

AROUND ABOUT Justine Weatherford

Last Sunday morning when I answered my phone I was greeted with "Merry Christmas!" Soon I got out my old winter coat to go to church where we were told that although the morning seemed like Christmas, Easter was expected to arrive soon -- and sure enough, before the service ended the snow had disappeared and Heppner again looked springlike.

Last week was different and special. Because it was spring vacation for school pupils and teachers, it gave many folks the opportunity to do a little traveling. The weather was so nice when I drove to Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo on Thursday with Bouapeth and Irene Swanson.

We three really enjoyed visiting at the Dennis Doherty home. Bouapeth had helped Anne with the house and the first three children before little Tess was born -- while the family was still living in Piper Canyon near Lexington. It was so good to talk with Anne, to tour the ample, attractive Doherty domicile on S.W. 9th Place and to see the fast-developing four young members of the family.

After lunch, we drove out through Stanfield where Irene and I were surprised to see so many new homes and such a growth in that community. Then we swung through Echo where there seems to be less change. We stopped at the historic, little Catholic Church west of the Umatilla River, but could not get into the building which is only open now for Saturday evening mass, we were told by an Echo man. The museum in the great, old bank building was closed, also.

Although my Thursday drive was the first "big" trip out of Heppner since my Christmas trip to my daughter's home at Cheney, I really got around the world vicariously last week. On Wednesday, along with Bookworm and Topic Club members, I went to India via the excellent slides that Helen Martin projected.

I was especially delighted by the many street scenes, by the rural views and by the super pictures of the Taj Mahal, one of the world's most beautiful and costly tombs which is at Agra in northern India. Here are a few facts about this superb, white marble structure. It took 20,000 workmen to build it between the years 1623 and 1653. It rests on an eight-sided platform of red sandstone, each side is 130 feet long and at each corner there stands a slender minaret (prayer tower), each of which is 133 feet high. The building's center dome is 120 feet high and 70 feet in diameter. Passages from the Moslem holy book, the Koran, decorate the outside of the building.

Inside the central room are two cenotaphs (monuments) which visitors view through a screen of carved alabaster. These cenotaphs contain the bodies of the Indian ruler Shah Jahan and his favorite wife, in whose memory he had the building constructed. Outside the building there are large reflecting pools which add much to the grandeur of the shrine.

Because I was so delighted with the Martin pictures from India, I persuaded several friends to accompany me to Ione again on Friday evening to see the pictures of Cuba which the Martins showed and which Fred narrated. These pictures were taken just at the ending of 1961 and the beginning of this year. They show a very attractive Havana, other areas and seemingly satisfied Cuban people.

Now I feel that Cuba would be a good place to visit -- before I viewed the pictures, I would have feared going to Cuba because of the strong U.S. feeling against Communism. The pictures of the long and lovely seawall area were so beautiful, as were the shots of the mall or promenade through the center of the city. There were many attractive older buildings in sectors along with areas where newer buildings predominated. The views of a home for senior citizens were very impressive. Fred Martin remarked "Many Cubans generally appear to be better off now than they were under the Batista government."

Last weekend's events which I found most thrilling were the election in El Salvador and the NCAA basketball finals. The Salvadorian elections showed thousands of citizens walking many kilometers through jungles, over mountains and sometimes through gun-carrying rebel forces, to stand in line for hours to cast their votes. When I think of the poor percentage of American voters, I am ashamed that my own fellow citizens often just can't be bothered to register and to turn out to vote.

Being an old OSU Beaver, I am pleased that the Georgetown Hoyas, which had eliminated OSU, are now the national champions. It intrigues me to note that this great team is symbolized by the Hoya, a wax-like plant. Do you know of many other teams that have chosen symbols from flora instead of fauna? I am recalling the Tall Timbers from Eugene of years past, but just can't, right now, come up with other plant-type team names.

When I began writing this column on Monday morning I was convinced that Georgetown was about invincible. Then on Monday night I sat on the edge of my chair watching the lead change 16 times as veteran coach Dean Smith and his North Carolina Tar Heels earned a hard-fought, last-minute win of 63-62 while Georgetown's freshman star Ewing scored 23 points and North Carolina's great Worthy proved he was most worthy with a personal record of 28 points.

I am so glad that I watched that see-sawing game; however, I believe I am now a Georgetown Hoya fan, and if O.S.U. doesn't win the national NCAA championship in 1983, I'd like to see the Hoyas take it.

This is being written Tuesday and I have had the thrill of viewing the beautiful return to earth of the space shuttle Columbia. I keep marveling that I can see these wonderful, exciting, historic events right in my livingroom in Heppner. How wonderful!

Port manager says

Labor force biggest asset

Southern Morrow County's biggest asset in attracting new business, is its labor force, says Port of Morrow Manager Wayne Schwandt.

Speaking to last week's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Schwandt said Heppner, Lexington and Ione have

"significant" obstacles to development, but that many businesses like the type of labor force here.

"The quality of the labor force is attractive," he said. "The agricultural background is what they like. They can count on eight hours of work

for eight hours of pay.

Although Schwandt would not mention specifics, he did say the Port, which has done most of its development work in the Boardman area in Northern Morrow County, is actively seeking development for the southern end.

Over 150 attend CowBelle anniversary celebration

By CATHY PECK

The Morrow County Cow-Belles' 25th anniversary celebration, held Sat. March 20 at the Heppner Elks Lodge drew over 150 people. After a sweet and sour meatball dinner, President Carleen West welcomed those attending and introduced the officers and the committees that planned the evening's events.

Master of Ceremonies Harold Kerr introduced the following charter members: Rosella Lindsay, Nadine O'Brien, Violet Swaggart, Norma French and Merlyn Robinson. They were presented with leather key rings made and donated by Lee Ansoetegi as mementos of the evening.

There were ten past Cow-Belle presidents attending including Norma French, Virginia Grieb, Claudia Hughes, Gail Hughes, Susie Ward, Judy Currin, Merlyn Robinson, Ruth Nutting, Betty Carlson and Mildred Eubanks.

Five fathers of the year were recognized: Glen Ward, Bob Jepsen, Bob Abrams, Dr. Ed Shaffitz and Betty Doherty accepted recognition for her late husband Bernard.

Wayne Evans, president of the Morrow County Cattleman's Association presented a \$100 certificate from Green Feed to Gary Grieb.

A centerpiece, donated by Cole's Posy Patch with a decorative figurine, donated by Ruth Nutting decorated the

head table. The centerpiece was presented as a memento to Harold and Carol Kerr. The Kerr's children, Brian and Cindy, both graduates of Heppner High School, also attended the celebration.

Wayne Leathers' remarks were, as always, humorous and memorable and a popular addition to the celebration.

The evening's festivities concluded with dancing to the music of the Country Relations, a country-western group from Portland.

Basic Oven Meatballs

- 3 beaten eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups soft bread crumbs (about 4 1/2 slices)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 3 pounds ground beef

In large bowl combine beaten eggs, milk, bread crumbs, chopped onion, and salt; add meat and mix well. Shape into 4 dozen 1-inch balls. Place half of the meatballs in baking pan. Bake at 375° for 25-30 minutes. Remove from pan and cool; repeat with remaining meatballs.

Place cooled meatballs on cookie sheet; freeze firm. Using 24 meatballs per package, wrap meatballs in moisture-vapor proof material, seal, and label. Makes 6 dozen.

Beef-Sour Meatballs

- 1 1/4 cup onion pineapple tidbits
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1 Tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/3 recipe frozen Basic Oven Meatballs (24)
- 1 green pepper, cut in strips
- 1 5-oz. can water chestnuts, drained and thinly sliced

Drain pineapple; combine syrup, in saucepan mix brown sugar and cornstarch. Bring to reserved syrup, water, vinegar, bouillon, and soy sauce. Cook and stir till thick and bubbly. Stir in frozen meatballs, pineapple, green pepper, and water chestnuts. Simmer, covered, till meatballs are thawed, 15 to 20 minutes; stir occasionally. Serve over rice; pass additional soy sauce, if desired. Serves 4 to 6.



From left to right: Harold Kerr, master of ceremonies; Wayne Leathers, speaker; Ethel Leathers; and Virginia Grieb, 25th anniversary chairman



Charter members from left to right: Nadine O'Brien, Norma French, Rosella Lindsay, Violet Swaggart and Merlyn Robinson

Pendleton Art Festival slated May 7 - 9

The ninth Annual Pendleton Art Festival will be held May 7 - 9. Amateur and professional artists from Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington may enter in one of the following areas: 1. oil, acrylic; 2. watercolor, mixed media, drawings; 3. prints and 4. three-dimensional.

Each artist is limited to three pieces of work. Artists may offer any of their three pieces for sale during the Arts Festival, said a news release from Arts Council of Pendleton.

The Art Festival is sponsored by the Arts Council of Pendleton, Pendleton Branch of the American Association of University Women, the Recreation Department of the City of Pendleton, the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Many individuals and business people have also

helped to make the Art Festival possible by their annual donations, the news release said.

Nancy M. Lindburg, Visual Arts Coordinator of the Oregon Arts Commission will be judge for the Art Festival. As Visual Arts Coordinator, her responsibility includes the states one percent program, the art in public places program, and artist services. Cash prizes will be awarded; the release continued.

Artists needing an entry blank may write to the Arts Council, P.O. Box 573, Pendleton, Or 97801, or get from the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce or the Umatilla County Library. Amateur artists pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$5. No fee is charged professional artists if so designated on the entry label, the news release concluded.



According to folklore, if the first robin you see in the spring flies up, you will have good luck for the rest of the year.

ELKS INSTALLATION

Sat., April 3 4p.m.

Crab Feed

6:30p.m.

Live Music Upstairs

THE LEONNIGS 9p.m.

Dinner & Dance -- \$9 Dance -- \$2.50

Heppner Elks 358



Packwood seeks nominations

Senator Bob Packwood is seeking applications for his annual Congressional Senior Intern Program, scheduled for May 17-24 in Washington D.C.

Through this popular intern program, two or three Oregon seniors will be chosen to spend a week working in Senator Packwood's office on issues that affect the elderly.

"The workings of the Congress and federal bureau-

cracy seem complicated and downright mysterious to people outside Washington, D.C. This intern program will help dispel some of that mystery and promote a clearer understanding of how the government works," Senator Packwood said.

The internship includes transportation to and from Washington, D.C. as well as hotel and food expenses for the week. Individuals interested

in participating in this program should send their name, address, phone number, background information and a brief statement on why he or she would like to participate in the program to Senator Packwood, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Nominations are welcome from individuals or senior organizations, and should be sent to Senator Packwood as soon as possible. The interns will be announced in April, said a spokesperson for Packwood.

E.R.S. to stop free lit. May 1

Effective May 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) will discontinue free distribution of its publications and will make them available on a purchase basis, it was announced in a news release from USDA.

ERS acting Administrator John E. Lee, Jr. said funds formerly used in free distribution of publications will be redirected to maintain the agency's research and analysis program under a reduced budget. "The alternative to cutting costs for production and mailing publications would be to curtail basic research activities. The purchase system will permit ERS to continue publishing information while reducing expenses," Lee said.

After May 1, interested organizations and individuals may buy reports through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or through the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161.

Lee said ERS will continue to supply a limited number of free copies of its publications to official news media representatives, land grant universities and certain other information outlets.

The agency periodically will issue ERS Research Abstracts which provide descriptive information of current ERS research and other publications and their prices. To be placed on the free mailing list for the ERS Research Abstracts newsletter, for additional details about GPO and NTIS sales programs, or for facts about subscribing to Outlook and Situation reports, please contact EMS information division, room 440-GH1, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, or phone (202) 447-4230 or 447-8590.

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Rolling Hills Run Sunday April 4

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