

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

The graduation ceremonies at lone and Heppner High schools brought many people to South Morrow this last weekend. These programs were very pleasing; each school used slide projections showing its graduates. These informal pictures accompanied by narration were new and interesting additions to the usual ceremonies. It was thrilling to hear the announcements that the outstanding students at each school were being acknowledged by so many scholarships and grants. It seems to me that the student speakers, the salutatorians and valedictorians and others, were performing especially capably this year.

Visitors at my home on Saturday were Lela (Briedenbach) Peterson and her husband Ron, from Payette, Idaho, who along with members of three generations of her family had come to Heppner to celebrate Lela's brother John's graduation. Lela and her husband are employed in Payette where they are starting to buy a home.

Along with the graduations, another big event of the weekend was the 80th birthday party for Orville Cutsforth that was held on Sunday's beautiful afternoon. Many friends and most members of the extended Cutsforth family from far and near came to show their love and appreciation to Orville. His sister Maude Pointer, all of his children and their mates, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too, gathered to make the party a tremendous success and to wish O.W. many more birthday celebrations.

A few folks went farther into the mountains than Cutsforth Park last weekend. I hear that Glen Ward broke a trail into Penland Lake recently and that Eleanor and Tom Gonty drove into the Gonty's cabin there on Saturday. Many families enjoy that lake which was created because Orville Cutsforth had the vision and energy and knowhow to see that it was built.

During last week, I met one afternoon with a group of women, called together by County Historical Society leader Delpha Jones, who are especially interested in beginning to write down various stories of historical interest about this county. Several of the ladies have good starts on unusual stories.

The middle part of last Wednesday, along with other senior citizens, I really enjoyed the lunchtime musical program put on by lone's Cathy Barker, pastor of the lone United Church of Christ.

On Thursday, a seven-person group from the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce visited the luncheon meeting of the Boardman Commercial Club. I had not stopped in Boardman for a long time and could see several changes taking place there. Everyone seemed excited and pleased with the new weekly paper, the Boardman Enterprise, which had just published its third edition. Big plans were being made for the celebration of July 4 in that river community.

Since the rebuilding project started on the south section of the Bombing Range Road, I have made eight trips (four each way) to our north county, and I have traveled three different, alternate routes. First, when I drove to Cheney, I chose to take the designated detour which didn't seem to take too long but which was a trifle dusty. Then when I rode with Lynnea Sargent to Irrigon, she did not turn eastward at Cutsforth Corner but continued north along a route that also included gravelled stretches. The Extension spring bustrip detoured via lone where we turned east and rode on pavement all the way. Last Thursday I enjoyed riding to Boardman with "Lucky" Felt and John Maas via the designated detour.

My neighbors, Bill and Margee Myers, traveled to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge last weekend. They were part of the group of us who were disappointed when this spring's BMCC trip to the refuge was cancelled. The Myers said they saw fewer birds and lots more water there than we saw last year.

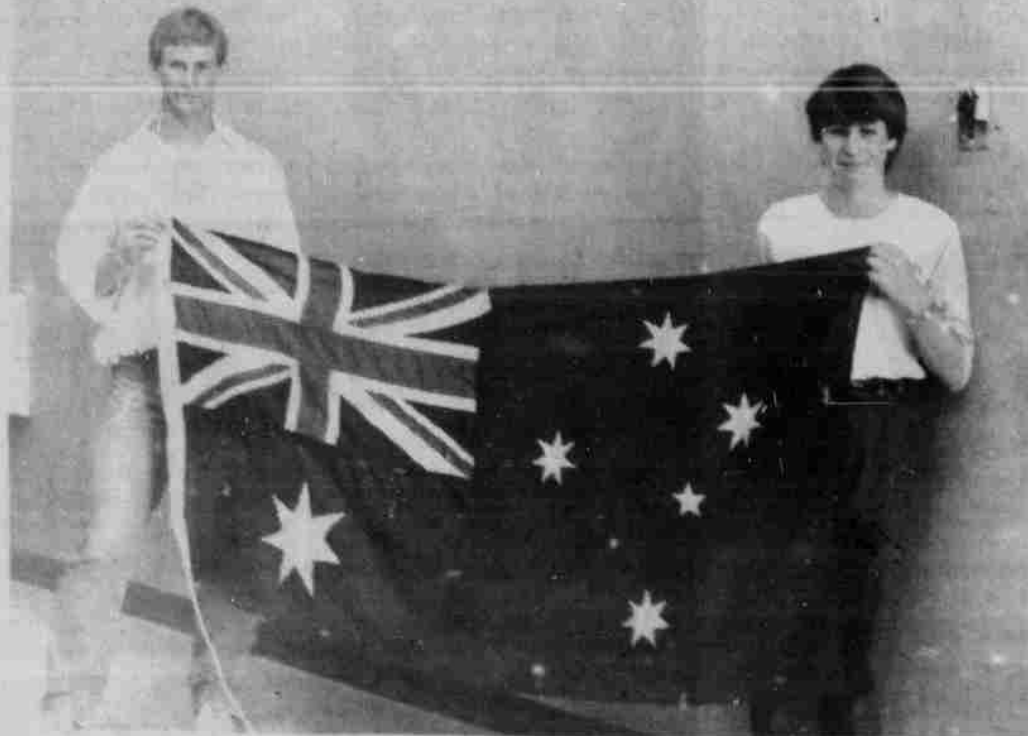
For the second year, the children of the United Methodist Sunday School have performed an interesting ritual on a May Sunday. They released helium-filled balloons containing the Bible verses they had memorized. Each child was given one balloon for each verse memorized, which contained that child's name and the verse. Last year the rain dampened the children, their balloons and their supporting congregation, but last Sunday was a great day for balloon releasing and the many colored rubber circles quickly rose to great heights and were soon invisible. They positively demonstrated that the prevailing winds at that time were blowing from southwest toward the northeast.

The out-going Sunday School Superintendent, Joy Krein, has included this event along with other interesting, exciting activities that the devoted teachers have arranged for their lively Sunday morning classes, beginning with three-year-olds and including sixth graders.

Although I do not foresee traveling to Scandinavia, I have really enjoyed seeing parts of these northern hemisphere countries vicariously because of the descriptions shared by Mary Goben who recently made a special tour around and about that part of the world. Mary was invited to be a passenger on the maiden voyage of the Lindblad Tour's Motorship POLARIS. Mary is surely one of the greatest world travelers now living in Heppner. Many of us remember her mother, the late Clara B. Gertson, who did considerable traveling, too.

Since this is the last week of school for students, we think activities will be slowing as many people become involved with summer work schedules and possible vacation plans.

## Australian Flag presented to Heppner High School



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Kris Donaldson, an American Field Service student from Australia, who attended and graduated from Heppner High School this year, presented her country's flag to John

Murray, student body president, as a symbol of good will. The flag was presented at an Awards Assembly at the school last Monday, May 17.

The flag was given to Donaldson by her local government before she left the country, to present to the high school.

## HHS students participate in South Cascade H.S. Rodeo

Six Heppner High School students placed in several events at a South Cascade High School Rodeo at Klamath Falls, May 15 and 16.

Tara Mahoney placed first in breakaway roping, third in poles, ninth and 10th in cutting and third in poles.

Trisha Mahoney placed third in barrels, and seventh and eighth in cutting.

Lee Rice won first in bareback, and second, third and fourth in the saddle bronc.

In calf roping, Pat Schwarz won fifth and Cliff Doherty placed sixth.

Don Kindsfather and Lind-

say Claver placed eighth in team roping.

Also attending from Heppner were Earl Hammond and Marty Britt.

All-Around Cowboy was won by John Hill of Klamath Falls and the All-Around Cowgirl award was won by Shawn Spell, also of Klamath Falls.

## Lions to sponsor dessert-theater

The Heppner Lions Club will sponsor a dessert-theater production on Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. The Heppner High School Drama Club will give a one act performance of Ethel and Albert's "The Fishing Hat," under the direction of Polly Fortenberry.

The play will feature Kris Donaldson and veteran HHS comedy actor Andy Gorman. "The show relates, in hilarious style, "the real reason husbands never take their

wives on a fishing trip," said a spokesperson.

Ethel and Albert are a slapstick comedy team that date from the early years of television, said the spokesperson.

Also featured will be a variety of desserts, prepared by the wives of club members and several musical scenes from the drama club's upcoming fall production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tickets for the event will be available for \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, said the spokesperson.

## Baker, Wilson to represent Heppner at Girls State

Marti Baker and Lisa Wilson, both Heppner High School juniors, have been chosen to attend the 42nd annual session of Oregon Girls State. The session is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and will be held June 13-18.

Marti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker and Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, all of Heppner. The girls will represent the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary at the session.

Girls are chosen by their qualifications in leadership, character and honesty, cooperativeness, community participation and service and scholarship, it was stated in a girls' State Brochure.

The Oregon Girls' State program will be limited to a select group of girls who will constitute a model state. They assume the duties of citizens by electing their own city, county, and state officials. They set up their own city and

county governments; they conduct court sessions, pass and enforce city ordinances. They elect their own state senators and representatives; and in their legislature, the girls introduce, debate, and pass bills. They will also visit the state capitol. All girls have the opportunity to take an active part in the government program; since they live as self-governing citizens during the full period of the session, the brochure stated.

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