

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Last Friday afternoon I had to walk along Main Street to make sure that hunting season was really opening on Saturday, Oct. 2. Until this year I just watched through my South Court Street window as the big parade of recreational vehicles passed by. This year the banner and middle-of-the-street sign between First Interstate Bank and Les Schwab's are doing the job of pointing the hordes of hunters directly ahead toward the new Willow Creek Road.

Premier traveler Mary Goheen returned last Wednesday from her second grand tour of China. She saw many new, exciting things and was pleased to revisit some of the places she enjoyed last year. On Friday, Mary was packed and traveling again — off to attend a Soroptimist meeting at Grangeville, Idaho.

Among others traveling a bit closer to home last week were Carolyn Cole, Vern Batty, Linda Sheridan and Rhonda Quigley from Cole's House of Fashion and Posey Patch in Heppner. This foursome made a Sunday trip to Portland to the wholesalers' Christmas showing of flowers and related gift items. Vern told me that traditional Christmas dominant, but that there were wreaths made of rather different materials.

Everyone should be excited about the plans for another refugee family coming to this community. America has always been enriched by the blending of persons from different cultures. I've been very proud that most of the citizens of south Morrow County have welcomed the persons from far places who have started new lives here. It is most fitting and commendable that our church people have made arrangements for these recent refugees from political oppression.

This area was once a "New Ireland." City Father Henry Heppner was a Jew from Germany. Families from Sweden and other European countries successfully transplanted themselves nearby. Back in time, Heppner had a small cluster of Chinese persons. That group furnished houseboys, laborers and laundry services. Many recall Eddie Chinn, who operated a restaurant here, who is buried here, and who still has family members operating a cafe in Hermiston.

In more recent years, several fine families of the Lexington area brought babies from Korea with the help from Oregon's famous Holt Babylift. These babies were loved, went through our public schools and are now adults. They proved how well very young children from the distant Orient could be assimilated into Morrow county's culture.

Three years ago the Thongdy Family from Laos came here to rebuild their lives. They had been forced off the land they owned along the Mekong River into a large refugee camp in neighboring Thailand. They had never used electricity, had not even heard the English language, had always eaten rice three times each day and had never had any urban experiences.

Here Mr. Thongdy was given work almost immediately which he has performed faithfully. Both the father and mother are struggling to learn American ways and to understand and use language very different from the Chinese-based languages of most of Asia. Their four children, now ranging in age from a six-year-old first-grader to an 18-year-old high school junior, are trying hard to fit into this community. The younger children, especially the youngest who was less than four when they arrived, have found learning a new language much easier than have the parents and the older children.

Refugee families can bring almost nothing with them—except their own cultural background. They need much help during their resettlement. The families of All Saints' Episcopal Church and others have been very generous and helpful to the Thongdys. It is so pleasing to see that after just three years here they are buying a home and are raising food on their own land again.

Because their Laotian life was tremendously different from American life—they are grateful that they came to Heppner and fate did not have them being resettled in a city. I have visited a few of their friends from the refugee camp who now share a group home in Portland, and who are not progressing nearly as well.

They all use their native language almost entirely. The adults have not had the kind, helpful teaching that is offered to the Thongdys, and although the children are making progress in the Portland schools, outside school hours, their lives are much closer to their old lives, and they are hearing their native language almost entirely.

Soon, Heppner will welcome the Cerveny family from Czechoslovakia. How interesting and exciting, and how much easier resettling a family from Europe will be. The father is a graduate of a technical school and has worked as an electrician, the mother is a decorator. They know western cultural ways; they are eaters of bread and have cooked food similar to ours. Happily their children are now only four and six years old. These parents, both in their early thirties will have the great experience of learning along with their children as they progress through school here.

We all need to remember this family will arrive with only the very few things they can carry—without any household equipment or supplies. They will need a great deal of help in establishing a practical and satisfactory new home here. Maybe you have seen the listings of "Items needed for a Refugee Family" which are available in Heppner at Murray's Drug Store, S & J Market, Sears and at the Heppner Auto Parts and in Ione at the bank and at Bristows' Market. You should get one of these lists and decide what you can share. The Rev. John Maas, of Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches, is kindly sharing information about the family. Several capable committees from these churches are working on arrangements for their arrival.

Informative material about the family's background states that the parents names, Jeri and Jani, probably have the beginning sound close to that of our "Y" and not like our "J" sound. This makes me feel rather close to them already, as my German relatives still call me Yustina instead of the Anglicised Justine, even though they write the name as I do.

I hope you feel as proud as I do that our area is able to help rebuild the lives of these freedom-seeking families from Asia and Europe. Let's all make them as happy as possible here, so far away from their home folks whom they may never see again. Let's all be kindly, helpful new home folks to them all.

**Happy 40th
Cliff Green**

1983 Feed Grain Program announced

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently announced a 10 percent acreage reduction and a 10 percent paid land diversion for the 1983 feed grain program. Block also announced an additional \$60 million allocated to the fiscal 1983 farm storage facility loan program beyond the \$40 million originally allocated, reported the Morrow Co. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Block said current law requires for him to announce only a 10 percent acreage reduction and a five percent paid land diversion program for feed grains. But, with such large supplies, he said an additional five percent paid diversion would help bring supply more in balance with demand. "We must do everything possible to reduce carryover supplies and increase commodity prices," Block said.

Block also said the per bushel target prices for 1983-crop feed grains will be: corn, \$2.72; barley, \$2.60; and oats, \$1.60. Regular Commodity Credit Corporation price support loan rates, per bushel, will be: corn, \$2.65; sorghum, \$2.52; barley \$2.16; oats, \$1.36; and rye, \$2.25.

The sign-up for the 1983 feed grain program is October 1 through March 31, 1983. Producers may request 50 percent of their projected 1983 deficiency payments and 50 percent of their 1983 diversion payments when they sign up.

USDA estimates per-bushel deficiency payment rates will be: corn, 21 cents; sorghum, 20 cents; and barley, 15 cents. Advance deficiency payments to eligible farmers will be half these rates. Advance deficiency payments are not authorized for oats.

Land diversion payments have been established at \$1.50 per bushel for corn and sorghum, \$1 for barley and 75 cents for oats. The land diversion payment is based on the per bushel payment rate times the farm yield times the acres diverted.

Farmers who request advance diversion payments at the time they sign up for the 1983 program will receive a payment equal to half the established payment rates. A producer who accepts an advance payment, but who later does not comply with program provisions, must refund the amount of the advance payment with interest. charged will be the rate in effect for community loans on the date of the advance payment plus five percentage points.

To be eligible for these benefits as well as for price support loans, a producer must agree to limit corn, sorghum, oats and barley acreage planted for harvest to not more than 80 percent of the

farm's feed grain base.

As under the 1982 program, two bases will be established: one for corn and sorghum, the other for barley and oats.

Producers also must devote to conservation uses an acreage equal to both the acreage reduction and land diversion requirements.

Land designated for conservation use must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in two of the last three years except for a summer fallow farm, for which the cropping requirement is for only one of the previous two years. Mechanical harvesting is not authorized and grazing will not be permitted during the six principal growing months on the acreage taken from production. Block said.

The 1983 feed grain base will remain the same as the 1982 feed grain bases with adjustment for crop rotation. Neither cross compliance nor offsetting compliance will ap-

ply to the 1983 feed grain program.

Block said USDA is delaying decisions on the 1983 feed grain reserve program until the domestic and world supply and demand situation is studied.

The additional \$60 million for the farm storage facility loan program is necessary because record corn, wheat and soybean crops have created widespread tightness in storage availability, he concluded.

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