

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

Last week I had three of my grandchildren visiting: Anna, six, Thomas, five, and Pearl, two-and-a-half years-old. It was certainly helpful that my daughter, Ann, the mother of the two younger ones, was here also. Although I dearly love each one, I find that the joyful excitement and intense activity they fill my home with easily tires me.

Now I am reflecting on the differences in parenting and grandparenting. The first big distinction is that these phenomena occur at quite different ages. Also, usually, parenting comes when one has a young spouse and helpful, youthful friends who are experiencing a corresponding situation.

Another big difference is that parenting extends over many years and sort of builds up gradually, while grandparenting, at least in my situation, comes in brief busy periods. I have often envied contemporaries who have their grandchildren living very near them while none of mine are living close by. However, I am not at all sure how I would react to, or survive, intensive, constant grandmothering.

I feel very fortunate that I was able to drive to Cascade Locks to visit with my oldest grandchildren, Scott, 14 and Anita Haberlach, 12 and then bring Anita to Heppner for one week before returning her to her maternal grandparents in Vancouver who say that she got to her home at Auburn, WA. Then I hitchhiked with the Heppner-Ashland playgoers to Medford and sort of kidnapped Anna Haberlach, six, and brought her here for a week before making the long trip to return her to her home where I always enjoy visiting with her parents and her brother Adam, seven-and-a-half. Young Thomas and Pearl Chenhall were not transported by me but came south from Cheney with their mother, who took them back home after a short visit here.

Before I try to desist summer travel talk, it has been interesting this year to observe changing types of traveling. Last weekend as I drove to and from Medford, I saw many bicycle travelers, many motorcyclists and a proliferation of walking hitchhikers. Some campgrounds and motels had "No Vacancy" signs out early on Saturday. I observed license plates from most U.S. states and Canada. Yes, tourism is a very big business!

In the mail which collected while I was away three days, was a postcard from Juneau, Alaska, from Eleanor and Ed Gonty. Eleanor wrote "We're amazed at the number of people we are seeing and how they travel." She continued to comment on the large number of people with backpacks and sleeping bags everywhere, including on the Alaskan Ferries where they get by as walk-on passengers and sleep on the ship's deck. The Gontys were given their wonderful trip through the Inland Passage as an anniversary gift from their son, Tom. Several other friends have also returned from Alaska recently, including Helen Curran. More local folks will be northbound soon, I hear.

Bebe Munkers has been showing friends a 1905 photograph of two men in dark suits and hats standing by a display of Morrow County products at the Oregon State Fair. Part of the display tells that the 1905 county wheat crop "will average from 70 cents to 78 cents per bushel." The pictured display also proclaims "The Morrow County wool crop for this year sold at an average of 20 cents per pound." Who can identify the two men?

Many of us feel sad that there will be no Morrow County display at the coming State Fair. In years past the county displays have been very well done. I recall seeing several that Harold Kerr and Birdine Tullis put together.

These last two weeks I've been impressed with the knowledge I have gained from and about four ladies from Lexington. First, Betty Christman, who along with Wilma Martin and Dorothy Warren, superintends the Fruits and Vegetables Department at our fair, gave a valuable demonstration of how produce should be groomed for display. Betty really knows about this fair department and has learned much by observing judges working there for years now. She said she supposed she will be helping at the fair "until I die or move out of the county," neither of which we hope will happen for many years to such a knowledgeable and helpful person.

The second Lexington lady who delighted me was Delta Huber. Delta is a member of the Lone Garden Club, and she has helped with fair flowers and worked with certified flower shows for some time. She presented a beautiful demonstration concerning the displaying of flowers for the August meeting of the Heppner Garden Club. I feel certain that Delta grew up knowing a lot about flowers, yet she keeps on learning and has been so generous about sharing her know-how with those of us who know so much less than she.

Then two other ladies from Lexington have been featured in print media recently - and I admire them both. Delpha Jones is beaming from the cover of the August "Ruralite." The article on page 16 by Condon's Jean Gilliam tells about some of Delpha's activities. It really didn't have the space to cover all of her good works. One of the things it omitted was her leadership in the Oregon Lung Association. Delpha is an achiever and an asset to Morrow County.

The fourth Lexingtonite I have just learned a little more about is the youngest of the four - Cathy Peck, mother of five, who taught in Heppner and worked as a writer, and who now has accepted the position of youth services officer for the city of Pendleton. We hope the Peck's will return often to visit Lexington and Heppner.

## BMCC open Fridays, placement tests given

On Monday, Aug. 23, Blue Mountain Community College will resume its regular five-day work week, announced a college spokesperson.

College offices will open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During the summer months, the college assumed a four-day work week designed to conserve electricity. The college was closed on Fridays and all air conditioning turned off during the three-day weekends. College personnel worked longer hours during the remaining four days of the work week to compensate for the time off on the longer weekends.

Placement testing will be

done in the college's counseling center on the same schedule it has been during the summer months with the addition of Friday. The test is offered at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. as well as 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The placement test at the college is free and is designed to help place new students in the appropriate English and mathematics classes. Students are not denied admission to the college on the basis of the results of the test.

No appointment is necessary to take the test. After the test is scored, prospective college students have the opportunity to talk with a college counselor about their career goals, the spokesperson concluded.

## Scouts ready Heppner for Fair & Rodeo



Local Scouts turned out bright and early Saturday morning to clean up the town in preparation for Fair & Rodeo.

Pictured above are six of the hard working boys. (L-R) Dean Munkers, Scott Johnston, Bobby Krein, Doug Devin, Shane Munkers and A.J. Tarnasky.

## 4-H horse show adds new classes for the show on Aug. 21

The 4-H Horse Show at the Morrow County Fair will have three new classes for 1982. "Advanced Equitation," the first class, can be ridden either English or Western and follows Olympic competition. 4-H Riders have a mandatory routine that they ride, with emphasis on precision and correctness. Riders then perform a second time, utilizing their own routine to show what they can do with their horses. Spectators will want to watch this one to see that the rider makes all gait changes as the rider's shoulder passes the marker. Contestants are expected to make round circles and straight lines during their test.

A second class, added for 1982, is the Best Horse Club Display. Each club is encouraged to put up an educational display for the public's interest, and to keep their area clean and tidy. Spectators are encouraged to see the horse

members at work.

Bareback Equitation Class, the third new class for 1982, has been very popular with the 4-H members at the warm-up show in early summer, and now is part of the fair horse show. 4-H members may ride either English or Western and compete in similar tests as for other classes.

Horse Judging Contest starts at 8:30 Saturday morning with classes being provided by 4-H members from Umatilla County. This is another exchange program for Morrow County; Morrow County horse members provided the classes for the Umatilla County Fair.

The 4-H Horse Show is expected to start at 9:30 a.m. Fitting and Showing is first, followed by bareback equitation, western equitation, colt ground training, advanced equitation, English equitation, "jumping," and the trail horse class.

## Archery season opens Aug. 21, hunters reminded of closed areas

The statewide bowhunting season for deer and elk opens Saturday, August 21 and runs through September 26. Although most of the state is open during this season, there are a few date exceptions and two management units which are closed to elk hunting, announced the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

In Western Oregon, William Finley National Wildlife Refuge is open to bowhunting

from August 28 through September 26 only. In Eastern Oregon, Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge is open from August 21 through September 6 only, and Malheur National Waterfowl Refuge is closed to bowhunting.

The entire Sprague and Klamath Falls units in Klamath County are closed to elk hunting this year. Although this closure was noted in the 1982 Game Mammal Regulations

## Crop Report

The Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service has released the following August Crop Report:

Oregon's winter wheat production, based on conditions as of August 1, is estimated at 58.3 million bushels, 20 percent less than last year's record level. Fewer acres for harvest along with a lower average yield are the reasons for the lower production. The average yield of winter wheat is expected to be 53.0 bushels per acre, compared with 61 bushels a year ago. Spring wheat production was placed at 4.0 million bushels, four percent less than 1981. All wheat production totals 62.3 million bushels, 19 percent less than last year's crop. Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at 2.77 billion bushels, one percent less than last year's record production, but 17 percent above 1980.

Barley production is estimated at 12.7 million bushels with an average yield of 62 bushels per acre. Production in 1981 totaled 11.7 million bushels with an average yield of 60.0 bushels per acre.

Other Oregon crops forecast as of August 1 are as follows: oat production at 5.5 million bushels, 21 percent more than last year's; corn for grain production at 3.0 million bushels, nine percent more than 1981; alfalfa hay production at 1.8 million tons, four percent above last year; all other hay production at 1.2 million tons,

six percent above 1981; hop production at 12.95 million pounds, five percent more than last year; sugar beet production at 278,000 tons, seven percent below 1981.

The first forecast of the 1982 Oregon plum and prune production is placed at 30,000 tons, equal to last year's total production. Nationally, excluding California, the crop is estimated at 60,800 tons for 1982 or 11 percent lower.

Bartlett pear production in Oregon is now estimated at 76,000 tons, 11 percent less than last year, but six percent higher than the July 1 estimate. All other pears are estimated at 105,000 tons, unchanged from July 1, and 12 percent below the 1981 crop. Pear production for the Pacific Coast is estimated at 700,000 tons, 18 percent less than the 1981 crop.

Apple production in Oregon is now expected to total 165 million pounds, six percent higher than last year. Washington is expecting a 13 percent larger crop and national production is forecast at 8.5 billion pounds, 11 percent above the 1981 crop.

The number of farms in Oregon for 1982 is estimated at 36,000; down one percent from 1981's 36,500 farms. Meanwhile, land in farms totalled 18.3 million acres, up one percent from a year earlier. Average size of an Oregon farm is now 508 acres.

## 4-H showmanship Co. Fair & Rodeo Court meet expanded for '82 Fair Country singer Mel Tillis

With the expected increases in both large and small animals in the 4-H Livestock division, the showmanship classes have been expanded so that there is now showmanship in each animal species. The eight divisions are: beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, goats, and other small animals. Poultry, rabbits, goats, and other small animals have showmanship at 1 p.m. on August 24. The large animal showmanship contests start at 9:00 a.m. on August 25.

"Round Robin" Showmanship has also been expanded. In the Round Robin Showmanship each age champion in each species division will compete against the other champions of the same age group. There will be two sections: large animal (beef, dairy, sheep, swine), and small animal (poultry, rabbits, goats, and other small animals).

For example, the champion of senior beef showmanship, senior dairy showmanship, senior sheep showmanship, and senior swine showmanship will come back at 1:30, August 25 with their animals for a "show-off." Each 4-H member will show their own animal and each others animals to see who is the best Round Robin Showman of the senior age division. Intermediate and Junior Round Robin Showmanship contests will follow seniors.

Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship contests are the same procedure only with small animals. The senior small animal showmanship champions will come back to compete at 3:30, August 24, with intermediates and juniors following.



The decimal system was invented in ninth century India.

under the section for rifle hunters, it was accidentally left out of the section on bowhunting. But the closure applies during all elk seasons in 1982, including the bowhunting seasons.

Further details on the fall seasons are available in the 1982 Oregon Game Mammal Regulations, available free where hunting and fishing licenses are sold, the department said.



Princess Annette Wilgers (L), Mel Tillis, Princess Nancy Paine and Queen Anita Palmer

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court has been busy this summer traveling to many fairs and rodeos in the state.

One of the court's highlights was meeting country-western singer Mel Tillis at the Umatilla County Fair recently. Tillis, with his nine piece band "The Statesiders," is a

profile songwriter and performer. He was named the Country Music Association's entertainer of the year in 1976.

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## Fish & Wildlife Commission to set bird seasons Aug. 20

For those kindred souls whose year is made fuller by feathered game, and the golden days of fall, August 20 will be an important date. That's when the Fish and Wildlife Commission will set 1982 seasons for upland birds and waterfowl. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 20, at the Fish and Wildlife Department headquarters, 506 SW Mill Street in Portland.

Those who have ideas or recommendations concerning the fall seasons are invited to attend the meeting and make their feelings known in the public hearing. Those who cannot attend may want to get their thoughts down soon in writing and mail them to the department before the August 20 meeting, said a commission spokesperson.

Field biologists are busy wrapping up their field brood census, which measures the success of the spring nesting season. Their findings will be reviewed at the meeting.

Some opening dates were set earlier in the year as an aid to hunters planning their vacations around the bird seasons. Those are August 28 for blue and ruffed grouse statewide, October 2 for chukars and Hungarian partridge in Eastern Oregon, October 16 for pheasants and valley quail

statewide and for chukars in Western Oregon. Mountain quail season will open August 28 in Western Oregon and October 16 east of the Cascades. The commission will set the closing dates for these seasons, daily bag and possession limits and other regulations after the staff report and the review of public comments on August 20.

Dove and band-tailed pigeon seasons have already been set in their entirety because these birds are migratory species and fall under the cloak of a federal framework of dates within which states must set their seasons. The federal rules require that the states set seasons for these species and submit the dates to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service earlier than the August 20 date selected for setting other Oregon bird seasons.

Dove and pigeon seasons will open September 1, the earliest date permitted under federal rules, and will extend through September 30. The daily bag limit for doves is 15, an increase from 10 in recent past years, and 30 in possession. For band-tailed pigeons the daily bag limit is five, with the possession limit also five.

A delayed pigeon opener the last two years has reversed a downward trend in Oregon's band-tail populations, and

Ralph Denney, staff game bird biologist, recommended a return to the more traditional September 1 opener this year, said the spokesperson.

Also to be considered this year is the possibility of a limited reopening of the sage grouse season. There has been no open season for this big desert bird since 1975. This possibility will hinge on the findings of district wildlife biologists as they conduct their sage grouse brood counts. Preliminary findings do not indicate a good nesting year in spite of better than average adult overwintering populations in many desert areas.

Brood counts for all upland species are conducted during the last part of July and the first part of August. For this reason, the setting of seasons is always delayed until late August. This has always made it difficult to have bird regulations printed and distributed to license agents by the time the earliest seasons open in late August and early September. That will again be the case this year, so bird hunters are advised to take note of the grouse, dove and pigeon seasons. The printed regulations usually become available by the first or second week in September, the commission spokesperson concluded.



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