

Around About By Justine Weatherford

The great Ione Auction and barbecue probably drew a crowd equal to, possibly surpassing the previous Sunday's memorial picnic-reunion. Ione's High School had its graduation that night after the auction was cleared away. One of the most exciting aspects of the auction was the lovely food-sale area of the Country Store upstairs in the Willows Grange Hall. Before the sale-beginning bell rang the shelves were well loaded with wonderfully attractive foodstuffs—then within a very few minutes after the selling began how quickly that wonderful, homemade food was cleared from the shelves.

Other high spots of last week were the county extension arranged spring bus trip and Heppner High School's graduation. Now the pace here should slow down as the school year has ended, and some of us who have done many things other than giving our gardens and yards sufficient attention may be able to get to that activity, somewhat belatedly.

Although the County Fair and Rodeo events bring Morrow's people together each August—maybe late May and early June are bigger times for visiting with the Memorial weekend reunion and the school graduations and that first Saturday in June auction. It was so pleasing to have Katherine (Scharf) and Erling Thompson, former residents of the Ione area, stop at my home to visit last Friday while they were here from McMinnville renewing friendships and looking around.

I learned from Katherine that Erling's parents, the Nicolai Thompsens, came from Norway to the Gooseberry area where they learned our language and learned to be farmers. Erling's younger brothers are all well—Dr. Ralph in Medford; Ted in Green Valley, Arizona; Norris in Sacramento, Calif., and James in Portland. They all feel nostalgic about the Ione area where they grew up, where the older three attended Ella School and the two youngest went to school out Gooseberry way. Katherine came from Salem to teach at Ella in 1938. The Erling Thompsens continue to read this paper each week. Their children are: Eldon, born at Heppner and now living in San Diego, Calif.; Carl, born in the valley and now living in McMinnville; Elinor Smith, also born in the valley and now living in Bellevue, Wash.

Last Wednesday, 37 tourists (including three gentlemen), who traveled to the Yakima Nation Cultural Center situated on U.S. Hwy. 97 at Toppenish, Wash., surely had an interesting, educational experience. The Yakima Reservation, one and one-half times the size of the state of Rhode Island, stretches westward to the sacred mountains of the Yakimas, Mt. Adams, on the crest of the Cascade Range. The reservation includes much of the world famous Yakima Valley where orchards make it the fruit bowl of the U.S.; where more hops are grown than anywhere else in the world; and where hunters find the finest game bird country in the northwest. Many Morrow folks have gone annually to the Mt. Adam's area to pick huckleberries.

The Yakima Center is a dramatic cluster of buildings grouped around a very tall replica of a winter lodge of the Yakimas, one of the most recent architectural concepts of Pietro Belluschi, a very important living American architect. If you haven't yet visited this place with its extraordinary museum, lovely Heritage Inn Restaurant, and beautiful library and shops—do try to go there.

After a good look about the center and a super luncheon, the Morrow tourists chose to make a sidetrip westward to the ending of state Highway 220. They drove through the town of Yakima; the town of White Swan, where an All-Indian Rodeo is held each June and where a big Pow-Wow comes each July; and westward to Ford Simcoe State Park and to the Ft. Simcoe C.C.C. Camp. The Historic Ft. Simcoe was established as a regular Army Post in 1856 and was later used as the Yakima Indian Agency Headquarters. We were disappointed that the buildings were not open that day, but we really enjoyed walking around the grounds, under the magnificent oak trees, viewing the old barracks and little jail and pressing our noses against the windows of the headquarters buildings to see their interiors.

Homeward bound we stopped at the Columbia Center which is rather difficult to find from the new Yakima freeway eastern side. The excursion kept the tourists busy from 7 a.m. until about 8 p.m. There was some talk on the bus about making a group tour to visit the fine Ste. Michelle Winery, "River Ridge," near Patterson, Wash. some time in the future. That institution is only about two hours travel time from Heppner.

The Commencement at Heppner was a fine event, everyone who participated performed so excellently. It was interesting to note that this year's top honors, the valedictorian and salutatorian went to young men, but the four class officers were young women. Graduations are often bitter-sweet occasions. The program was sweet—it was bitter to now that Michele Portmann, John Sporseen and Irvin Rauch along with others are leaving the school scene in this county.

Senator Packwood seemed friendly, relaxed and said "I enjoy being here among friends." His address was worthwhile—stressing the qualities necessary for leadership. He admitted that speakers Wes Marlatt and Greg Connor had expressed some of the thoughts he held. Long time school district board member, Irv Rauch, our new county commissioner, made a very nice farewell talk. Those persons who have been chosen through the years to serve on the County School Board and who give so many evenings of their lives to carefully guiding the school system, really are most deserving of our honor and grateful thanks.

Last week I borrowed the six "Daily Oregonians" from an affluent neighbor so that I could try to learn from the paper's series of articles on the Computer Age. I learned that I have much to learn about this revolutionary development—that I am not too sure if everything about it is good. A friend told me that Evangelist Billy Graham is also very interested in this great change coming into everyone's life. Computers and robots are supposed to already be significant parts of today's world.

In his address at Ithaca College in New York recently, author Isaac Asimov stated, "It is conceivable that someday we will build a robot that will learn, that will show some of the things that are typically human such as insight, intuition, creativity, inspiration. But even if we do, it would be so troublesome, so difficult, we would have to put so much into it, that it wouldn't be cost effective. It wouldn't be worth our while. Human beings can do it so easily." (Taken from "Parting Words for the Class of '83," p. 75, U.S. News & World Report, June 6, 1983.)



Bamboo can grow by as much as three feet a day.

Pendleton & Heppner golfers compete

Forty golfers from Pendleton and Willow Creek Country clubs enjoyed a great day of competition last Sunday at the Heppner course, said a W.C.C.C. spokesperson.

Low score for the day was posted by Treve Gray from Pendleton who scored a fine round of 58, two under par. Other winners from Pendleton were: low gross: first - Ron Gray, 63; second - Vern Howland, 67; third - Jim Stauton, 73. Low net: first - Bill Scharn, second - Pete Clark and Dutch Cargill. Special event winners were: K.P. second shot on no. 1 - Vern Howland, and long drive - Treve Gray.

Willow Creek winners were: low gross: first - John Boyer and John Edmundson, 68; second - Ed Struthers, 69; third - Ed Hiemstra, 71. Low net: first - Elmer Palmer; second - Bob Jepsen; third - Dale Holland. Special events:

K.P., second shot - Dale Holland; K.P. on no. 3 - Dorian Farris; and long drive - Dave Hanna and John McCabe.

After lunch, which was served by the Willow Creek women under the leadership of Bev Gunderson, 13 men played a sole survivor competition. Winners were: first - Ron Gray, second - Treve Gray, third - Barry Munkers.

The next interclub competition will be on Sunday, June 19. The Willow Creek men and women will travel to Condon. All who plan to participate should sign up in the club house, the spokesperson re-

Annual Kinzua reunion planned

The fifth annual Kinzua Reunion will be held at Fossil at the Isabel Edwards Hall on Saturday, June 18. Registration will begin at 12 noon and a

polluck dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m.

A white elephant auction will follow the dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Other coming events at W.C.C.C. are as follows: —Sunday, June 12, a family barbecue at 4 p.m. Club members with last names beginning with letters A through L are asked to bring salads, and those with last names beginning with letters M through Z should bring desserts.

—Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, the Heppner Open Men's Golf Tournament will be held. Registration forms are in the clubhouse and are also available from Ron Bowman at Heppner Auto Parts.

Labo host families to meet Sunday

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Liz Curtis, Labo coordinator, announces that "all plans are go" for the arrival of 10 Japanese exchange students this summer.

Local couple has weekend visitors

Vickie and Charlie Lewis and their son, Max, of Portland, were Memorial weekend visitors at the David Sykes home in Heppner.

While here they attended the baptism of Camille Sykes at All Saints' Episcopal Church, and celebrated Charlie Lewis' birthday.

Host families will meet Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m., at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner to learn about their summer guests and Japanese culture. The exchanges are due to arrive in Morrow County on July 25 and will remain with

their host families until August 21.

Host families are: Jim Ammons, Dwight Bailey, Al Brazell, Kay Chinen, Harry Geer, John Leber, Dean Robinson, Bryan Timms, Kenny Wright and Ted Gilliland.

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