

AROUND ABOUT Justine Weatherford

What a very special week, as always, is the week beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating on Easter. Many faithful Christians spent many hours attending special church functions. The churches of Morrow County surely saw more attendance during last week than they experience during any other week of the entire year.

Although some residents were away visiting family and friends elsewhere, many folks came home to Heppner to be with families here and to attend church services and social gatherings and to be greeted by old friends.

A very nice occasion which drew many family groups was the quite lavish Easter Sunday Breakfast-Brunch at the Elks Lodge which featured ham, eggs, baked goodies, fresh pineapple, melon, strawberries and cream and assorted beverages. Only a few Easter bonnets were visible there or at Heppner's churches. We kept hearing that hats are back, but somehow Heppner ladies are not caught up in the hat mode yet. Historically this community supported several fine milliners—but now there are not many selections of ladies hats available here.

For many pre-schoolers Saturday was a more exciting day than Sunday. A large number of tots with interested moms, grandmothers and other family members gathered at Heppner's City Park to hunt Elks-donated eggs and to "Oh" and "Ah" over the great white Easter Bunny that presided there, whom they photographed from every angle, hopefully with their own little darlings snuggled close to him.

This same well-costumed "Harvey" has been featured at the Easter Saturday hunt for seven or eight years. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, a Heppner businessman, a father and grandfather who seems to really enjoy being an Easter Bunny. This year he (Cal Sherman) also took his act to the nursing home at the hospital where the patients were delighted to see him and to receive Easter baskets.

Last week I wrote a few lines in this column about Army Engineer Scott Hutchins from Texas, which I learned from Herb Bessey were posted on the office bulletin board. Herb is a civilian from Ashton, Idaho who is working with the engineers here. He is another temporary resident who is really entering into community activities. He and his wife Norma and their son Richard expect to be living here two more years, the new parents say.

After partaking of the breakfast at the Elks and then after church-enjoying another delicious Sunday dinner prepared by Ida Farra for a group of friends, I had to come home and indulge in another Sunday afternoon nap before I recovered enough energy to climb up to the cross on Heppner's southeast hill. Mary Goheen and I almost reached the cross before the afternoon rain began. We kept watching the rain cloud coming toward us—it darkened first over Lexington. As we descended we got a good dampening.

Mary, a county native, had never made this climb before and this was only my second ascent. My first climb several years ago with son Bill Haberlach and his family was made on a cold but clear day when we could really view Mt. Adams and a good expanse of Washington's hills. Mary and I were unable to see very far last Sunday, but we enjoyed looking down on the great changes taking place south of Cross Hill. Quite a few cars seemed to be traveling the new Willow Creek route out through the dam area. They looked like little toys, as did the construction trucks and equipment from our lofty viewpoint.

During our climb, Mary left her jeep parked right beside an old school bus which has been turned into a large doghouse. As we hurried upward we didn't notice the dogs inside, but when we came back to the jeep we noted three nice white and brown dogs. We wondered about them. Dennis Doherty came out of his mother's and sister's home just then and we asked him about the dogs. Dennis said, "Don't worry about them—they are well cared for and well housed." We felt relieved. They certainly have their doghouse located in a nice viewing spot on Rock Street where they can watch the action taking place below them along Heppner streets.

On the hilltop, we found the wooden cross, which is a real local landmark, is very badly in need of repainting. I checked with my friends the Pipers at Lexington to verify that it was in 1974 that Mark Piper and Ron Ward painted it as a community service act which led to qualifying both of these young men for the rank of Eagle Scout. That September the two boys drove to the cross with white paint and tools and gave their time and labor to brighten that great symbol. I surely hope some other group will feel inspired to repeat this act of service soon.

When I traveled about in Europe several years ago, I saw many family groups out taking Sunday walks. Some of these Sunday walks are well organized and the participants gain little jacket patches or other mementoes for completing them. Sometimes a local historian or nature teacher lectures as the walkers move through the countryside and woods. I think an organized climb up to our cross would be a good community activity. Right now there are many wild flowers bursting into bloom on the hill which one must climb up to really see; also, right now the changes taking place along Willow Creek and Balm Fork are most exciting.

A final spring 1982 dramatic excitement at Heppner High School is being put together under Larry Cerullo's direction. He has enlisted talented faculty members, students and townspeople in preparing the forthcoming production of the outstanding musical "Fiddler On The Roof." It will be presented on the nights of Thursday, May 13, Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. Be sure to mark your calendars now—because you won't want to miss this outstanding event.

Pendleton Revenue office to close

The Pendleton Oregon Department of Revenue office will be closed to the public after April 15. Because of reductions in staff, the office can't provide general assistance to taxpayers any longer, stated a news release from the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Area residents who need answers to tax questions or who want to request tax forms and publications may call the agency's toll-free number, 1-800-452-2838. Or, they can write to Tax Help, Oregon Department of Revenue, Revenue Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Persons needing to contact a staff member at the Pendleton office should call the local

number, 276-7810, and leave a message.

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Clarks Canyon Bridge under repair; traffic rerouted



An old Lexington bridge was removed Monday

photo by Cathy Peck

By CATHY PECK

Clarks Canyon Road, from Cemetery Hill Road to Lexington will be closed from April 12 to May 10 while the bridge is being replaced. When the work is completed the new bridge will have steel stringers, a steel deck and rail and will be four feet wider.

The old bridge was removed Monday, April 12 and extensive rutting was evident in the

old timbers. The bridge had undergone a great deal of stress in the 1978 flood.

The county will also straighten the creek channel which has silted in over the years and realign it with the bridge. The channel under the bridge will be deepened and widened to prevent possible stress in the event of high water.

Much of the channel work is being done to prevent flood

damage such as that which occurred in 1978 when high water, unable to flow under the bridge because of silt and poor alignment, crossed Clarks Canyon Road and flowed into the yard and drive of Mrs. Lee Wagonblast.

Until the Clarks Canyon Bridge Project is completed, traffic in the area will use the Cemetery Hill Road into Lexington.

E.O.H.S.A. requests comments

The Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency is requesting public review and comments on proposed draft sections of the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Plan addressing public health departments and publicly-funded outpatient mental health services, said a news release from the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency, Inc. (EOHSA).

The drafts assess needs and problems related to public health and mental health services in Eastern Oregon, and propose long range goals

and recommended actions to meet identified needs, the news release said.

These draft sections have been released for a 30 day public review and comment period, to be followed by a public meeting to review all comments and revise the drafts prior to final approval by the EOHSA board of directors. Accordingly, EOHSA requests that all comments, oral or in writing, be submitted no later than 5 p.m., May 3, to Eastern

Oregon Health Systems Agency, Inc., P.O. Box 520, Redmond, OR 97756, phone: 548-5185.

Copies of these drafts are available for public inspection at many locations throughout Eastern Oregon, including public libraries, county courts, county public health and mental health departments. A limited number of copies are available on request to EOHSA at the above address, the news release concluded.

USDA extends maturity date on loans

Producers with certain 1980 and 1981 crop commodity loans now have the option to extend their loans for an extra year, said Under Secretary of Agriculture Seeley Lodwick. "This option is being offered because prices for these commodities are currently low," Lodwick said.

The option applies to all 1980 crop barley, corn, oats, grain sorghum and wheat loans, and all 1981 crop barley, corn, oats

and wheat loans. All producers with outstanding loans on these commodities are eligible, he said.

Producers extending their 1980 crop loans for an additional year will be charged an interest rate of 12.25 percent through December 31, 1982. This rate will be subject to change Jan. 1, 1983 to reflect the cost to the Commodity Credit Corporation (C.C.C.) of borrowing from the U.S.

Treasury, Lodwick reports. Extended 1981 crop loans will continue to bear interest at a rate applicable to the loan. Interest on 1981 crop loans is calculated to reflect the C.C.C.'s cost of borrowing from the U.S. Treasury. Producers wishing to extend their loans should contact their county office of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Lodwick concluded.

A Concave is a Concave, Right?

Right. Unless it's a
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Precision Bored Concave

Bill Schwerin, owner of Schwerin Precision Bored Concaves, explains the difference and answers some of your questions about combine settings.



On most standard concaves the bars are not set at a uniform height nor in a true circle. These imperfections in the concave affect both the quality of the grain harvested and the capacity of the combine. Separation area is lost and the cylinder speed must be increased to obtain good thresh and separation. The bottom line is lost dollars in the form of lost wheat out the back of the combine and a lesser quality of grain in the tank.



On a Schwerin Precision Bored Concave all of the bars are bored to a uniform height to form a true circle. This precision allows an operator to set the concave at "0" tolerance at the rear, thus creating an uninterrupted wedge from front to rear. The Schwerin Precision Bored Concave does the job 100% front where the work should be done. More grain is driven out of the straw pack, capacity is increased and cylinder speed can be reduced resulting in better quality grain in the tank.

Q. Why does my concave need to be a true circle?

A. To get the maximum amount of separation area in the concave, the rear bar must be set at "0" tolerance, creating the maximum amount of pressure which drives the grain out of the straw and onto the shoe. This constant wedge from the front of the concave to the rear is never interrupted by a high or low bar and can only be achieved by having a true circle.

Q. The manufacturers have always recommended greater than "0" tolerance at the rear of the concave. Won't your "0" tolerance crack a lot of grain?

A. No. Just the opposite. Most combine manufacturers recommend a greater tolerance at the rear of the concave than we do to allow for their uneven bar height. The truth is, concave settings have very little to do with cracking of grain. Cracked grain is primarily caused by excessive cylinder speeds. We recommend a setting (for wheat) of 3/8" to the front and 0" at the rear. This creates a constant wedge, uninterrupted from front to back. More threshing occurs up front for better threshing—even at reduced cylinder speeds. The slower the cylinder speed, the less cracked grain and higher quality of your product. It's that simple.

Q. O.K. This "0" tolerance and constant wedge idea sounds good, but will it work for me?

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BMCC sets tax base election

At a special Blue Mountain Community College board and budget committee meeting, the date for a college tax base election was set for the general election, Nov. 2.

Since the college operates without a tax base, the college is required by state law to hold a tax base election either May

or the fall date. It was the feeling of the BMCC board at the March 31 meeting that the later date will give the college time to explain to tax payers the justification for such a tax base, stated a BMCC press release.

In a report to the combined college groups, College President Ron Daniels pointed out that as of Tuesday, BMCC's operating levy had passed in the March 30 election by an eight vote margin. A recount in such a close race is automatic and results of that

count will be available April 5, the president said.

It was the recommendation of the president that the committee and board "proceed on the basis that the positive vote on the tax levy will hold up." Should a recount change the results of the recent election, the board will confer by conference call during the week of April 5 possible plans of action.

The tax base election Nov. 2 will be for the 1983-84 school year. The amount that would be asked for in the base has not been discussed.

Square dancers square off

The Eastern Oregon Area Council of Square and Round Dance Clubs met at the Lone American Legion Hall Saturday, April 10, for a potluck dinner meeting and dinner reported a local spokesperson.

The club consists of the three area clubs—the Square Knots of Hermiston, the Pendleton Rocket Squares and the local Grand Squares.

Seven squares of dancers did their dos-and-dos and alternate lefts to the calling of Jerry and Julie Holland of Duffur, the spokesperson said.

BMCC spring enrollment stable

Spring term enrollment is holding steady with enrollment figures last year at this time at Blue Mountain Community College, according to Truman Bailey, registrar.

By Tuesday, March 30, the first day of classes, a head count of both full and part-time day students totaled 881. Last year on the first day of classes spring term, 879 students were counted.

Continuing Education students taking evening courses offered by the college throughout Morrow and Umatilla counties totaled 903 March 30. Registration for these classes continues through the first few weeks of the term.



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