

AROUND ABOUT

From 7 a.m. last Wednesday through 4 p.m. Easter Sunday, I spent big periods of two days traveling through eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. On Wednesday I had very good company as I drove to Milton-Freewater where members of the Heppner, Ione and Boardman Garden Clubs met with other members of northeastern Oregon clubs at the District 10 spring gathering. Rachel Jackson presided over the event as she terminated her two years as district director.

Ione's Helen Martin and Jean Nelson were part of the program and the Ione club had a fine attendance—considerably larger than Boardman's and Heppner's. It was exciting to welcome members of the new Condon Club into the district. Just before the meeting concluded, Theta and I slipped away for a short visit with Dorothy and Charlie Heard in the Peach Island home at the end of M-F's West 6th. We were distressed to find Dorothy ill, "but recovering," she said. Dorothy preceded Rachel as district director of the garden clubs, and it was so disappointing to us old Morrow County friends to not have Dorothy in attendance at the district meeting. She and Charlie told us that she has seen several special doctors but they still have not ascertained her trouble.

After the meeting ended, Theta, Adelle LaTrace and Julia Hill headed back to Heppner in the Hills' car. I drove east through Walla Walla, Dayton and Colfax and north to the home of my daughter, Ann Chenhall, and family between Cheney and Spokane. During the more than three hours of solo travel I had time to cogitate (to think earnestly; to ponder, reflect, meditate). I thought over the Monday (April 13) meeting of the Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Committee which Theta and I had attended at Irrigon along with more than ten other south county seniors. I was most pleased that Commissioner Dorothy Krebs came there to give us a better understanding of our county's operations. The delegation of responsibilities chart and the activity flow chart which the commissioner showed us were most helpful.

Friend Theta and I still disagree a little about some things that have taken place and about some methodology; however, we respect each other's feelings and hopefully we are gaining more understanding of senior citizen programming.

That same evening we two took part in the Heppner Garden Club's April meeting at Julia and Harold Hill's home where John Edmundson, chairman of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce's Community Action Committee, came to present and to encourage the garden club to support the chamber's city beautification goals by considering a monthly recognition of a "best kept yard."

I am still cogitating about income tax crooks one week after payment deadline. On Tuesday, April 14, after mailing my four tax reports, and asking our helpful post office to hold my mail from Wednesday until Monday, I attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting where Fred Obermiller, OSU associate professor and Extension resource economist, summarized the final report on the county court's authorized input-output model.

By 1:30 p.m. my neighbor Ruby Becket and I were off to a Bookworm meeting at Inez Erwin's home where everyone enjoyed an interesting review by Marian Bronsan of parts of Ralph Friedman's classic "Tales Out of Oregon" and her showing of colored snapshots which she and husband, Jerry, had taken when they traveled through the Pete French sector of the south-east corner of the state.

That evening, as on every Tuesday now, I traveled to Lexington to attend the BMCC sign language class taught by school district speech pathologist Carol Faith. Five are attending from Heppner, one fine student from Lexington and three or four from Ione. As I drove toward Cheney I tried to review some of the signs we had considered the previous night.

When I reached the Chenhall home I gave up pondering about my personal involvements and lost myself in family activities there where grandchildren, Thomas, soon four, and Pearl, just eighteen months, were so eager to show me the family's new goats and hens and chicks. I got quite well acquainted with the animals during my four-plus days there. I especially admired the clever duplex housing that architect Ray Chenhall designed and built—about ¾ for the doe and kid and ¼ for the four laying hens and chicks and the various sleeping, milking, laying, roosting, eating and feed-storage arrangements each section's animals require.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday whizzed by full of house and garden projects during delightful, warm, sunny days. Sunday morning quite early Thomas and Pearl were out in a grassy spot dotted with wild flowers under the pine trees where they understood that the Easter bunny had hidden some eggs. How they squealed as they discovered the brightly-colored plastics eggs inside which the bunny had put raisins, little balloons, etc. Thomas reasoned that the bunny might have come there in an airplane like he thinks Santa Claus uses. Many planes and helicopters come over the house which is in line with the Spokane Airport.

When I packed up for my lonely drive home I had much to think over as I drove southwesterly under clouding skys back to showery Heppner. How exciting it is to observe developing children. During their egg-finding experience, although they are about two-and-one-half years apart, the two became rivals. Each was so eager to collect eggs—Thomas declaring "I say that one first" and little Pearl squealing and by signs insisting on her right to several they discovered about the same time. Their competition was good but needed some monitoring so that in the excitement the older, quicker, stronger child did not completely outdo the smaller one.

I reflected on the need to civilize (to train in culture, science and art; to bring out of a savage barbaric condition; to enlighten, humanize, polish) that all good parents have as their babies grow. As I drove along the highway I looked about at the results of civilization—at humans living in orderly arrangements in rural and community settings. Ah, civilization is necessary. Yet, perhaps civilization complicates life (complicates—makes hard to understand; mixes up, makes involved). Native Americans and our pioneer families were surely more free of complications than we are now with our LCDC, our taxation, our rules, regulations, commissions and committees. Yet I wonder how truly carefree earlier life was? I'm just getting into James Michener's great, new novel "The Covenant" and have learned, so far, how difficult life was for the primitive bushmen of Africa.

Soon I was thinking about the great need to communicate

(to pass along, to transfer, transmit; to give information by talking or writing; to exchange ideas or thoughts). It seems so significant that we older citizens communicate effectively with youngsters. Also we must communicate with understanding and empathy with one another.

We must also try to conserve (to keep from harm or decay; to protect from loss or from being used up; to preserve) much that we have known and have learned is worthwhile for coming generations. Although I chafe with tax reporting, with regulations, with some civic planning, and with difficulties caused by poor communication, I really believe in careful conservation of land, of resources and of compiled knowledge that our generation must pass on.

As I crossed the Columbia River wondering about future highways and future travel, I cogitated on compromise (to settle by agreeing that each contestant will give up a part of what he demands, to come to terms), and I thought of some of problems facing our world, about nations, about refugees, about energy shortages and about inflation. I recalled that I had read that compromise is a process by which neither side gets what it wants. I thought about my well-educated and traveled daughter and her architect husband who are choosing to live somewhat like pioneers because they want to exist rather independently in these complicated times.

They have chosen a situation where they have a happy compromise between rural, pioneer-type life and yet enjoy the "advantages" of the city of Spokane with its bustling culture and of nearby Cheney with its nice academic center. While I was with them we drove into Spokane to do a little special shopping and also went to closer Cheney to pick up an Easter package at the post office and to buy gasoline (more than 10 cents a gallon cheaper than in Heppner) and to drive through the attractive, lively campus of Eastern Washington University where my sign language teacher, Carol Faith, Heppner Junior High's Paul Stringer and Ione's Marvin Peterson and John Rietmann were graduated. I am pleased that Thomas and Pearl will attend school in Cheney... Thomas will start pre-school there next fall.

Now to conclude (to terminate, to resolve, end). I have enjoyed putting down these paragraphs with the aid of the "C" pages of my trusty, well-worn dictionary.

Riverside High to present 5-act play

The drama class at Riverside High School in Boardman is presenting a five-act play, "Hail, the Hunkering Hero" on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Richland L. Bateman Memorial Auditorium.

The play will star Mike Bartlett as Coach O'Brother, Rod Garrison as Clifford

Schnorkle the hillbilly football star, and Jim Gregory and Michelle Coleman as the proud parents of Clifford. The play is under the direction of Frances Glenn.

Prices will be \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for students 12 and older and 50 cents for under 12 and over 65.

Heppner News

Anna Mae and George Steagall were relieved to hear from their daughter, Vicki Hyne, who lives outside Tulsa in the path of the recent tornado there. Vicki's home was not hit, but those of several neighbors were destroyed. She had just moved to the area in January.

The Sykes family had two birthday parties as well as an Easter celebration over the weekend. David celebrated his birthday on Saturday and Andrew celebrated his first birthday on Sunday. Helping the two celebrate with ice cream, cake and balloons were Christopher and April.

Have visitors or travel over Easter weekend? Just give the Gazette-Times a call and we'll be glad to include your news in the Heppner News column.

Ione Extension sponsors Ione Easter egg hunt

The Ione Extension Club sponsored the Easter egg hunt at the Ione City Park and donated the eggs for it. Money for the prizes was donated by local businesses.

Jeri McElligott and Debbie Morgan, co-chairmen of the egg hunt committee, supervised two of the age groups and Della Heideman supervised the third age group. The Ione Junior High Youth group assisted club members in hiding the eggs.

Winners of the two gold eggs were Sezanne Owen and Aaron Heideman.

The two silver eggs were won by Ryan Tullis and Michelle Beck.

Soroptimist Senior Girls luncheon Thurs.

The Senior Girls Luncheon for Heppner High School senior girls and their mothers, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Heppner, will be held this Thursday, April 23, at noon at the Episcopal

Parish hall.

Guest speaker for the annual event will be Morrow County District Attorney Ann Spicer. Soloist will be Ron McDonald. Ola Mae Groshens

Soroptimists honor charter members at group's anniversary



Elaine George (left) and Eleanor Gonty

Elaine George and Eleanor Gonty, charter members of Soroptimist International of Heppner, were honored last Thursday at a Soroptimist meeting commemorating the 33rd anniversary of formation of the local group.

Following a noon luncheon, Mrs. Gonty read the group's charter and Mrs. George reminisced about the foundation and history of the group. "It's been an enjoyable 33 years," commented Mrs. Gonty.

Signing the charter on April 10, 1948, in addition to Mrs.

Gonty and Mrs. George were: Viola Crawford, Fay Buchnum, Ruth Payne, Frances Mitchell, Grace Nickerson, Olive Hughes, Leta Humphreys, Maxine East, Etta Parker, Ruth Sanders, Olive Yeager, Ida Farra, Helen Ruggles, Margaret Gillis, Rita Saager, Verna Hayes and Jeannie Gaines.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Soroptimists enjoyed anniversary cake baked by Velma Felt. Both charter members were presented with bouquets of flowers.

Frances Mitchell to be honored at open house

The family of Frances Mitchell are honoring her on her 75th birthday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at the home of George and Lorene Griffith, 12 miles north of Ione.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The family requests no gifts.

OSEA food sale Friday

Chapter 59 of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) will be holding a food sale this Friday, April 24, at 10 a.m. on Main Street. Exact location has not yet been determined. Proceeds from the sale are to benefit their scholarship fund.

Women's Aglow to meet Tues.

The monthly meeting of the Heppner Women's Aglow will be held Tuesday, April 28, at the Episcopal Church hall in Heppner. A salad luncheon at a cost of \$2.50 will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting at 7:15 p.m. Speaker for the event will be Gwen Lanning of Reedsport, Ore., who will share her experiences of being cured of cancer.

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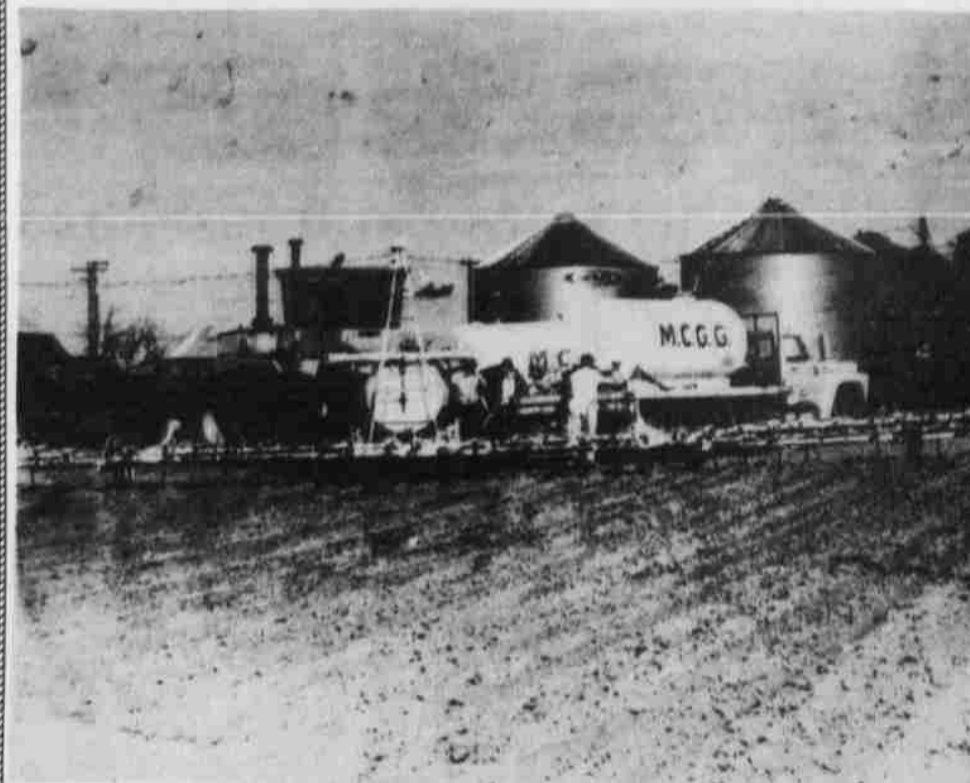
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