

Around About By Justine Weatherford

The fall weekend just past was so beautiful and so busy in Heppner. Among some of the excitements were a Friday night football loss at Sherman; a good Saturday Soroptimist sale that gained scholarship funds; a big social event along Little Butter Creek where more than 100 folks gathered at the new home of Eddie and Lorraine Brosnan for a housewarming arranged by their neighbors Susie French Ward and husband Jim; the annual Sunday afternoon tryouts for princesses and queen of next summer's fair and rodeo held at the fairgrounds.

Two very special Heppner citizens were congratulated by their church friends on Sunday. At St. Patrick's Catholic Church, those in attendance cheered for Maggie Healy who became 91 that day, and at the United Methodist Church folks sang "Happy Birthday" to Emma Drake whose 90th birthday was Tuesday, Sept. 27. These two women continue managing independent living and are remarkable members of their community.

Did you notice the white car labeled "Channel 8 News" around town recently? I exchanged a very few words with a TV crew member on Saturday night as I was closing the laundromat and again outside church on Sunday morning. I learned they are filming for a news special about rural Oregon for which Heppner was chosen to be included as "a nice small town." They told me the coverage will begin running on their station's news shows (which I get on Channel 4) about November 21.

They did some filming inside the Heppner Bowl on Sunday evening. This recreational establishment is becoming better known throughout northwestern states since proprietors Doug and Sonia Smith have incorporated their interstate "Bowl For Fun" which is headquartered here. If you haven't visited the Smith domain recently, you will find several improvements there. Their former games room has become more locker space, a new office and better storage for frozen foods adds convenience, and more expansion is planned.

Your reading and my writing of a column each week gets to be a little much in these months that happen to have five Thursdays. Because it is now about 10 years since I began this potpourri which I dubbed "Around About," we have gone through close to 500 of these weekly efforts. So it is probably fitting that we all have a change of pace.

My weekly writing was more fun when I had the help of my husband, Bill, who loved chatting with folks, who was a better storyteller than I am, whose sense of humor was quite amazing, and who liked making suggestions about everything I wrote. We had an on-going series of debates about numerous political and social affairs, and although we viewed many things differently when our debating began, it was interesting to find that after talking some things over, we each would often adjust our individual feelings and come to be rather close in our conclusions. I've certainly been missing Bill's help for six years now.

Probably experience has taught you, also, that airing differing views is the best way to approach problem solving. Compromise is the happiest way to reach a solution. How much sadder this old planet might be if the United Nations should fold up as did its predecessor the League of Nations. It seems there really needs to be a common arena for flaking out the troubles of the world so that hopefully compromises will be reached.

A letter from Teresa Weatherford which reached me last Saturday from the San Diego area reveals that her husband, my stepson, C.P.O. Weatherford (W.W.W.III) is now aboard the Duluth off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon. Bill's next homecoming date was to be Oct. 23, but that has been postponed and no new date set yet. He writes not to worry—his ship is not involved in the fighting. When the Duluth left California last spring, it was on a Pacific cruise—but then it became one of three ships which were diverted from the Pacific to the Mid-East. This brings the troubles in Beirut much closer to Bill's family. I wonder if he is the only Morrow County serviceman in the Lebanon area?

Last week this column didn't turn out as I submitted it. I had tried to share some items from the Sunday Oregon and remarked that I no longer get the daily paper from Portland. If you read that paragraph, it said "I do not get the daily paper from Pendleton." I do, however, read six editions of the "East Oregonian" each week.

In my around-about way, I am telling you that this will be my last weekly column. I shall miss the good discipline of sharing thoughts with readers regularly each week. The publishers have consented to let me write a once-a-month column. It has been pleasing to have former residents of Morrow Co. tell me that they have been reading my column. I have often thought of them as I write and have been glad that they continue to read their hometown paper. Occasionally I may be submitting short articles or maybe a feature story, but from now on my regular writing will consist of a reflective column toward the ending of each month.

So you will probably next see my words after the great fall excitement of hunting is pretty well past. I hope those of you who live here will be attending the annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society at the Lexington Grange Hall next Sunday, Oct. 2. A fine program and dinner are planned.

I close now with sincere congratulations to the new Fair and Rodeo Court—Queen Sylvia Ladd of Ione and BMCC and Princesses Bridget Greenup and Shelly Stroeber of Heppner High School. They have a hard act to follow—I became a real fan of Queen Lottie and her court. Long and happily may the new threesome reign.

Exchange member from Taiwan sees Morrow Co.



Shu-Ling Yen
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While Shu-Ling Yen, a Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange member from Taiwan may not have known last week was International Inter-cultural Youth Exchange Week, she was busy traveling throughout Morrow County sharing information about her

country. At the same time she was observing our families and customs as well as extension methods in a rural area. At home in Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. Yen is an extension specialist for Agricultural Planning and Development and mass communication programs. The mother of a two and one-half year old son, she has especially enjoyed her contacts with school children during reports and slide shows she has given here of her homeland.

Her work as a specialist takes her to all parts of the island of Taiwan (or Free China, a very modern country of 18 million people), to work with 4-H programs similar to American 4-H. The program there, however, encompasses young people through age 29 and offers help to them in establishing a financial base for farms.

She has been in Oregon under the Professional Rural

Youth Leader Exchange, which is conducted by the National 4-H Council in support of the Extension Service. She has visited locally at the Tullis Ranch and Roger Palmer farm for approximately a month. The remainder of her three month exchange will be spent in Astoria and Corvallis.

The exchange is a "working" trip, not a vacation. Daily reports are completed by Shu-Ling for her work at home, in addition to her activities in the

county to share information about her homeland.

Her family at home includes her husband, Ha-Hsiung Cho, a news reporter, and her son. Her father is a principal of a large school in Taiwan and her mother is a retired teacher.

The specialist from Taiwan has made many friends in Morrow County, and has attended many extension events throughout Eastern Oregon.

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