

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

Although summer doesn't begin for three weeks, Oregon has been having an early taste of warm summer weather. Some folks felt it would be too hot at the fairgrounds last Sunday to enjoy the annual reunion-picnic. However, the more than 350 who attended, in ages ranging from four weeks to several persons over 90 years, were in the main comfortable and pleased with the recently improved air conditioning. The hosting Albert Wright Family demonstrated again how well a large clan can manage to work together efficiently to present a community program which drew many persons to Heppner from many places.

Really the principal joy of these annual reunions is the visiting which takes place. Among those I enjoyed chatting with briefly were Harriet (Hager) and Clayton Shaw, from Corvallis; Ray and Nell McDuffee, from Seal Rock, three-fifth of the Melvin Harnett Family from Walla Walla, Wash. and Mabel Denny from Portland, who brought along some lovely flowers from her yard. It was so good to see Olive Hughes and several members of her family, too. Many former residents returned, such as, Gerald and Violet Swaggart and Gene and Fay Ferguson.

Judge McElligott's remarks about changes which have taken place were interesting. He pointed out that quite a few families, like the Wrights, have now lived in Morrow County into their fifth and sixth generations. He spoke with pride about the growing number of Century Farms, which have been operated continuously by members of one family for at least 100 years.

Many changes are distressing, but many changes are perhaps for the best. Often it takes time to accept and to feel at ease with change. Last week we read how sad co-workers and others feel about John, Debbie and Carla Nordheim leaving the county. I've just learned that my neighbors, Bill and Margie Myers expect to leave soon, also. We hear that the Rev. Doug and nurse Karen Thomas are going as missionaries to Mexico City. The Rev. Mike and Linda Sheridan are soon going to relocate in Ontario.

All these fine persons have made worthwhile contributions to this county — as have others who will be going elsewhere as the school year ends. Although it hurts to have them leave — we must look forward to getting to know their replacements who will bring different ideals and different feelings here. Having this on-going recirculation of persons is one way our still rather isolated community can keep up with the rapidly changing outside world.

Last week, Morrow County lost a very special man — former Sheriff Clarence J.D. Bauman. His service to the area and his leadership in many aspects of community life will be long remembered. Dr. L.D. Tibbles stood at the Tuesday Chamber of Commerce luncheon to say that Mr. Bauman had died that morning, and that he was the last charter member of the Commercial Club which became the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce. It was good to hear C.J.D. praised by the speaker at the Heppner High baccalaureate on Wednesday last and then again at the picnic which was dedicated to his memory. The Masonic service which paid last respects to Clarence was outstanding. There the devotion and care which his wife Hazel gave to him through his long illness was spoken of during the impressive final rites.

Are you reading the many print media articles about the computer era which is upon us? Some of us feel eager to go back to school and to start to learn again through and about these new systems which are said to be revolutionizing education and all forms of business and are very soon to reshape homelife. Today's school children, from kindergarten on, are learning to read and think in new ways. They are being called "the first microcomputer generation."

We older ones have lots of catching up to do. Yet it seems like those persons who have moved from horse-drawn transportation and farming into the machine age, who have lived much of their lives before radio and television became central parts of homelife, will somehow manage to adjust. Do you wonder, as I do, if our youngsters will still be able to think without using calculators and computers? Surely the schools will still stress reading, writing and arithmetic.

This brings me to complimenting Heppner High School on its "83 Collage," a very attractive and interesting magazine of 58 pages containing student writing and drawings and photographs. The magazine's index page shows that more than 50 students have contributed work to it — and I am sure that they had guidance and assistance from quite a few teachers. I have not yet had the time to read every page, but I have looked over all the work and enjoyed some of the shorter selections, along with the art work and photography.

It is thrilling to see this level of production turned out by young persons — and I venture to state that not too much of the work was done with computer assistance. It appears to be original, creative effort. I do not want to be tagged as being "anti-computers" but I am very "pro-creativity." It is so good to see original work being carefully produced by persons of any age — and then to have it shared with their community members.

Thursday night, U.S. Senator Robert Packwood will be the speaker at the Heppner High School Commencement. This is going to be a big night for the graduates, for their families and for the entire community. It is not too often that Heppner has personal visits from members of the U.S. Congress.

## Oregon Wheat Foundation to sponsor management seminars

Farmers and other business persons will be joining with professional advisers such as attorneys, accountants, life underwriters and trust officers throughout Oregon on June 8, 9 and 10 to learn about tax management and business organization, announced Wesley Grille of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Seminars on business organization will be held on June 8 at the Rodeway Inn in Salem and on June 9 at the Indian Hills Motor Inn in Pendleton. Both seminars will start at 9 a.m. The seminars will both be identical in content and persons can attend the one closest to them.

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These two subjects, tax management and business organization, have been of concern to all business persons interested in decreasing the costs of their management, said Grille.

The business organization seminars will cover the advantages and disadvantages of owning a business as a sole proprietor, with a partnership, or a corporation.

One other seminar on a different subject — estate and tax planning — will be held for professionals on a technical level on June 10 at the Marriott Hotel in Portland.

The estate and tax planning seminar is designed to give

relatives and friends and became acquainted with a new great-grandchild.

professional advisers the very latest information on statutory law, case law, and the latest regulatory rulings. A 347 page book, updated to May 14, 1983, will be presented with the seminar.

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The seminars are sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Foundation. Further information can be obtained by contacting the foundation offices in Pendleton.

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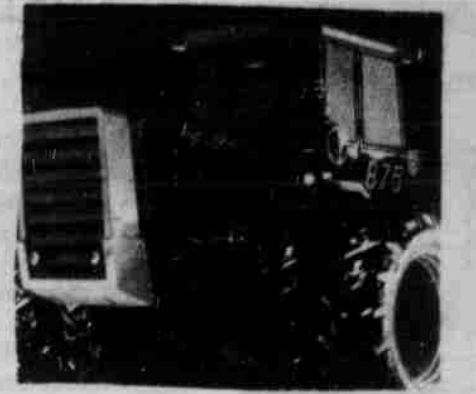
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