

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

As I drove over the Snoqualmie Pass last Thursday, I had to have the windshield wipers going at top speed just to see the roadway. What a shower hit that area between Cle Elum and the north Pacific shore. I kept wondering if Heppner was sharing some of the rain—knowing that those completing harvest or beginning harvesting or maybe right in the middle would really hate the downpour.

Now many here are hoping that the rain, which will strike again one of these days, isn't waiting to dampen the County Fair or the big Saturday parade and rodeo performances.

My fourth 1983 visit to Yakima, Wash. as I returned my grandsons Adam and Thomas to their moms last week, exposed me to a new feature of that amazing agricultural valley. I went with daughter Karla out to a large "You dig, you pick" garden along the river where folks were busily digging carrots and beets and picking tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. The farmer offered several varieties of melons his workers had picked. When we arrived he had already sold all of that day's picking of corn. Many people from apartments and city homes are finding that they can have very fresh produce at reasonable prices along with an earthy experience at this farm.

The Yakima Valley has such a mixture of peoples working on its fertile acres. The native American Indian population is very significant. Whites own much of the fertile acreage which has in recent years, gone from hops to grapes. There are large clusters of Mexican families there and groups of Black Americans and a growing number of Asians who have come to help with work in the fields, orchards and vineyards.

Last Saturday night when I went to close the laundromat, I chanced to visit with Ron Christopherson who has come back to Morrow County after being away 11 years. He and his wife Bonnie (Miller) and their sons, Keith, 10, and Cody, 14 months, are now living on Cowins St. Ron is working with Earl Struckmeier. Ron was graduated from Ione High School and Bonnie from Heppner. While they were away from here, they lived in Texas, Idaho, Alaska, Wyoming, Texas a second time and Colorado, Ron said.

Bonnie's parents have returned to Morrow Co. also. Mr. Miller and Ron had some experience working in oil fields during the years. Ron told me that oil companies have recently started several producing wells in the Yakima area. We remarked that if oil is found in this county, our area could change considerably.

After an afternoon and night in Yakima, I drove alone to Port Orchard, Wash. where I had a pleasant two-night stay with my older son, Ross, and his wife, Alice. They took me out sight seeing much of Friday. Our principal stop was at Port Gamble on a point extending out into Hood Canal. This is America's oldest continuously operating forest products community. The whole town is a National Historic Site. Its beautifully maintained Victorian homes are still being occupied by Pope and Talbot Lumber Company workers. One of these, the Thompson House, built in 1859, is the oldest continuously occupied house in the state of Washington.

We three spent much of the afternoon visiting the Sea and Shore Museum and the Pope and Talbot Historic Museum. The smaller museum displays a fabulous collection of shells from the seas of the world, but mainly from the north Pacific. The lumber museum contains a great look into the development of the Pope and Talbot company and the community it owns. Admission to the Sea and Shore Museum is free. It is upstairs in the town's General Store. There is a \$2 fee to go through the historic museum which is housed under the store building.

After leaving Port Gamble we drove along Olympic View Drive and had a perfect view of the majestic Olympic Range in the lovely afternoon sunshine. Returning to Port Orchard, we came through Bremerton, Wash. just as the day-shift workers were leaving the huge shipyard—what a traffic jam.

That night, after a fine fish dinner, we attended the amusing play "Miss Reardon Drinks a Little" in the Bay Street Playhouse where the Performing Arts Guild of South Kitsap again is presenting an excellent production on the four Friday and Saturday nights of August. The Port Orchard and Bremerton papers gave this play high praise, and its audiences are being delighted by it.

Although the community theater group's work isn't at all comparable to the Ashland Shakespearean offerings, it was the only live theater I've seen since a B.M.C.C. play last spring. By now I've heard from Jane Rawlins and Marty Baker that the Heppner High tour to Ashland last week was again a very pleasing experience.

Saturday I made a lonesome, warm drive home down highways I-5, 205, and then east on I-84. Coming southward on I-5, I got several looks at Mt. St. Helens' cratered top with a high white plume of something—vapor?—ash?—rising from from it. As I made my first crossing of the new I-205 bridge east of Vancouver, Wash., I got a tremendous, full-length view of Oregon's own Mt. Hood from the center of the span.

Although there were thousands of vehicles traveling last weekend, I only happened upon one accident—on the bridge where the Deschutes River enters the Columbia. It was a one-car accident. The new car was crushed up on the bridge guardrail and a woman driver was stretched out on a mat beside it being given attention by several persons. We passing drivers were waved ahead.

A few minutes after I entered my Heppner kitchen, Mary Goheen phoned to tell me she had seen so many fascinating sights on her recent travels that she is already contemplating returning to see more of the wonders of Greece.

On Sunday after church I joined the substantial group of workers at the County Fairgrounds where preparations are underway for next week's fair. The congregation from St. Patrick's Church had a picnic dinner on the grounds about the same time that the fairboard and workers were enjoying their potluck.

My home seems quiet this week without any grandchildren. Now I shall finish the little remaining gift of Morrow County honey alone, a lovely comb which Tom Rawlins' bees produced. It is such a light-colored, mild-flavored honey... great on toast. In ancient times, having honey was considered a mark of great wealth. One of the strange facts I read about honey is that the early Egyptians are believed to have used it in embalming.

Wow—August is more than half over and Labor Day weekend is only two weeks away. Well, here's hoping that our county has a real honey of a Fair and Rodeo.

## Heppner sisters take top honors at 4-H Horse Show

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Three Heppner sisters carried home honors from the Saturday 4-H Horse Show held at the fairgrounds in Heppner, with two champions and a reserve champion going to the Stroebers.

Senior division champion was Shelley Stroeber; intermediate reserve champion was Cindy Stroeber, and champion junior competitor was Christy Stroeber. In the intermediate division, champion honors went to Brenda Mathis of Irrigon. Reserve champion in the senior division was Annette Wilgers of Heppner. Junior reserve champion was Jodee Ashbeck, also of Heppner.

In the beginners division, Dawnica Flanagan of Irrigon won champion honors and Tricia Coe, Heppner, took

home the lavender reserve champion ribbon. All honors were hard won with tight contests in each event. Members must determine at the beginning of the show which horse and event they plan to use for top scoring. Points from events are totaled to place the highest or champions and reserves.

The big show included western and English equitation, a horse judging contest, trail class, showmanship, bareback equitation, advanced equitation and colt training classes.

A special trial try-out for the Dad Potter Award by Dawn Timm of Irrigon, 4-H member and 1983 Rodeo princess, was included in the day's event.

Judge for the show was Cindee Henderson.

Best Club display was by the Desert Pegasus Club, while the Two Trackers took second and the Outgoing Apples

placed third.

Individual event winners, awards and donors follow:

Beginning Showmanship, by Gardner's Men's Wear, Heppner - Tricia Coe.

Junior Showmanship, by Bob Van Schoiack, Heppner - Christie Stroeber.

Intermediate Showmanship, by Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner - Brenda Mathis.

Senior Showmanship, by Monte and Becky Evans, Heppner - Shelley Stroeber.

Beginning Western Equitation by Burnhams Dept. Store, Hermiston - Tricia Coe.

Junior Western Equitation award, by Lindsay Ranch, Lexington - Jodee Ashbeck.

Intermediate Western Equitation, by Tad Miller Family, Heppner - Brenda mathis.

Senior Western Equitation, by Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington - Dawn Timms.

Colt Western Equitation, by

Len Ray and Ann Schwarz, Heppner - Ted Schwarz.

Colt Ground Training, by John and Vi Wilgers, Heppner - Melissa Privett.

Beginning and Junior English Equitation, by James W. Norene, DVM, Heppner - Christie Stroeber.

Intermediate English Equitation, by Woods Western World, Hermiston - Brenda Mathis.

Senior English Equitation, by Green Feed, Lee and Barb Ansoetegi, Heppner - Dawn Timms.

Intermediate Hunt Seat Over Fences, by Don and Meryn Robinson, Heppner - Brenda Mathis.

Senior Hunt Seat Over Fences, by Lexington Machine Works, Lexington - Dawn Timms.

Beginner Trail Horse, by Sears Catalog Store, Kit and Shirley George, Heppner - Dawnica Flanagan.

Junior Trail Horse, by First Interstate Bank of Oregon, Heppner - Jennifer Currin.

Intermediate Trail Horse, by Roice Fulleton, Echo - Cindy Stroeber.

Senior Trail Horse, by Abrams and Kuhn Attorneys, Heppner - Dawn Timms.

Beginner All-Around, by Les Schwab Tire Center, Heppner - Dawnica Flanagan.

Junior All-Around, by Murray Drug, Heppner - Christie Stroeber.

Intermediate All-Around, by Turner, Van Marater, & Bryant Insurance, Heppner - Brenda Mathis.

Senior All-Around, by Woods Western World, Hermiston - Shelley Stroeber.

Champion Advanced Equitation, by Farley Motor Company - Dawn Timms.

Champion Beginner Bareback Equitation Rider, by Al Mathis Family, Irrigon - Tricia coe.

Champion Junior Bareback Equitation Rider, by Morrow County Abstract and Title Co., Heppner - Jodee Ashbeck.  
Champion Intermediate Bareback Equitation Rider, by Bryann Timms Family, Irrigon - Theresa Lindsay.  
Champion Senior Bareback Equitation Rider, by Farley Motor Company - Dawn Timms.

### Still time to order history books

By DELPHA JONES

There is still time to order a Morrow County History Book, but to assure a book for \$39.50, contact Ruth McCabe, 422-7194, or Delpha Jones, 989-8189. The book has been proofread and will be printed soon.

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