

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

May is always such a busy month as the school year draws to its end with the usual programs and ceremonies, as gardens need reworking and planting, as organizations wind down some activities and as families eagerly change to summer schedules for the bright, longer daytimes. School track, baseball and rodeo contests have been drawing much attention. The high school class reunions and the Memorial Weekend picnic drew many former residents back to Morrow County.

Groups have been taking off for May outings and sightseeing trips, such as the County Historical Society and Senior Citizens from Heppner and Ione, and families that have been impatiently waiting for the prolonged spring rains to stop. Organizations are sending delegates to conventions and conferences in Oregon and elsewhere. Eighth graders from Heppner have again traded places with youths from Lynch Terrace School east of Portland.

Candidates, voters and election workers kept busy with the primary election. The Extension Women honored Delpha Jones. Cara Costa was sworn in as a member of the Heppner City council. The planning for the recreation area beside the lake created by the Willow Creek Dam was anxiously reconsidered by the Heppner Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce and the Army Engineer Corps. It was interesting to learn that Portland's Mayor-elect, Bud Clark, had a grandmother who lived in the Little Butter Creek area.

Much confusion beset flag flyers over when to fly their flags Memorial Weekend. The Heppner Legion Post chose to have flags up on Main Street on Sunday. Many calendars proclaimed Monday, May 28, as Memorial Day. Old timers knew that the holiday called Memorial or Decoration Day which began in 1868 was originally programmed for every May 30th, until the big swing to more three-day weekends caused it to be shifted to the last Monday in May by most of the U.S. So some householders flew flags on the one, two or even three possible Memorial Days.

If you visited the cemetery on Heppner's south hill you noted that in addition to the U.S. flags marking veterans'

graves, the Doherty Family had made small Republic or Ireland flags which they placed on their own and other Irish graves. It seems one family with roots in the old south chose to display a Confederate flag. Hundreds of persons had visited the cemetery by Sunday evening and more came on Monday with flower remembrances.

The overflow crowd at the 1984, sunshine-blessed Pioneer Memorial Picnic surely made it the most attended sit-down dinner in county history, but some folks, recalling the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial wagontrain stop at Cecil and remembering that toward 1,000 attended the big barbecue hosted by the Kreh Brothers, think that may have been the "largest-ever" picnic.

One sad news item circulated at the Doherty-hosted picnic was that Cecelia (Kenny) Bucknum, one of the two living grandchildren of Irish pioneer Catherine Grant Doherty, broke her hip the Wednesday before and was taken to the hospital in Pendleton. Helen (Doherty) Dyer, the other grandchild, said this accident was a very great disappointment to Cecelia and to all the family.

Next year the picnic's ethnic emphasis will change from Irish to Swedish as the Louis Carlson Family takes charge.

Quite a few changes have been taking place in the south county business community. Heppner's mayor (until the first of next year) Cliff and wife Cindy Green are now operating the Coast-to-Coast store. The Burkenbine-McCabe Central Market has about doubled its size and has changed its front. Those changes were made possible when Heppner Auto Parts and Heppner Cylinder Head (DeSpain enterprises) took over the enlarged and remodeled Morrow County Creamery Building. The Mabens of Court Street Market have greatly enlarged and improved their store inside and have built an attractive brick planter across its front. Swanson's Insurance at Ione proudly showed off its new office at a recent Open House.

Those of us without children in school don't regularly hear about some local school problems. We understand that all over America the matter of celebrations for high school graduation nights is causing much concern. Many people agree that a big party may be in order. Keg parties have become traditional here and lots of other places. They are accepted by many as "rites of passage" from high school days into the adult and very real world.

A trend has developed in school districts, usually led by parents' groups, to try to put on safe and sane graduation celebrations. Now some organizations in Heppner were asked to help fund a chartered flight to Portland for dinner and entertainment which some parents projected with approval of their Heppner seniors.

High School Principal Jim Bier said the projected outing would not be a school-sponsored affair, although school buses could be used to travel to the Pendleton Airport and back to Heppner.

Many of us have not heard the final planning for the night of Friday, June 1. We all are proud of the graduates of our county high schools. We want them to be happy at graduation time. We all wish them well in future years.

Don't forget the big auction, Country Store sale and barbecue lunch in Ione this Saturday, June 2.

Local student wins scholarship

Scholarships and awards to outstanding students in the college of business at Oregon State University have been announced for 1984-85.

The awards are made each spring and include top recognition given to students in business.

Paula Palmer, a senior from Heppner, has received a \$500 Arthur Young and Company scholarship.

Lack of funds keeps grads 'on the ground'

At the May 15 meeting of the central committee of the south Morrow County Youth Commission plans were begun for a "senior party" which, it was hoped would entice the graduating seniors away from the unofficial senior kegger which traditionally follows commencement exercises.

The committee envisioned chartering an airplane to fly the graduates to Portland for a late dinner and entertainment at the Rhinelander restaurant. The management of the restaurant agreed to stay open late to serve the Heppner grads, and arrangements were made with Horizon charter service for an airplane, however, the committee was unable to raise adequate funds to cover the cost of the airplane and the dinner in such a short time.

A spokesperson for the com- Helphinstines honored at potluck

An open invitation has been extended to the public to join in a farewell potluck dinner for the Bill Helphinstine family.

The potluck has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. at All Saints' Parish Hall in Heppner.

For those who would like to attend, please bring a dessert if your last name begins with A - G, H - R a main dish, and S - Z a salad.

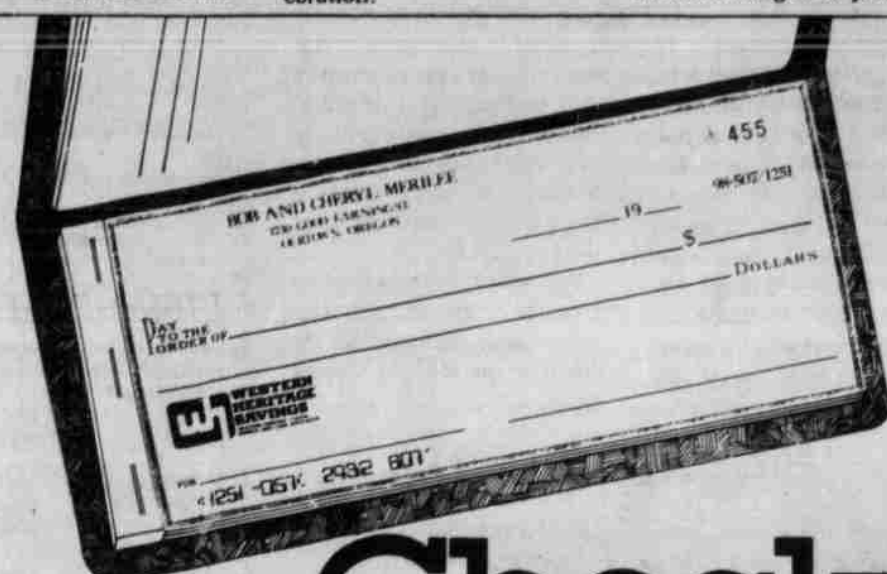
Children are very welcome, especially schoolmates and friends of Kris and Kurt Helphinstine, stated MaryAnn Cerullo, who is organizing the event.

The Helphinstine's will be moving to Pasley, Oregon, later in the month, where Bill has been promoted to District Ranger.

mittee said, "There just wasn't enough time. Next year, we'll know to start earlier and have fundraisers." A less expensive party, the commit-

tee felt would not be spectacular enough to have the desired effect of luring the grads away from the traditional celebration.

The South Morrow Youth Commission is the outgrowth of a loosely organized group of parents and others concerned about the use of drugs and alcohol among area youth.



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