

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Labor Day should rightly mean something special to all Oregonians because Oregon was the first state to make the first Monday in September a legal holiday in 1887, seven years before President Grover Cleveland signed a bill in 1894 making it a national holiday. The same day is now a holiday throughout Canada and Puerto Rico. In Europe, Labor Day falls on May 1; in Australia the day is called Eight-Hour Day and its date varies in the various states.

This holiday has become a symbol in the U.S. of the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Actually the autumnal equinox falls on September 23, and the fall season lasts until December 22 when winter officially begins. It was Peter J. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, who suggested that a national holiday honor working people. In 1882 the workers staged the first Labor Day parade in New York City and began campaigning for the holiday.

Wasn't our weather here lovely? Most of those who left Morrow County probably found pleasant weather also. Some who stayed near their TV screens found pleasure watching the end of the latest space flight, and seeing the first NFL football game and many hours of tremendous tennis. Some stay-at-homes caught up with reading magazines pushed aside during the busy summer months. Some prudent people spent time preserving fruits and vegetables by canning, drying or freezing. Some enjoyed attending the reunion at Valby Lutheran Church.

Schools began here this week and school sports will capture much attention. There are new coaches in some schools who are eager to try new strategies with their players. Returning and new teachers are getting acquainted with their pupils and with the families and communities of this county.

Most of the oil company crews are gone now. For the first time in many months, the Northwestern Motel has its sign showing vacancies. Probably the Hedman-Heppner Hotel will be a bit quieter now, too. Of course the big Eastern Oregon fall rush of deer and elk hunters will be here before many more weeks.

Last week it seemed that several events somehow were bunched on Tuesday evening. The teachers get-acquainted dinner, the first fall Ladies' Night at the Heppner Elks and the A.A.U.W. sponsored chautauqua program, "The Celtic Tradition in Story and Song," which was a good show at the Junior High gymnasium. Experienced story teller, Rachel Foxman, narrated the fascinating introductory slides, and then she held the audience spellbound with her telling of the early tales of Wales and Ireland.

When Foxman spoke of the first bard of Wales, Taliesin, some of her listeners realized where famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright found the name for his outstanding residences near Spring Green, Wisconsin, and in Scottsdale, Arizona, and for the Taliesin Fellowship for architectural students which he founded.

Charlie Anderson, the musician who shared the chautauqua performance, has specialized in Celtic and British music. He plays guitar, concertina, penny whistle and the harp. Anderson made the harp he used in the program here of walnut. After the show the two performers and a few A.A.U.W. members and friends enjoyed further learning and visiting at supper at Inez Erwin's home.

A great many Dutch Elm trees scattered around in Heppner suffered from infestation this year which turned their leaves brown and caused them to fall very early. The trees should have stayed green much longer without this disease that is caused by a virus carried by the leafhopper. Owners who enjoy the great shade afforded by these large trees have had their trees sprayed each year. However, many trees are not sprayed and the disease spreads widely. A friend told me that in some towns the municipality takes the responsibility for spraying all the elms and thus keeping this disease controlled. Those who treasure their elm trees and want them to stay green and healthy think this would be a great idea here in Heppner.

If you happen to be a reader of "Oregon" magazine, perhaps you may have noted that the last page in the new September issue has an article titled "Headlocks and Heartbreak" by J. Kingston Pierce. It is about the Portland wrestling scene. The opening two sentences grabbed my attention! "She doesn't look like the type of young woman who'd go ga-ga over some paunching, sweating pro wrestler. Honest. She's more the innocent, ex-Heppner Harvest Queen sort, the type you'd trust at home looking after your kids and a full refrigerator."

Well, I guess that isn't very helpful or very harmful publicity for Heppner. I don't know anything about the writer J. Kingston Pierce, but I wonder how he happens to know about Heppner Harvest Queens?

Let's all of us get organized for school-year activities. There are many such worthwhile programs which need volunteer assistants. There are many helpful groups and organizations, including more than a half dozen churches, beginning fall schedules. There are young peoples' activities eager for adult assistance. It would be sad to let the fine 4-H programs here suffer any from a dearth of leadership.

Don't just sit home and feel lonesome. Join something. Volunteer.

I.U.C.C. to begin fall worship schedule Sun.

The Ione United Church of Christ will begin a fall schedule of 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Sept. 11, announced the Rev. Cathy Barker, pastor. Sunday school for three-year-olds through children in the fifth grade will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Christian Education Building.

Rebekah Lodge holds first meeting of season

By DELPHA JONES

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the first meeting of the fall and winter season. The N.G., Ruth Robinson, presided.

Three generation certificates were presented to Venice Hendrickson, Hilda Yocom and Millie Yocom, and to Ruth Robinson, Donna Papineau and Debbie Sharp. There was one available to Florence McMillan and daughters and granddaughters, however, Mrs. McMillan has deceased since the applications were sent in. Georgia Irvin, and Valda Smith, and Delpha Jones and Linda Jones were of that group.

A certificate showing that Holly Rebekah Lodge has paid 100 percent of a world eye bank research contribution was presented to the lodge. This shows that one dollar per member has been paid into the

eye bank research fund, sponsored by the Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges throughout the United States.

It was voted to have a birthday cake and party every quarter to honor those with birthdays, but will include all members with a gift exchange. Hilda Yocom was appointed as program chairman for the last meeting in September with something to be scheduled for entertainment.

The Three Links Club will meet at the home of Ruth Robinson on Thursday with a potluck luncheon at noon.

The Past N.G. Club will meet on Wednesday in Pendleton.

The Garden Bugs announced that they will sponsor a plant and bulb sale on September 28 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the hall. There will be pie and coffee served at this time.

The community service chairman for 1983-84 is Kathy Tellechea. Good of the Order Chairmen are Virginia Peck and Delpha Jones.

A contest for the unwritten work was planned with Hilda Yocom and Leila Palemr as chairpersons and appointed terms. A dinner will be given for the winners.

A hunters' breakfast on Saturday, September 30 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. is being planned. This

will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs and hash browns.

Card parties will start Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Rebekah Hall with prizes and refreshments. They will start at 8 p.m. and admission will be \$1.50.

The door prize was won by Luella Taylor. Remember, lodge meets the first and third Thursday of each month, so mark your calendar for the coming months.

Register early for Sept. 19 seafood workshop

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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Vi Shepherd, a well known seafood specialist, will present a seafood workshop on Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Junior High home ec room in Heppner. Cost to cover supplies will be \$3.00 per

person. Pre-registration is required by September 12. Please call the extension office, 676-9642, to register to attend.

Participants will learn all about preparing various seafoods. There will be demonstrations of preparation methods, samples and recipes.

Yearbook signing party to be held Thursday

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