

Around About By Justine Weatherford

The first full week of the new year certainly brought a most pleasant January thaw to our part of the world with temperatures close to 50 degrees. The media constantly repeated stories of horrible floods and of road advisories elsewhere, but we could almost feel some of our trees and shrubs thinking of budding.

On Friday last I had to go to Pendleton to redeem my repaired typewriter that somehow collapsed from the pressures of Christmas correspondence or something. Two friends traveled with me over the Pilot Rock highway and back. As we went eastward we were slowed a bit by the movement of cattle. Later, coming home, we met another small herd and a good-sized herd of cattle moving along the highway. I recall that the first time I experienced driving a car into the center of a mass of moving beef, I was a bit anxious and thought maybe the animals or the car might suffer. Now I feel like an old hand and just work my way along and trust the ranchers and the animals and my car and enjoy the experience. I admit one gets slowed down considerably for a little while—but then living in the Old West is a special experience and should not be rushed through.

We reached Pendleton before noon and agreed to go to the Pendleton Senior Center for lunch. We were very pleased with our visit and good meal in the converted old Seventh-day Adventist School. The Pendleton seniors were most cordial and seemed pleased that we chose to visit. Each of us was introduced. Several Pendletonians apologized because we had come on a day when they had no noon program—no music. They urged us to come again.

In several past columns I have written paragraphs about the Rajneesh development over Antelope way. If you are interested in reading a complete and interesting story about the big ranch, do get a copy of the Northwest Section of last Sunday's "Oregonian." It presents a very good look at the Rajneesh in the words of Portland free lance writers Larry Colton and Kirk Braun and a good group of pictures made by the section's photographer, Randy Rasmussen. The coverage points out that the ranch has become one of Oregon's top tourist attractions. It has certainly had plenty of publicity.

Some folks seem to have lots of luck winning doorprizes and raffles. Twice this winter I watched Avon Melby have her name called as a lucky winner. The Washington State Lottery, however, has proved to its first million dollar winner, Jana Page, a 30-year-old Walla Walla nurse, that it is not all sheer, good fun. She finds taxes and the matter of wisely investing the \$50,000 annual payments, adjustments she never had prepared to handle and rather frustrating. Now when I don't win prizes, I must just remember her experience and know that I am not winning any possible frustrations, also.

Last October, former Oregon Governor Tom McCall announced "This activist loves Oregon more than he loves life, and I know I can't have both very long." Those of us who have watched a dear one suffer and struggle with terminal cancer, appreciate what he went through as the end he expected neared.

Because I am close in age, because I have been an Oregonian since infancy, because I have many of the same political persuasions and because I followed Tom McCall's career on radio, on TV and in the statehouse, I shall miss him very much.

To those of us who read his mother, Dorothy Lawson McCall's books, "The Copper King's Daughter" and "The Ranch on the Rimrock," Tom McCall became almost like one of our own family members. We became close to his parent's families and to their own children. Both the writing mother and this son were strong, genuine, original human beings.

Governor McCall stated he rode into the governor's office on a typewriter. I heard him tell how he put out a family newspaper in his childhood on the family ranch near Prineville. He loved to use the English language and was called by reporters "the most quotable public official." During his last several months, television documentaries, radio specials and many interviews about him were being put together.

As a Republican governor from 1967 through 1974, he responded to many problems which faced this state during those eight years. As a TV commentator he kept on speaking out about things political and environmental. His statement telling folks to come visit regon "but for Heaven's sake don't stay" was very widely circulated. I think he did not want this state, which he called "demure and lovely," to become too populated; he did not want it to ever become like California's south.

Oregon has lost two very remarkable, very outstanding men, in these first weeks of 1983. Perhaps many of you readers watched the tremendous Mass for Portland's Archbishop Howard on television, as I did. The world's oldest Catholic prelate was so impressively memorialized. Beautiful tributes were read from admirers of various age groups and various positions, including the Pope, all of whom loved him very much.

Governor Atiyeh ordered all state flags to fly at half-staff from the time of McCall's death on Saturday morning, until after the Wednesday evening funeral services for him were completed. Many Oregonians considered this period a time of personal mourning. We shall long remember our tallest governor. You have probably heard that a tree and a man are both measured most accurately when they are down. Tom McCall measured extra large when he kept fighting and working even after cancer was cutting him down.

BMCC and local schools awarded career awareness grant

A one-year grant of \$7,984 has been awarded to Blue Mountain Community College and Morrow and Umatilla counties' high schools to implement a career awareness program for high school sophomores, said a BMCC spokesperson.

The grant was made available by the Northwest Area Foundation of Saint Paul, Minnesota under its "Cooperatives for Quality Education Program." The BMCC grant was one of 14 awarded from among 61 applicants throughout the United States.

All 14 high schools in Morrow and Umatilla counties have expressed interest in participating in the sophomore program which involves three phases, according to Dorwin Lovell, BMCC counselor and one of the authors of the grant application.

Under the career awareness program to be funded by the

grant, the approximately 975 sophomores in the college's two-county district will first be tested on their interests, abilities and attitudes. These test results are then evaluated in terms of career potential in the interpretive phase of the program.

The third phase of the program is for the sophomores to visit the BMCC campus in groups and meet with vocational and college transfer course instructors. During the visit, the students find out about the courses they need to take while in high school to prepare for the career they have chosen.

The area high schools will begin the testing phase in February and March of this year. Visits to the college will be scheduled for this spring and the fall of next year. High schools that will be participating in the program include: Heppner, Ione, River-

side McLoughlin Umatilla, Ukiah Echo Helix, Hermiston Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Stanfield Umapine and Weston McEwen.

"This program is not just a recruiting tool for the college," according to Lovell. "It's designed to help students get an overall picture of what their career potential might be." Lovell noted that "preparedness" is a key word in the program whereby the students are going to be provided with an opportunity to have a better background for educational choices now that will affect their careers later.

"We were pleased that every school in the college's district expressed a desire to participate in the program," he added. Three counselors who worked in the original pilot project last year will be working with schools in their area to help with test administration and interpretation.

They include: Michele Portmann of Heppner, Jan Bense, Pilot Rock, and Mike Wetherell of Riverside.

On the college side, Pat Loughary, dean of students is also working with the program and organizing the college visits.

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awards, the board of directors of the Northwest Area Foundation noted their commitment "to encourage cooperation between elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities for the purposes of improving the general quality of education," the spokesperson said.

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