

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

As you all know, summer officially arrived on Tuesday, June 21. Last weekend the very late spring weather showed lots of variety—cool winds, rain, thunder and some sunshine, too. I guess the cool temperature and the moisture were a great deal more helpful to the wheat crop than very warm days would have been.

Last Sunday I could hear crowd noises coming from Heppner's swim pool where I believe a good crowd of swimmers and watchers had gathered for a meet. I felt so cold all day Sunday and kept thinking of the chill the swimmers must have felt getting in and out of the water. Maybe they all swam faster and set speed records during their cool competition.

Seems like athletic competition is really booming now, and I don't refer to just the professional sports, such as golf, tennis and baseball. I'm thinking of the youths from our county who have gone to the National Collegiate Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont., where they will compete all week, with the finals coming this Saturday. Also, quite a group of county high school rodeo competitors will be in Redmond this weekend for the Oregon State High School Rodeo Championships. Such excitement!

Last month I wrote about the Morrow Co. Extension bus trip to the Yakima Indian Center at Toppenish, Wash. Several folks pointed out that the paper said we "drove through Yakima," but we didn't go there at all; instead, we agreed to go west from Toppenish through White Swan, a reservation town, to historic Fort Simcoe.

My stepdaughter's latest letter, which I received last week, tells about the interesting day, Sunday, June 12, which the Weavers spent at White Swan at the Annual Indian Pow Wow. Karla wrote "We watched their Grand Entry Ceremony for about one and one-half hours. I've never seen so many beautiful costumes! There were probably 150 to 200 Indians dancing in a spiraling line. From what we learned, the dancers have many strict criteria to meet and the groups of drummers are judged with equal strictness. It was indeed quite awesome. We decided we were glad they were friendly, as it's easy to see how those drums could whip people into a frenzy."

A friendly Soroptimist invited me to be her guest at the lovely installation banquet the Heppner members of this executive women's international organization held last Friday evening at the Elks Lodge. The Heppner club was proud to induct three new members: LoRayne Bowman, Barbara Hayes and Chris Limanen. It was also announced that seven members had qualified for perfect attendance honors. The outgoing president, Jackie Allstott, presided at her last official Heppner club function, and a fine slate of 1983-84 officers was installed in a very effective ceremony by Sally Shumway from Baker. It was so pleasing to watch the ladies and their husbands enjoying the nice dinner and interesting program.

The Heppner Christian Church welcomed former pastor, the Rev. Martin B. Clark, and his wife, Evelyn, as honored guests last Sunday. The Clarks enjoyed greeting old friends here whom they knew during the early 1940s. They are now teaching missionaries at Osaka Bible Seminary in Japan.

Last week it seemed like the Heppner area was featured in state newspapers and on TV quite constantly. In fact, I just can't remember when our area has had more coverage than it has recently—with last month's big fire, then the lone bank robbery and now the two chemical accidents. Friends assure me that three troublesome events are all we will suffer, and that our next big news will be good news. We sure hope they are right.

Losing the fish in Willow Creek was poorly timed—coming as it did so close to the end of the school year. Each late spring I enjoy seeing youngsters walking past my home with their fishing poles and then returning a few hours later proudly carrying a few trout. When I visited with Heppner's current best yard winners (See related story), Elwyn and Maude Hughes, who spend many happy hours fishing, they said they were sorry about the fish kill in the creek, but they are strictly lake fishermen. They have such a cute fishing-boat statue in their nice yard. That boy looks very happy fishing in the mirror pond the Hughes placed him beside.

Although the loss of the fish surely saddens some kids, I've been hearing about two very lucky Heppner Elementary School girls who will soon depart for an exciting time in New York City and on Long Island. Cousins Angie and Jenny Currin will leave June 23 for an almost two-week vacation with Angie's aunt Ann Marie Currin from Portland. The threesome will fly to New York City where they will look around as the guests of Ann Marie's sister, Celia Currin Katz, and her husband, Harvey. The Katz's have a town apartment near the city's center development home out at East Hampton on the far end of Long Island. The travelers will also have a good look around Washington, D.C. The two 11-year-old girls will learn lots about how other folks live on the opposite side of the U.S.

Maybe the coming good news, which we want to expect, will be related to the work that various oil companies are starting soon on county property, beginning near the mountains and working toward the river. I hear they will be moving crews in to start careful exploration and testing on the properties they have already leased rights on in the county. Do we really want oil wells? The location of oil here could bring very great changes to our area.

It is hard to decide how changes will affect our lives. I still have mixed feelings about the booming use of computers. Recently I read that there is a new crime wave built on the stealing of facts from computers. These mechanical wonders store great masses of information which skillful but unscrupulous manipulators can use unscrupulously. They have already stolen military information and topnotch financial secrets which led to a bank loss of about two million dollars.

We will be waiting and listening for good news and good publicity about South Morrow Co.

## Scholarship winners, Fair & Rodeo Court attend luncheon



The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court and winners of Soroptimist scholarships, along with their parents, were honored guests at a Soroptimist luncheon last Thursday at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Queen Lottie Laughlin (standing) tells the group about the court's summer activities as her princesses, Dawn Timms (center) and Sylvia Ladd look on.

The scholarship winners, seated at the end of the table, are Sherry Clement (left) and Anne Murray. Both winners told the group about their future education plans.

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