

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Seems like a few days ago I was typing a November column — how the days flew by so quickly before December 24 and 25. Now here we are at the last Thursday of 1983. The big change for me from weekly to monthly columns stretches my memory. It has also cut down on the nice letters and telephone calls I received when folks would say "Maybe you could mention this in your next week's column" or just as often, "Now please don't write anything about this."

After a rather unusual year, Heppner's Christmas was extra pretty with so many colored lights outside and inside homes and stores. The street lights twinkled especially brightly because of the snow and masses of icicles. The town tree was lovely, but many of us know that the perfectly gorgeous blue spruce that the Ernie Garrisons gave the city in 1982 will probably never be equaled again. The amplified music was spirit lifting.

Those who happened to go to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital as visitors or patients discovered that the large Christmas night scene which was painted by Lois Winchester many years ago and was annually displayed on the hillside below Amanda Duvall's home looks very fine on the hospital's front lawn. It's been beautiful all through the daylight hours, but is more spectacular when it is floodlighted each night.

Because I am not scheduled to write another column until the last Thursday of January, I am rather quickly recalling some events here this year. Most sad was the fire of May 4, which took out much of Heppner's business section. How the community has missed the destroyed businesses and the convenient post office.

The long-awaited dedication of the dam on Willow Creek finally took place. This brought out an impressive group of engineers, Heppner's mayor, the county judge, Oregon's senior Senator Mark Hatfield, and a rather small attendance of citizens.

Early last spring the Morrow County Historical Society began nudging everyone to write family stories and business, institutional and community histories for the book which purchasers received just before the middle of the month. Now I have heard that some folks are regretting that they didn't turn in their stories — and many folks are enjoying reading more about this county and learning about neighbors here.

A high spot every year in Heppner is the August County Fair and then the Rodeo Parade and the rodeo performances. This year these activities went well. The fair was given a new look through the efforts of the south county garden clubs.

Fall saw new teachers, new clergypersons and new business people come as replacements or to start new enterprises. Several "pillars" of the school system, of local banks and of other institutions whose retirements had been announced were honored at retirement parties.

Portland's Channel 8 T.V. News crew spent some time examining the town. The resulting film-essay was shown throughout the state during Thanksgiving week.

The now well-established, first-Saturday-in-December Artifactory was a mighty busy place again this year. The offerings of crafts and homemade gift items were great. The display of pictures by the county artists again made us realize what splendid talent blooms here. The woody-smelling Greens Workshop saw lovely wreaths and swags created which beautified doorways through the county all Christmas season.

Early in December local excitement centered on the ground breaking for the new Kinzua-Portland General Electric wood-fired power plant north of Heppner. This co-generation plant, which is scheduled to be completed in about 12 months, will offer approximately 25 permanent new jobs to the community.

It has long been my custom to display the Christmas cards I receive. Several times during the holidays I re-read my cards and letters which have become more and more significant to me as years pass. This year several friends mentioned that they had enjoyed the TV series on Heppner. It is always hard for me to gather these pretty greetings, usually about the middle of January and tuck them away.

This year brought my first computer-printed family letter. Among several cards and notes that are Gazette-Times related, is a good report from Dorothy and Charlie Heard, its former publishers. Dorothy says she is struggling to try to catch up on "over 30 years of back stuff." Charlie's part of the card reports that Ernie Joiner, another former publisher, "has moved back to Sebastopol, California from New Mexico and has bought back the newspaper there — again."

Now looking ahead to the first big community affair for 1984. Everyone should plan to attend the annual Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce banquet and program next Tuesday evening, January 3. You all will want to be there to applaud for the county's first citizens who will be introduced as the program concludes.

G-T office to close Mon.

The Heppner Gazette-Times Monday, Jan. 2, as part of the office will be closed next New Year's holiday.

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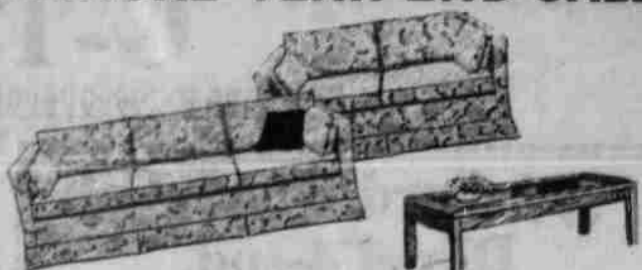
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