

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

Big, pre-hunting, fall activity weekends took place in Heppner, Arlington and Weston and probably in other hunting area communities, too, over September 25 and 26. We know that Weston and Heppner are decorated with flowers as they welcomed guests. In Heppner the many pots of yellow, gold and orange flowers were placed at intersections to help guide members of the garden clubs who came here Saturday to the Fall District Meeting at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

The four events that pleased me very much last week began on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. That noon I traveled vicariously to Ireland as our county school superintendent, Matthew Doherty, showed lovely colored slides and told about the three weeks he and Mrs. Doherty had on the Emerald Isle this last summer. Mrs. Ernest Garrison, co-winner of the Yard-of-the-Month Award, who was an honored guest at the luncheon, was also delighted with the Doherty presentation.

The projected pictures included street scenes in Limerick and Dublin and lovely landscape pictures of fields, hedgerows, lakes, mountains and the seashore. Doherty has pictures of his mother's early home, of family graves and of business establishments bearing familiar names. He brought home pictures showing Brosnan, Healy, Farley and other Morrow-connected properties. He included a choice shot showing a business owned by a Doherty himself.

We were told that Ireland's population is smaller than that of New York City, and that it didn't take long to learn to drive on the left side of the street. The school superintendent couldn't resist a picture of a modern-looking, brick school building that looks just like many in this country. He also showed farm homes and cottages with thatched roofs and said that there is a difficulty getting thatching replaced by competent thatchers these days.

During their twenty-one day visitation the Dohertys and friends drove around most all of Ireland, excepting the six English-controlled counties of Northern Ireland. Many of his slides are in County Donegal where he took lovely views of the rugged landscape and seacoast. He said that the two couples stayed in bread and breakfast rooms in nice private homes and that they were delighted with these accommodations, the best of which cost only \$10.

One picture shows our superintendent flat on his back under the famous block of limestone in Blarney Castle near Cork. Legend says the owner of this castle once used promises and flattery to save his castle from attackers, and the notion grew that a person who would kiss this Blarney Stone would be given the power of sweet, persuasive, wheedling eloquence. So, from now on if Matt Doherty out-maneuvers anyone with sweet persuasion, it must be recalled that he recently kissed that Blarney Stone.

The second outstanding event of my week was Saturday's Fall District Meeting of Garden Clubs. St. Patrick's parish hall looked like a lovely, luxurious, large clubroom with the artfully arranged and beautifully decorated tables and many superb floral arrangements on display.

Many who came were tremendously impressed with what they found. They were thrilled with the day's events, particularly with the two special workshops conducted by Dr. Wolff and by Bill Rawlins. Few garden clubs have two such talented, experienced, thoroughly knowledgeable and willing-to-share, gentlemen members.

Between the adjournment of the meeting at St. Patrick's and the rush of moving out and cleaning up the premises, Ida Farra and I slipped away for a very short visit to the very nice 90th Birthday party for Margaret Healy in the Gentry home.

Daughters Pat Gentry, Kay Burchell, Lib Daggett and son Francis (Pat) Healy and their children and other family members and many friends from her community are so proud of Maggie Healy as a fine mother, a wonderful grandmother and an excellent citizen.

As I was enjoying a piece of birthday cake, I looked across the room to where Maggie Healy and Marvel Jones were seated together on the davenport. These two past-ninety women know so much history, have been through numerous ups and downs, and have contributed so much through their living and motherhood to this and other communities. It flashed through my mind that advertisers glorify young, glamorous, inexperienced females when there sat two really beautiful, very mature women whose long lives prove their inner beauty and strength of character.

The fourth special event I enjoyed was the 1982 annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society in the Lexington Grange on Sunday afternoon. This affair began with a great turkey dinner. About 75 persons learned more about what this society has done and hopes to do.

As I drove to the grange hall, I had my first look at the high water damage in the vicinity. So sad. Such ditches, such a movement of top soil!

At the meeting, Harold Peck told of acquiring, moving and installing the little, old log cabin at the fairgrounds and of the growth of the museum there. Sylvia McDaniel presented her oil painting of the county courthouse which was accepted with thanks and with the promise it will hang inside the building it portrays. Four county farms will soon be honored with the designation "Century Farm." The Jerry Brosnan, Michael Kenney, Paul Rietmann and Albert Wright holdings have been under the same families for 100 years now.

Volume I of the Morrow County Chronicles, an annual publication of the county society, was introduced and put on sale. This 66-page booklet's purpose "is to gather little-known stories of Morrow County, as well as to reprint stories of interest." Lucille Peck, chairman of the publication committee, did a great job putting together the more than 20 articles submitted by county writers. The booklets, selling for \$3, can be obtained in each county community.

Various historical committees reported on-going projects. A group of musical selections by the Good News Singers of Umatilla and Irrigon was enjoyed. The singers are two couples with blending voices who are accompanied by a pianist and two guitarists. Final musical numbers enjoyed were by the popular lone violinist Frances Smouse.

After dismissal by Society President Delpha Jones, folks stayed to visit, to appreciate the special exhibit arranged by Harold Peck and to view the courthouse painting. Many declared how much they had enjoyed the dinner, business meeting and program.

## Several clubs available for area youth

Meetings will be held next Tuesday, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m., at United Methodist Church basement for anyone interested in joining Blue Birds, Blue Jays or an Adventure Club. The church is located at 175 W. Church St.

Girls in grades one through three are invited to join Blue Birds. Boys in grades one through three, Blue Jays, and girls in grades four through six may join the Adventure Club. Those unable to attend who would like more information, call Irene Plocharsky, 676-5594.

## Food drying class slated at center

By NEOLA MACKEY

A food drying class will be held Friday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Free instruction and demonstrations will be given on ways to preserve fruits and vegetables.

GED classes have started again. The classes will be every Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. and every Wednesday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information call the Center at 676-5873 or Joy Krien at 676-9956.

The Blood Pressure Clinic will be at the Neighborhood Center Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adult and Family Service Counselor Janet Phillis will be available Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the

Center. Food Stamp applications are available to be picked up and filled out. To save time, come in to see the AFS counselor.

A Social Security representative will be at the Center Friday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Many pamphlets and brochures are available to answer your questions.

Christmas is fast approaching. More food and nice items are needed to give for the holiday season. Now is the time to begin thinking about it. All help is deeply appreciated.

The Neighborhood Center is still in need of drivers for fire wood for seniors. Please contact the Center at 676-5873 if you have some time available to help our seniors keep warm this winter.

## Heppner man elected to O.F.I.C. board

Harry Kennison of Kinzua Corp. Heppner, was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Forest Industries Council division of Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). It was announced recently. Board members of AOI were elected during an annual con-

vention at Salishan Lodge September 16-18. Salem-based AOI is a state-wide organization of private employers and a recognized voice for business and industry since its founding, shortly before the turn of the century, the announcement concluded.



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