

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Next Tuesday will be December 1, therefore, this monthly column brings a review and reflection upon some November, 1983 events in South Morrow County.

My October column was published before Halloween, which was cool and rainy. I did not hear about too many tricks, but I was personally embarrassed when the great number of costumed callers at my front door depleted my supply of treats earlier than I planned.

Now most of the many hunters who came here have gone—some with meat and trophy heads and some not so lucky. Early in the month, Raymond French tossed his hat into the political ring—and many of us who know Ray and Norma and their girls think he will be a great state representative.

The annual meetings of the Morrow Co. Grain Growers and of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op went well. The public responded in large numbers to the two nice dinners provided by these organizations.

One of my most delightful Saturday evenings was being a guest in the home of the Phou Thongdy family and admiring how well these folks from half-a-world away, from a totally different culture, are adjusting to life in Heppner. It is so pleasing to have their repeated assurances of how much they appreciate the help given to them here.

Big personnel changes have been announced—the retirements of Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman and of First Interstate Bank Manager Mary Eleanor Gilman. Mental Health Director Terry Templeman and his wife had two sons will be leaving here—a real loss to this community.

The Veterans' Day program put on at the south Morrow Co. Senior Mealsite was again very impressive. We are not sure how many other "Let-Us-Remember" ceremonies were held in this county. It is very satisfying that the senior group keeps this tradition as they are most able to really remember the active services these veterans gave to our country.

It is good to learn that the cogeneration plant construction is now underway at the Kinzua mill site. Good to have the Cub Scouts and the Neighborhood Center leading forth with timely food and clothing collection campaigns as cold weather months approach which will mean extra hardships for some county families.

All participants in the Annual Artificery and the Greens Workshop are diligently making preparations for that first-Saturday-in-December event. Through the years this A.A.U.W. brainstormed happening has grown until it now brings a large group of Christmas shoppers from many places to the Morrow County Fairgrounds between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Now most of the leaves have left our trees: this is Thanksgiving Week and next Thursday the big final month of 1983 begins. Although we wish that big space on Heppner's Main street which was created by the May fire could soon be filled by an attractive new Post Office and other enterprises, we still haven't heard any definite plans for such.

Recently residents who enjoy play-going have been treated to two excellent productions—"Twelfth Night" put on at BMCC, and "1984" done so effectively at Heppner High School. Now we can look forward to the January production of "The Thurber Carnival" by the new Community Theater Group.

This week began for many of us with the viewing of TV's "The Day After." How thankful we are that this is only a film—but we know we citizens have to raise our voices to keep it make-believe. The reality of life in Heppner is being shown across the state by Channel 8's release of "Our Town" this week. We wonder if this media exposure will bring any changes here. Will some more people be attracted to this community?

So, as we count our blessings we feel that, as always, we in Morrow Co. have much to be thankful about. We have survived the shattering world events which have been taking place in the Middle East, in the Caribbean, and elsewhere. Many of us have homes kept warm by wood from our forests. Our children are attending good schools which have kept their programs going along without interruptions. We know that our hospital and doctors and nurses, our Neighborhood Center and its dedicated volunteers, the various state and federally funded programs and our community churches are ready and very willing to try to help those most in need. Indeed we have much to feel thankful about.

Nursing home residents experience happy events

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The residents of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home have been having a nice series of happy events recently. The Hospital Auxiliary under the leadership of its President, Alma Green, has really been putting forth special efforts to brighten the lives of the residents there.

The halls have seasonal decorations on them, the dining area is gay, each resident's room door is decorated and some of the rooms are being papered with pretty wallpaper. On Thursday afternoons near the end of each month there is a special party

for the residents. On October 27, the ladies of the Heppner Garden Club took Halloween cookies and provided cheerful visiting. Charity McElligott sees that punch, tea and coffee is ready each afternoon to supplement the treats visiting groups bring.

Last Thursday, Nov. 17, members of the Heppner-Ione Branch of the American Association of University women provided a party for the residents.

On Wednesday afternoon, November 16, Phyllis Miller and her daughter, Bonnie Christopherson, who have begun the Heppner Show-To-Go agency came to the home to show a delightful movie

"Savannah Smiles." McElligott served popcorn and punch during the viewing time. The film was projected through the nursing home television set which Auxiliary President Green says may be replaced soon. The film was most enjoyable but the television set was not functioning very well

and kept changing from colored pictures to black and white.

Show-To-Go has told the Hospital Auxiliary that they will plan to come every now and then to show movies to the residents and to any patients who might enjoy viewing good current films.

Evening Prayer services to begin Nov. 28

During Advent season, brief services of Evening Prayer will be offered to the community at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner every weekday at 7 p.m. The services, which will begin on Monday, Nov. 28, and will

continue until Friday, Dec. 23, will be led by the parish's lay readers.

One Eucharist will be held on December 16, at 7 p.m., the anniversary of the Rev. Watts' ordination to the priesthood.

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