

Around About By Justine Weatherford

What a busy month was March. A new hospital administration under John Oschner began on March 5; the ownership of several Heppner businesses changed; the former Morrow County Creamery Building and its new addition became the spacious home of Heppner Auto Parts, Inc. and Heppner Cylinder Head businesses; a new aviation company was formed out on Little Butter Creek; Lexington's new park became Friendship Park and Heppner was on the way to having a new city well.

The month's biggest day here, Saturday, March 17, brought a tremendous swelling of Heppner's Irish population for the most successful St. Patrick's Day celebration so far. Rightly it especially honored Pete Lennon and his sister Maggie Healy. Those who arranged and supervised the day's many activities surely deserved praise. Many out-of-town visitors were most favorably impressed. Local businesses had a really great day.

The dinner that night at St. Patrick's Church parish hall was served to more persons than ever before. The music there by the Lindsay Family and by Ron McDonald was delightful. The TOPS breakfast, the afternoon social times and the dinner at the Elks were all well attended, too. The KUMA broadcast, the Kilkenny Irish slide show, the brunch at the Elks Lodge, the kids coin scramble and roller skating and the sheep dog demonstration at the fairgrounds all drew good attendances—and the dancing continued into the next day.

The parade was joyfully musical thanks to the fine school band from Ione and to the visiting musical groups from Baker and Athena. Everyone was cheered by the Irish family groups who participated. Terry Voltz has now become known as a successful parade director.

Next year's Merchants Committee will really be challenged to present a program equal to this year's efforts. There is some talk that it may need more than one day—maybe most of a week.

Wasn't it great that Election Day went so well here with all tax measures approved and with good people named to county positions. The one complaint rests with the turnout of voters—it seems that too many just can't be bothered to discharge this primary citizenship responsibility. Those apathetic non-voters had better never complain about the decisions reached by those who do vote.

As Spring has arrived and our days are growing longer, it is good to have important annual rituals carried on. The naming of Ione's Jim Swanson as Conservation Man for the year and the installation of Ione's Queen Sylvia Ladd and Heppner's Princesses Bridget Greenup and Shelly Stroeber pleased everyone. It was good to hear the fair royalty and their faithful pennant bearers speak out at the coronation dinner and introduce their parents and family members.

Also speaking out at this community affair were Rodeo Chairman Don Stroeber, who was M.C. for the evening; Fair Board Chairman Charley Daly and Fair Committee Chairman Jane Rawlins, who both gave pep talks about next August's Fair and Rodeo and who stressed the importance of community support and voluntary participation in the carrying on of the good county fair. Especially enjoyable were the reminiscences presented by Shorty Peck, a fair worker, and by former queen and present Fair Board Vice-Chairman Merlyn Robinson.

Now we have moved into April. Its first fooling day is past. Its final Sunday which will see the ending of standard time and the beginning of daylight saving time again will arrive quickly after the world celebrates those annual Christian holy days Palm Sunday and Easter.

In Heppner several people-pleasing events are scheduled this month. First, the now well-established Rolling Hills Run this coming Sunday afternoon, April 8. Then a new event here, the First Annual 4-Wheel Drive Road Rally on Saturday, April 14, will begin at Cutsforth Park.

The Child Identification and finger printing program set for the night of April 11 and 12 in the Heppner Elementary School Cafeteria can be a most valuable service provided to the community by the Lions Club, the A.A.U.W. and the Soroptimists. It fits in with national programs this month which focus on problems relating to children and happy, healthful childhoods.

As warmer weather comes to stay, the humming of lawn mowers and the stretching of gardeners' muscles will make us know that as spring is here and summer is not far away.

Help sought in locating grads

The Heppner High School classes of 1964, '65 and '66 are planning a reunion this summer. According to a spokesperson for the event, the following have not yet been located.

From the class of 1964: Glenda Hills, Alvin Ayers, Sharon Ayers, John Cole, Edward French, Bill Sherman and David Proudfoot;

From the class of 1965: Rick Hatley;

From the class of 1966: Kenny Morgan, Leslie Meador and LeeAnn Grissom.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of these people is asked to call Diana Ball 676-5306.

Swim team parents plan season

Heppner Swim Team Parents will meet Thursday, April 5, 7:30 pm at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's conference room. Any parents who are interested in a competitive swimming program for their children are invited to attend says a spokesperson for the group.

Expectant parents class offered soon

Another Expectant Parents Class is being planned for the Heppner area. The class will teach the LaMaze technique of prepared childbirth. This is a technique using breathing and relaxation exercise to aid the

Five applications for swim team coach will be reviewed and a hiring decision made Thursday evening. Plans for the 1984 summer schedule will also be discussed.

Anyone who is interested in Swim Team but cannot attend the meeting should call Nancy Bruch at 676-9420 or Sheridan Tamasky at 676-5059.

mother in the birth of her baby.

Blue Mountain Community College is sponsoring the class. Those interested should call Chris Adelman at 676-5196 as soon as possible so that a convenient time can be scheduled.

High Blood Pressure Is Serious Business

Question: What is high blood pressure?

Answer: High blood pressure is a warning. It tells you your heart is working too hard at pumping blood through your body.

Question: How do you know when your blood pressure is too high?

Answer: You can have high blood pressure for years and not know it. Your doctor can tell if your blood pressure is too high.

Question: Who gets high blood pressure?

Answer: Anybody can get high blood pressure.

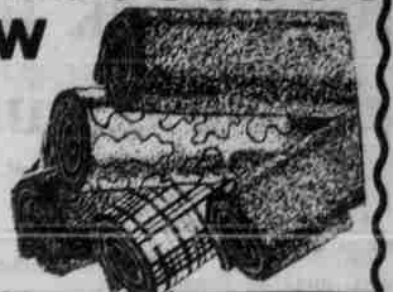
Question: What can high blood pressure do to you?

Answer: High blood pressure is the major cause of heart attacks, strokes and kidney disease.

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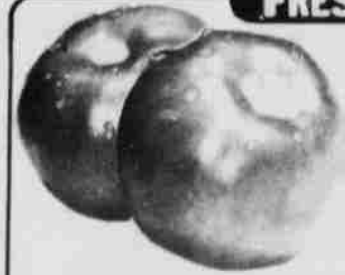


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