

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

Last week I wrote about the land, sea and air traveling that Inez Erwin, my son, Ross, and I did in Canada and Alaska during the last week in June and first days of this month. I told of our trip by air from Vancouver, B.C. to Prince Rupert, then on the M.V. Malaspina to Skagway and over the White Pass by bus to Whitehorse.

After looking around the Yukon Territorial Capital we flew to Fairbanks. This flight took us over thousands of acres of black spruce forests, above many hundreds of lakes and about a dozen winding rivers. We spotted two forest fires and could not see habitation for many miles. During this flight we moved our watches back two hours.

Our schedule said we departed Whitehorse at 4 p.m. and arrived at Fairbanks at 4:10 p.m. However, the flight took more than two hours. In Alaska's second largest city, the home-base of the University of Alaska, we had some very interesting experiences. Inez and I took a full-circle city bus trip our first evening, beginning and ending at our rather suburban condominium, and taking us into the city center and out to the hill-top university campus. This showed us the great territory the city covers.

During our second day in Fairbanks, we three had a fine morning tour around the area and learned about the two boom periods in the city's history. The first resulted from Felix Pedro's finding of gold in Discovery Creek. The recent boom resulted from the building of the great pipeline which passes nearby carrying over one million barrels of oil a day from Prudhoe Bay, 400 miles to the north, to the port city of Valdez, 300 miles to the south.

We stopped along the pipeline, touched it, took pictures of it and were very interested in a gold dredge reworking tailings nearby. Also, we really enjoyed visiting the university farm and gardens, seeing the acres of flowers blooming there and the animal quarters. The students were just moving baled hay into the barns. Inez was delighted to see the "furthest north" golf course, and we viewed the site of the dog-sled race course. We visited the superior museum on the University of Alaska campus. We were driven past some beautiful suburban homes and around the downtown where we learned of the historic development of the city.

We had an afternoon tour scheduled, and our bus stopped in the center of the city at noon so that passengers could lunch and do a few errands. Inez and I went into a very nice bakery-restaurant and Ross, saying he would join us very soon, ran across the street to visit the city's largest bank. We two ate, bought some bakery goodies and wondered what in the world happened to Ross. When he hadn't joined us by 1 p.m. and the tour bus was ready to depart, I ran over to the bank to look for him. I found the bank's front door locked, and when I moved to the window I could see Ross seated inside. He shook his head sideways when I signaled for him to come quickly. About then a bank employee opened the big door a crack and told me "This bank was robbed just after noon, and we must hold everyone inside until they are released by the police." So I took this news back to the bus. The driver had started the motor and we were about to pull out as Ross raced aboard saying that he was released because he was a bonified tourist and had been talking with the bank manager quite a distance from the teller's window when the robbery took place.

Our afternoon tour saw us transferred from the bus to the sternwheeler "Discovery II" which took us for a most enjoyable cruise along the Chena and Tanana rivers. We learned about the Athabaskan Indian culture and about trapping and fishing. Our visit ashore at an old Indian fishing and trapping camp included lectures on the use of storage caches, on drying salmon, on the operation of fish wheels, and about life in the little, old log cabins there.

After this delightful river cruise, we, along with about 600 other folks, went to an Alaska salmon bake in Alaskaland Park in downtown Fairbanks where we had a tremendous picnic-style meal and enjoyed looking at the exhibits of old mining equipment. This park has a large auditorium where concerts and other activities are held.

On Wednesday, June 30, we left Fairbanks at 8:30 a.m. aboard an Alaska-Yukon motorcoach for the scenic trip to Denali National Park (formerly Mt. McKinley Park). This great park is larger than the state of Massachusetts. It is served by highway and by the railroad from Fairbanks on its north and Anchorage on the south. We checked into a chalet before noon, from which we took several park bus trips.

Our longest trip in the park was the Wild Life Tour from 5:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday. The bus we toured in had its last five or six rows of seats filled with Japanese tourists, whose interpreter, an attractive American-Japanese girl from N.Y. state, repeated all the information our bus driver gave. We enjoyed a tremendous morning view of Mr. McKinley, and everyone shot numerous pictures. We also had good looks at moose, particularly several cows and calves; at caribou; at many Dall sheep; at a large bear; and at other animals as well as Golden Eagles and other birds. We all got out and walked on the tundra, that spongy, springy growth covering the permafrost. We enjoyed a box lunch high up on a mountain-surrounded viewpoint.

The bus and train for Anchorage were waiting when our tour concluded, and we then we traveled south toward the coast through a lovely part of the state, stopping at the native village of Nanana where the breakup of the ice on the Tanana River is so accurately timed and at Talkeetna where most McKinley climbers start and where the heroic glacier pilots Don Sheldon and Bob Reeve made their homes. Our journey took us across Willow Creek near the hamlet of Willows which has been selected as the probable location for the state capital if and when it is moved from Juneau. The Willow Creek area affords space for a great airfield, has no permafrost, is along the highway between the two largest cities, but closer to the Anchorage port area where more than half of the state's entire population lives and where a great deal of its commerce is centered.

As we approached Anchorage we passed through part of the Matanuska Valley where the farms produce crops such as 75 and 80 pound cabbages. Anchorage is really a booming, big city. Our second day there Inez and I took two tours while Ross kept busy with friends and insurance matters downtown. In the morning we were driven about the business, industrial and port areas and saw the huge international airport. We visited Earthquake Park, saw many lovely homes, drove past Alaska Pacific University (formerly Alaska Methodist) and the Anchorage campus of the University of Alaska. We visited the city museum and the multi-level Captain Cook Memorial Park on Cook Inlet. Just after noon we had a lunch stop and looked around the Alyeska Ski Resort where some of the bus travelers took the chairlift up the slope of Mt. Alyeska for a spectacular view of the Girdwood Valley, Turnagain Arm and eight glaciers.

The conclusion of this trip will be published in next week's Gazette-Times.

## Ione woman attends Eastern Star session in Portland

Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Ione, worthy matron of Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star, attended a grand chapter session recently at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, reported a spokesperson.

At the close of the three-day session, installation of the grand officers for 1982-1983 term were installed in a formal ceremony. Mrs. Meryl Reardon of Portland and Hilmer Horn of Pilot Rock are the new worthy grand matron and worthy grand patron of the order, she said.

Mrs. Halvorsen was ap-

pointed as a member of the committee for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL). These scholarships are given to any person entering into religious training whether musical, educational, missionary or pastoral, she stated. This year the members of Eastern Star in Oregon contributed enough to award 36 \$500 scholarships. They also awarded eight Eastern Star Scholarship Endowments at \$500 each and 28 Lelsie S. Parker Scholarships of \$500 each, she continued. Other philanthropic projects Eastern Star members all

over the state were involved in were a blood program; the heart fund; \$32,984 to the home endowment fund for support of the Eastern Star and Masonic Home at Forest Grove; and over \$37,000 presented to the University of Oregon Medical School for cancer research. Almost 1,600 members registered for the session this year. Others from Ruth Locust Chapter attending were Mrs. Virginia Wilkinson, past grand matron and Mrs. Katherine Lindstrom, the spokesperson concluded.

## Pacific School of Religion student interns at Ione, Condon U.C.C.



Ginny Curinga

Ginny Curinga of Berkeley, Calif., arrived in Ione June 26 and will assist Ione and Condon United Church of Christ pastors Cathy Barker and Art Buck throughout the summer during an internship. A student at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, she will also fill in for the pastors

during their vacations and get a look at rural life in Eastern Oregon.

Miss Curinga, 26, is working to achieve a Masters of Divinity degree and said "I hope to be called to a church and ordained."

During her stay in Ione, Curinga and the Rev. Cathy Barker led Sunday services at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home July 11. The intern said she was impressed with the ecumenical ministries taking place there, but would like to see local congregations pickup residents at the home and take them to church fellowship times and other functions. Also while in Ione, she will assist with a planned garden exchange, where local residents may exchange harvests. Any extra food items will be given to needy families in the area.

Curinga is also excited about being able to get a good look at harvest at the Bob and Bill Rietmann ranch.

Having always lived in major cities, she says she is interested in living in a rural community, and would like to

visit people in their homes to find out some of the joys and drawbacks of living in rural communities.

Curinga will leave Friday, July 16 to return to Condon where she will conduct Sunday services at a Condon area ranch. During her first visit to Condon, she assisted with Vacation Church School and Fourth of July services.

After arriving in Ione for the second time August 12, she will plan the program at an Ione senior citizens potluck.

No date has yet been set for the August potluck. She will remain in Ione from Aug. 11 until Labor Day weekend, when she will return to Berkeley.

Of her internship in Eastern Oregon, Curinga commented that it is interesting to experience two congregations and see two pastors with very different styles. Most interns, she said, are assigned to only one church. "Being supervised by a woman pastor is also a unique opportunity and to see how well the congregation responds to Cathy is encouraging."

## HHS class of '67 holds 15-year reunion

The Heppner High School graduating class of 1967 held a 15-year class reunion Saturday, June 26, in Heppner.

The reunion featured a class golf tournament at Willow Creek Country Club with six class members participating. Dennis O'Donnell won the tourney with a score of 37, reported Roger and Marguerite Leonnig of Gresham, spokespersons for the class.

Class members also enjoyed a picnic where children played volleyball, participated in sack races, a balloon toss and tug-of-war.

At the Heppner Elks Lodge, the class enjoyed dinner and was treated to a special appearance by the Henchmen, a band that performed in the Heppner area from 1965 to

1968. The group rewrote the song "Class of '57 and sang it as the "Class of '67." Members of the Henchmen were Kathy (Melby) Jurcich, Tim Smith and Roger Leonnig, the spokespersons said.

Class members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dean (Maralee Murray) Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. John Dubuque, Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Erin Dick) Clem, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wagenblast, Mr. and Mrs. Hal (Nonda Clark) Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith, Mrs. Jim (Gale Malcom) O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Donna Potter) Quadros, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Peggy Snyder) O'Donnell, Mr. Lennie Hanna, Mr. Mac Hoskins Mrs. Jim (Marty Boyajian) Lieuallen, Mr. Steve Baker, Mr. Steve Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Johnston, Mrs. Steve (Kathy Melby) Jurcich, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Marguerite Moore) Leonnig.

Special guests at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby, and Mrs. Dee Smith.

Class member Kathy Jurcich had reunion shirts made for the members to buy with all of the class names printed on them. They were worn during the day by several of the class members, said the Leonnigs.

"The class plans to hold another reunion in five years with the same schedule of events, but hopes that more classmates, friends and teachers will be able to come," they concluded.

## LaRues receive Ione Yard of the Month Award

Ione's July Yard of the Month Award belongs to Del and Linda LaRue. They live on the corner of Main and E streets, announced an Ione Garden Club spokesperson.

The LaRues have lived at their present address for eight years and have developed a very attractive minimum-care landscape around their house. The lawn extends up to the house in many places. A huge Colorado spruce contrasts in shape and color with the well-shaped locust trees on the west side of the property.

A row of small spreading junipers accents the east fenceline and the evergreen spruce on the opposite side of the house. Passersby will notice a collection of red volcanic rocks, forming a small rock garden at the near end of the fenceline with sedums and native cacti.

For color there are white shasta daisies against the red brick fireplace chimney and a clump of orange daylilies at the



Linda LaRue

fenceline. At the rear of the property is a young vegetable garden where sprawling wild

roses were recently removed, according to Mrs. LaRue.

## Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the weeks ending July 3 and July 10.

South Morrow County roads patched with cold mix during the past two weeks were: Clarks Canyon, Blackhorse, Baseline to Lindsay, Pointer, Pine City to Lena, Redding, Lower Sandhollow, Willow Creek, Miller Cutsforth, Fuller Canyon and Keck Canyon Road.

In the north end, patching was done on Patterson Junction Road and Wilson and Kunze roads. Three tenths of Olson Road were widened and resurfaced with asphalt. This section of road connects the Frontage Road to Columbia Boulevard.

Approximately one-half mile of Petty's Canyon Road from Highway 74 was widened and straightened by contract forces. This was a very treacherous stretch, and is a school bus route. It was necessary to use dynamite for removing several rock bluffs. A similar project has begun on the Bunker Hill Road at

Fuller Canyon. In addition to widening the road, the bridge will be reconstructed. Work is expected to be complete by this weekend.

Sand was spread on Barlow Canyon and Clarks Canyon roads to prevent further oil bleeding.

Upper Rhea Creek and Hale Ridge roads were bladed.

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