

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Most of us were so delighted with the unseasonably, balmy, springlike weather of last week; however, we wonder if we may now have to grit our teeth and expect some usual, cold, winterlike days for awhile now.

You who were in Heppner on Wednesday, Jan. 12, may have been startled to see the American flags flying in the brackets around the business sector. The information I have been given is that the Heppner American Legion Post decided to make the effort of putting them out in honor of Oregon's former governor Tom McCall. The Legionnaires were not told to do this—they just wanted to do it. Wasn't that nice?

Last Tuesday, Sheridan Tarnasky, R.N., the administrator and staff Supervisor of Tri-County Home Health Agency, which covers Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties, gave an excellent talk about this most helpful medicare-certified "institution without walls" to the Chamber of Commerce.

Sheridan, who is a third-generation country girl, seems very capable and was very professional in her presentation of the who, what and how facts about the home health care. She gave out folders that spell out the details about the agency and list the nine staff members who work with her throughout the three counties.

Some Morrow folks are delighted to learn that Dr. Richard Carpenter, his wife Kristine (Smith) and their two children are now in Hermiston where he has opened an office for the practice of orthopedic medicine and has joined the staff of Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital. The Carpenters left Heppner about five years ago, and he has spent four years at Loma Linda University in California taking specialty training in orthopedic fracture surgery.

Last Thursday I really enjoyed the evening at Heppner High School viewing the three plays presented by the drama class. The again, too-poor attendance distressed me. I understand that dramatic productions are not as exciting to most of this community, or to most other communities, as action-filled athletic contests. When my sons participated in school athletics, I attended games—and when I taught, I supported school teams with my presence. Now I get a bigger lift out of watching young people growing in their understanding of drama, in their skills in acting, producing and managing school productions.

One small criticism I overheard from a family group sitting very close to me was that last week's program was too long, that the three plays ran too late for younger children. So the careful parents left with their children after the first two plays, which ended about 9 p.m. The complete program wasn't finished until close to 10:30 p.m. If drama performances could be scheduled on other than weeknights, when children must appear prompt and alert in their classes the next day, then the late hour would be more acceptable.

Perhaps you have been hearing or reading about the annual Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Banquets being held in nearby cities. Last week this newspaper contained a form which asked you to indicate your own choice for a woman and a man whom you think would be most worthy of being named the first citizens of Morrow County for 1982. The persons you should name are to be persons whose freewill, voluntary service to their fellow citizens, made a significant difference in community life. These persons could be working at a paying job—but would be honored not because of their employment, but for the unpaid hours they have given. The final decision about the choice of the two first citizens will rest with the Honors and Awards Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. So far few names have been submitted by the public.

The committee working on preparations for the First Citizen Banquet is pleased to announce that Ron Daniels, the president of Blue Mountain Community College, who is very well known throughout this county, will be the evening's speaker. There will be special musical entertainment, and many very nice doorprizes, donated by area merchants, will be given out that night. So plan ahead to take yourself and your sweetheart to that big Valentine's night event, which is less than one month away.

There is something important we must all do before Valentine's Day. You have been reminded several times lately that your checks for the Morrow County history book should be sent to county historical society officers right away. The deadline for getting in your money and your articles about your family is soon.

I hope most of you have seen the copies of the Gilliam County history book. It holds many very interesting family stories and pictures. Stories of the schools, churches, lodges and businesses are included, too. People who worked with that project have told me that many families kept putting off their writing and the sending in of their book-order checks.

Then after the books were published and folks saw how nice and how interesting they are—many families said to the committee "Why didn't you make us get our stories and orders in?" Many families were really sorry that they had missed being included in that book. Let's not have this happen here. Let's all get busy right away and mail our money and our family stories to either Jean Nelson or Ruth McCabe by February 1.

Ione Garden Club hears report on roses

Delpha Jones of Lexington told the Ione Garden Club about the "Origin and Culture of Roses" at a monthly meeting which was held at the home of Joyce Buchanan on January 12. Members answered to roll call by naming their favorite type of rose. Many beautiful pictures of roses were seen, said a spokesperson.

Mrs. Jones told the group that early roses were of a bush variety with a single bloom and were found in Europe. In the 1700s, she said, single blossom roses were found in China. Hybridization by nature and man has improved the strains and now there are many varieties, including tea roses, floribundas, grandiflora, polyanthus, miniatures and climbers.

She also told the club members "to study their roses' personality" to learn where roses should be planted to get

the most for the time and effort involved. She also cautioned them on the use of fertilizers, as it is easy to "burn" roses during hot weather. Be sure to follow directions on the container carefully, she said.

During the business meeting, plans were discussed for the plant sale, the District No. 10 spring meeting, to be hosted by the Ione club, and writing the history of the club for the

Morrow County History Book. On the second Wednesday in February, the club will honor those who had received Yard of the Month awards last year.

Since the weather was bad, the observance of the Twelfth Night burning of the greens was held at the grade school. Also, at this time, awards were presented to children who had won the Conservation Poster Contest, the spokesperson said.

Gooseberry Livestock

4-H Club meets

By NANCE WRIGHT

The Gooseberry Livestock 4-H club held a meeting at the 4-H Extension office on January 10 at 7 p.m.

The president appointed a committee of three members

to purchase a rack, pitchfork, and wheelbarrow for club use for cleanup at the fair.

The club chose club colors of silver and blue. Members also watched slides on swine, beef and sheep, and then judged them.

BMCC announces honor students

Thirty-one Blue Mountain Community College students, two from Heppner, received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during fall term which reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student.

A total of 302 students have earned a place either on the BMCC honor roll or dean's list based on their high grades. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are placed on the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list.

To earn a spot in either list, a student must be carrying a full-time load of classes which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored nor does a pass grade count in the 12 graded hours necessary to be included on either list.

In addition to the straight A students, another 119, eight

from local areas, are listed on the fall term honor roll. Students on the dean's list numbered 157. Of that number, five of the students were from local areas.

The following local students were named to the honor roll: Nancy Brownfield - 4.0, Patricia Campbell - 4.0, Lorri Day, Gordon Munck, Lorrie Smith, Ruth Sweeney and Herman Winter, all of Heppner; Ralph Morter of Ione; and Todd Harrison and Susan Wright, both of Lexington.

These local students' names were placed on the dean's list: Tony Currin, Barbara Devine, Nancy Miller and D. JoJean Stevens, all of Heppner; and John Smith of Lexington.

Correction

KUMA radio station, AM 1290, FM 107, is located in Pendleton, not in Hermiston as reported in last week's issue.

The Gazette-Times regrets the error.

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