in Poland and about the Haig-Bush miff, along with news, pictures and cartoon strips such as Dick Tracey, Lolly and Doonesbury.

The International Herald Tribune from Hong Kong, March 31 (last week Tuesday) features stories about the Reagan shooting along with four on-the-spot pictures. Hong Kong readers also have Art Buchwald's columns and Ann Landers along with their world-wide news, pictures and sports reports.

The Asahi Evening News, Tokyo, March 31, features the Reagan shooting and carries five front-page pictures, including one of the alleged assailant, John W. Hinckley. Under the heading "Big Shock to Japan" are the following two short paragraphs.

"The shooting of President Ronald Reagan yesterday came as a strong shock to the Japanese Government, particularly because talks between Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Reagan are scheduled for early May."

"Asked for comment, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa, the government's spokesperson, said Tuesday morning that he has nothing to say and indicated that the government will await developments."

The almost instantaneous transmission and releasing of news all over the globe makes us realize that indeed the world is getting smaller and smaller.

A nice letter from Vi Lanham from Hemet, California, tells how she and Conley have enjoyed visiting with Inez Erwin, Florence Becket, Bobbi and Jim Driscoll and others. She says their winter has been "really good." They enjoy reading my columns "which tend to keep us abreast of many things happening that many people ignore."

Vi enclosed a newspaper picture of a high-hatted, young chimney sweep that she writes "as sure as the world looks like Paul Van Marter, I am sending it to you for further investigation."

Former high school teacher and counselor Vi concludes by saying that former merchant and Mayor Conley "continues to be about the same, enjoying the California weather but missing all the many things and people we enjoyed in Heppner."

How our Oregon basketball news had built up our hopes so high and then suddenly the OSU Beavers and the Portland Blaziers have lost and let our enthusiasm drop.

Today, my firstborn, F. Ross Haberlack, reached his fortieth birthday, and I am thinking over how the years moved by since his birth. I suppose all first children are especially exciting. I know I learned much from this big, blond son.

Maybe this week our warm, truly beautiful spring weather is settling in. We hope we have enough warmth to make garden and yard work pleasant.

## Paula Palmer wins \$500 Union Pacific award



Paula Palmer

By BIRDINE TULLIS  
Morrow Extension Service

Paula Palmer, Heppner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer, has been selected to receive a Union Pacific Railroad scholarship in the amount of \$500. Paula is one of four Oregon 4-H members selected for the honor.

Achievement in livestock and home economics 4-H projects and honor status at Heppner High School, as well as involvement in extra-curricular activities at school and participation in church and community affairs led to the selection of the local girl for the outstanding honor. Paula will receive the scholarship funds next fall as she enrolls for college.

Union Pacific annually holds an awards dinner for the young people selected to receive their scholarships, which Paula and her parents will attend later this spring.

Seven scholarships are awarded each year in Oregon to outstanding 4-H and FFA members. Other 4-H winners this year were Carolyn Jordan, Hood River County; G. LeAnne Myers, Baker County; Kim Neuffer, Umatilla county. Alternatives are Jody Holt, Gilliam County, and Cindy Kasenberg, Sherman County.

## Ione, Heppner girls chosen to attend State

Local girls, Diann Morter, Anita Palmer, Michelle LaRue, Liz McElligott and Margaret Doherty from Ione High School and Polly Fortenberry and Lisa Nix from Heppner High, have been chosen to participate in this year's Girl's State.

The program, to be held June 14 through 19 at Willamette University in Salem, is designed to "give the girls a sense of freedom, of democracy and how it operates," said Linda Schultz, who is in charge of Girls' State in the



Left to right: Diann Morter, Anita Palmer (alternate), Michelle LaRue, Liz McElligott and Margaret Doherty



Left to right: Polly Fortenberry and Lisa Nix

Heppner area. "It's a good experience. The girls learn to make new friends. They get a chance to run for office and run for committees," added Schultz.

Those attending set up mock state and county governments, including county seats. During their stay at Willamette, the girls will reside in

dormitories. Schultz said that selection was based on letters written by the girls on why they would like to attend Girls' State. She said that the committee also looks at scholastic achievement, although that is not foremost. Those selected are usually juniors in high school.

## Heppner High announces third quarter honors

Heppner High School has announced its third quarter honor roll and the following students qualify:

- SENIORS: 4.00 - Paula Palmer; 3.75 - 3.99 - Deann Connor, Susan Johnson, Cyd Bowman, Jeff Bailey, Carolyn Plocharsky, Brett Sherr; 3.33 - 3.74 - Sonja Biddle, Ken Combs, Nancy Miller, Lynn Dee Devin, Patti Toombs, Ken Stookey, Pat Clark, Bonnie Nix, Ronda Quigley, Anne Van Schoiack.
- JUNIORS: 4.00 - Michelle Aaron, Ann Lindsay; 3.75 - 3.99 - Don Lott, Camie Moyer, Serena Panter; 3.33 - 3.74 - Cindi Bergstrom, Lorri

- Day, Dawna Devin, Patti Devine, Cindi Frederick, Darcy Hollomon, Cindi Hudson, Karen Kenny, Mary Knicaid, John Murray, Lee Rice, Becky Smith, Sandra Ward.

- SOPHOMORES: 3.33 - 3.74 - Mona Clark, Greg Connor, Wes Marlatt, Shane Laughlin, Mike Currin, Anne Murray, John Stevens, Bruce Way, Denise Kennedy.
- FRESHMEN: 4.00 - Cathy Lindsay, Kristi Polzen; 3.75 - 3.99 - Kristi Fishburn, Eric Thompson; 3.33 - 3.74 - Carolyn Hughes, Anne McLaughlin.

## Cardinal Club, open house

A meeting of the Ione Cardinal Club has been scheduled for this Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ione High School cafeteria.

Included in the program will be installation of new officers and a play by Mrs. Vanessa

## Shriners honor local players

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

Area high school students chosen to play in the East-West Shriners Football game were honored by the local area Shriners Saturday, with a dinner given for them at a restaurant in Arlington.

The students are Lerry Wilson of Irrigon, representing Riverside High School, Boardman, Gregg Rietmann of Ione, and Ray Miller of Heppner. Their football coaches and the coaches' wives, as

Thompson's sixth-grade class. Following the program and refreshments, the fifth and sixth-grade classes will have an open house. Teachers will be present and grade school classrooms will be open to visitors.

well as the students parents were also invited to the dinner.

The Shriners East-West Football game will be played in Baker, Aug. 8. It is a benefit game with the proceeds going to the Shriners hospital and other benefit projects of the organization.

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Ann is an outstanding student who has maintained a 4.00 GPA for three years of school while taking challenging classes and being involved in both school, Church and family activities.

Ann is currently Student Body Assistant Treasurer and next will be S.E. Treasurer. She is involved in Spanish Club, GAB, and is co-editor of the high school annual. Ann is a member of the St. Patrick's Youth Group and plays guitar and flute in her Church's folk group.

Although Ann is quiet and she demonstrates excellent character and leadership. She is dependable and responsible. The oldest of seven children she sets a fine example for her siblings as well as members of the student body.

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**Eastern Star Friendship Night**

Plans are being made by Ruth-Locust Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star, for Friendship Night. This special event will be held at the Masonic Hall in Heppner on Monday evening, April 13. Members from neighboring chapters have been invited. This night will be a time for remembering and honoring chapter events of bygone years and a time for greeting old friends and making new friends.

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