

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Lately, this column has become mainly travel talk -- and thus it will continue this week. I have done more traveling about this summer than I can remember doing in any other of my three-score-plus years. Quite a few of my friends seem to be getting out into the world, too, this year.

A very nice letter from long-time Heppnerite Fay Ferguson came about two weeks ago telling me of some traveling she and her husband, Gene have done. They came to Heppner to attend the golden wedding anniversary of the Ruhl's on July 4, and Fay writes, "It made me feel really old to know one of my Social Ridge School pupils had been married 50 years." Faye Ruhl was at the school the year that Fay Ferguson taught out there.

My traveling last week was rather different. I was a hitch-hiker, feeling very lucky that I could go along with Mrs. Rawlins and with three Heppner High students -- Marti Baker, senior; Carleena Rathbun, junior; and Renee Struthers, a sophomore, as they journeyed to Medford and Ashland with interesting stops each way.

We five left early last week on Monday. We tried to visit Jack Loyd at The Dalles General Hospital but arrived just as he was scheduled for surgery and could have no visitors. Our second stop was the Lloyd Center in Portland where Marti Baker was eager to further her ice-skating skill. Carleena decided to give ice-skating a try and had an unfortunate fall which re-injured her knee. Jane Rawlins, Renee and I opted to walk through shops. As we entered a department store, I surprisingly, ran into a woman friend from my life in Corvallis, long ago. When we three shoppers rejoined the two skaters at the car we learned of Carleena's fall and became concerned about her painful accident.

From Portland we moved south on I-5 to Salem where we had an interesting stop that included a good look at Willamette University's campus and a thorough tour of its playhouse, and then a visit at the Oregon State Capitol across the street. In the Capitol we looked into the Governor's office, the chambers of the House of Representatives and the Senate and made the big climb inside the dome to the balcony at the top near the golden statue of the Pioneer Man. From there we viewed the Salem area and saw many high twists of smoke from the burning going on in surrounding fields.

The three students requested that we next stop at the Enchanted Forest instead of going to Corvallis via Monmouth. All five of us enjoyed the wooded, hillside tribute to characters and situations made familiar in children's literature. At Corvallis we found the OSU campus practically deserted, but we looked around there before the four official travelers went to spend the night in the home of the Rawlin's daughter Carol Brewster, and I was left to visit with my cousin Harriet Kleinsorge Turner.

Early Tuesday we regrouped and journeyed south, pausing for a quick look at the U. of O. in Eugene, as we needed to arrive at Medford before noon so that the foursome could easily get to their first play at Ashland before 2 p.m. This year all play tickets were packaged with lodging arrangements and the Heppner group was assigned to a motel at Medford's southern edge very near the home of my son, Bill Haberlach, where I stayed.

Mrs. Rawlins and the three girls saw five plays -- "Romeo and Juliet" and "Henry The Fifth" were in the outdoor, Shakespearean Theater; "Julius Caesar," "Blythe Spirit" and "Spokesong" were in the newer Angus Bowmer Theater. Luckily, Jane was able to get a ticket for "Spokesong" for me. In addition to the five outstanding performances, the fieldtrip group really enjoyed the backstage tour, having lunch with the actors out in Lithia Park, driving to historic Jacksonville for a good look about and having an exciting, last night ice cream snack with one of the handsome young actors they got to know.

On Friday morning the foursome gathered me and my granddaughter Anna Haberlach at her home, and we six turned east and north to Crater Lake Park where we again admired that deep lake jewel inside the crater of old Mt. Mazama. There was talk of romping in the remaining snowbanks but none insisted. Infact, there were four rather sleepy people in the car.

As we came northward it was decided we would stop at the Bend Plaza and then at the Zorba, the Buddha's store at Antelope. There we visited several red-clad disciples of the guru and were disappointed not to be able to purchase some of the commune's homemade bread. We were told that a state regulation was forbidding them to continue to sell bread.

From Antelope homeward we only stopped briefly at Condon's drive-in where Renee was pleased to have a quick visit with an uncle. Mrs. Rawlins aimed to reach Heppner by 6 p.m., and we made it just about then. Everyone agreed we had had a super Monday-through-Friday adventure.

Jane and I were both sorry to miss the August 4 Van Boskirk - Danielson performance here. I noticed several posters along our travel route telling that those ladies would be performing in some southern Oregon towns. We were pleased to learn that their show was enjoyed by a good audience here.

Since Friday my traveling has been rather restricted. Granddaughter Anna and my friend Anna Johnson and Bouapeth and I took our supper up to Cutsforth Park on Saturday evening and then observed the progress of the dam from the high viewing platform as we returned home.

On Sunday I was most pleased to hear Stuart Dick deliver the morning sermon at the United Methodist Church. I didn't get to know Stuart very well -- Erin was the only second-generation Dick in high school here during my brief teaching time.

Many of us find that summer's tempo quickens as fall approaches. There are so many things we would still like to do and see. Next summer I don't plan to do quite as much traveling as I have tried crowding into this June, July and August.

Heppner man wins top award at Chief Joseph Days Rodeo

By BOB EVANS
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Call it luck or the helping hand of a quick timer. It was the break Butch Knowles needed to retire the 12-year-old Harley Tucker Memorial award at Sunday's conclusion of the 37th annual Chief Joseph Days Rodeo.

Even though he didn't place in the top four among the bull riders, Knowles picked up crucial points Saturday barely avoiding a no time call coming off 09 Yankee during the afternoon performance. Combined with a fourth place finish (74 points) in the saddle broncs and seventh for all-around honors, the 27-year-old Heppner cowboy found himself winning the award for the third time since 1976 and

pocketing a total of \$5,024.43 -- \$4,700 coming out of the accumulated award pot.

Bill Nelson, of Baker the 1971 PRCA bull riding champion who'd made a run at the award by winning it in 1980 and '81, ran into hard luck with Smokin' Velvet in the saddle broncs for no score to fail in his bid for three straight Tucker crowns.

Clay West of Ione who was in the thick of the race of the award given annually to the top pointgetter among four Oregon rodeos (Union's Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, the St. Paul Rodeo, the Elgin Stampede and Chief Joseph Days) in memory of Joseph rodeo stock contractor Harley Tucker, dropped out of contention with two 'no' times in the steer wrestling, giving

Knowles the crown.

"It feels really good," said Knowles admiring the plaque that will now adorn his trophy room. "This award has been one of my goals for a long time."

(Editors note: Knowles also won the bull riding event with a score of 92 at Longview, Wash., on Saturday, Aug. 7. The bull, Oscar, hadn't been ridden during the past two years and has only been ridden a total of four times. His ride brought him about \$1,700 in prize money. The Heppner cowboy also tied for third and fourth place in the saddle bronc event at the Longview rodeo.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, he split first and second place in the saddle bronc at a Newport, Wash. rodeo.)

Local youths compete at rodeos

Several Heppner rodeoers took top awards at the Umatilla County Fair Junior Rodeo, held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Hermiston. Earl Hammond won first place in the senior boys saddle bronc riding. Jeff Bailey took second in the steer wrestling, while Don Kindsfather took fourth and Mike Currin, fifth, in that event.

Currin, along with Jack McGuire of Boardman won third place in the team roping.

In the senior girls barrel racing, Tara Mahoney of Heppner won third place and Anita Palmer of Ione took sixth. Mahoney also placed second in pole bending. Trisha Mahoney, Heppner, took fifth in junior girls pole bending.

Mike Mahoney of Heppner and Rhonda Wineberger of Kooskia, Idaho, took fourth place in the junior boys team roping.

Four Heppner athletes competed and place in events at a High School Rodeo at La Grande last Saturday and Sunday. About 200 contestants participated at the event.

Tara Mahoney of Heppner was named All-Around Senior Cowgirl and Jeff Bailey, also of Heppner, was in a three-way tie with Brent Ford of Parma, Idaho and Darwin Armstrong of Drewsy for the All-Around Senior Cowboy title.

All-Around Junior Cowgirl was Shelly Hiel of Castleford, Idaho with Trisha Mahoney of Heppner as runner-up.

Tara Mahoney placed first in breakaway roping, pole bending, goat tying and third in barrels.

Trisha Mahoney took first place in junior goat tying, third in pole bending and fifth in breakaway roping and barrels.

Jeff Bailey took second in bareback riding, third in steer wrestling and fifth in team roping with Darwin Armstrong.

Pat Schwarz of Heppner won sixth place in team roping with Joe Scrivner.

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