

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Until the night of February 2, my only look into our southern neighboring country had been quick visits into the border-hugging towns of Tijuana, Nogales and Mexicali. That Saturday night Inez Erwin and I reached the center of tremendous Mexico City which is fast becoming the world's largest town.

After an exciting, skillfully-managed drive by Inez from our homes to the Pendleton airport and a speedy flight to Boise on snowy February 1, on Saturday morning when we joined four other members of the tour at the Boise airport. Cancellation of our prompted re-routing to Los Angeles where we boarded a Mexican flight to the capital city and joined other tourists under the leadership of guide Raul Vilehis.

Sunday morning we began to learn about the wonders of the beautiful federal district with its mass of skyscrapers, great trees, flowering shrubs and wide monument and fountain lined avenues, large parks and massive automobile and bus traffic. Attending a colorful, musical performance by the Folklorico Ballet in the huge marbled Fine Arts Palace (also called the opera house) was so exciting through the nine programmed sectors which began with dances concerning ancient rituals and progressed to more modern, regional dances, culminating with a confetti-flinging finale.

Next, we were led to the outstanding National Anthropological Museum where we were given an overview of the development of Mexican culture from pre-historic times, including seeing scale models of the ruins we would later view full scale. Just after noon we were bussed out to the famous Xochimilco floating gardens for a picnic lunch aboard a festive flat-bottomed boat which musicians and various sellers of tourist items boarded as we floated about the canals of the gardens.

Returning to our hotel we drove past acres of small, thrown-together, shanty-type homes of millions of poor families. We paused for picture taking at the site of the 1968 summer Olympics and got off the bus to walk about part of the huge University of Mexico campus.

The morning of Monday, Feb. 4, a lovely sunny day when the snow-capped mountains, Ixtachihuatli and Popocatepetl were sharply visible, we went northeast of the city to Teotihuacan (house of the Gods) a remarkable group of historic pyramids and temples. I climbed part way up the great Pyramid of the Sun which covers more than 10 acres.

Returning to the city we stopped at the shrines and Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe where masses of people attend services 24 hours of every day. Then after a quick luncheon at our hotel we took a tour of Mexico City, part of which is torn up because of the extension of its subway system. We marveled at the magnificent cathedral and the Federal Palace (the central government building) with the spectacular Diego Rivera murals. We saw where more ancient ruins are being cleared from under layers of later usage. We stopped at the public flower market and at many points of interest to picture snappers. We saw the palatial homes of the very wealthy and became part of the tremendous traffic moving along the 12-lane avenues.

The next morning, Tuesday, we departed from the Federal District and drove southeasterly to the mountain city of Puebla where we walked through a very crowded marketplace near the city center and cathedral, visited the all golden Chapel of the Virgin of the Rosary, shopped at a tile and pottery shalesale house and in an onyx factory and lunched in a modern, new hotel.

That afternoon we continued to the Southeast through agricultural and forested regions and descended over many hairpin turns from the great plateau (7000 plus feet high) to the coastal area along the Gulf of Mexico, reaching our beachfront hotel at Veracruz in time for another late evening dinner.

Next column I shall tell you of our seeing Veracruz, Villahermosa and Merida and the significant historic sights near these fine cities.

FFA's place in leadership contest



From left: Duane Ball, Andrea Ball, and Alex Lindsay

By NOELLA RILL

Twelve members of the Heppner Chapter FFA attended the Blue Mountain Leadership Skills Contest at Blue Mountain Community College on Wednesday, February 13. Alex Lindsay placed second in the extemporaneous speaking contest, Duane Ball placed second in the creed speaking contest and Andrea Ball placed third in the prepared public speaking contest. The Heppner parliamentary procedure team consisted of Alex Lindsay, Stacey Kennedy, Andrea Ball, Tammy Hays, Theresa Lindsay, and Noella Rill. The parliamentary procedure team placed fifth.

Alex Lindsay and Duane Ball will advance to regional competition February 26, at LaGrande.

Other members from the Heppner FFA that attended were Steve Currin, Ryan Duncan, Cathy Martin, Jason Dougherty, and Mike Van Schoick.

CPAs to award scholarships

The Oregon Association of Public Accountants Scholarship Foundation will award a maximum of 10 one-year scholarships during the 1985-86 school year, according to Raymond A. Cass, Albany, Foundation chairman.

Cass said scholarships will range from \$500 to \$1000 and will be awarded to qualified residents of the

state of Oregon who are preparing for careers in accounting and who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an Oregon college or university.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by writing Cass at P.O. Box 1806, Albany, OR 97321, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications must be returned to him by April 1.

Award winners are selected on a basis of financial need, scholastic achievement, personal qualifications and professional promise. The accounting association initiated the awards program in 1981 and since then has granted approximately \$17,000 in scholarships.

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Trade seminar set for small businesses

The opportunities for Eastern Oregon businesses to expand their markets through international trade is the subject of a regional conference to be held in LaGrande on Feb. 22 at the Hoke Center on the Eastern Oregon State College campus.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Centers of Blue Mountain Community College, EOSC, Treasure Valley Community College and a number of state and federal agencies and port districts.

Joining with the small business development centers in presenting the workshop will be the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Economic Development Department, the Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, the Institute for International Trade and Commerce at Portland State University, the Willamette World Trade Center and the local port districts.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. with registration and concludes at 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 per participant. For more information, contact Tom Hampson at BMCC's Small Business Development Center, 276-6233.

Stockmen's Roundtable announced

Ron Baker, President of C & B Livestock, has announced that a Stockmen's Roundtable will be held on Friday, March 1, at the Hermiston Civic Recreation Center in Hermiston, Oregon. The program which will feature the latest developments in cattle breeding at C & B Livestock, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The tenth annual C & B Beef Production Sale will be held the following day at 12 noon at the C & B Beef Center, Hermiston, featuring 225 Bulls and 44 heifers, including examples of the different dimensions discussed at the Stockmen's Roundtable.

Copies of the Sale Catalog and program can be obtained by calling or writing C & B Livestock, 1-503-967-5552, P.O. Box 109, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Area students attend symposium

More than 200 Oregon students, selected for scholastic and leadership achievements have accepted invitations to the second Agricultural Sciences Symposium for High School Scholars, to be held at Oregon State University Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27 and 28.

The focus will be on issues and developments in food science, according to Ronald Wrostad, acting head of the Department of Food Science and Technology and symposium coordinator for the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences.

The symposium will be held concurrently with the 1985 Agricultural Conference Days program and the students will join conference participants for some events. Some high school teachers are also expected to participate.

Each student attending was nominated by his or her teachers and high school principal. A grant from the Savery Fund of the OSU Agricultural

Research Foundation will cover student expenses in Corvallis.

Local students attending from here are Jeff Ball, Paul Zinter, Eric Pointer, and teacher Darrel Wilson.

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There are so many many people and organizations that we would like to personally thank for the help this past year in making this Centennial year so special.

First to the Boys Scouts, Norita Marquardt, Betty Marquardt, the Rev. Stuart Dick, Barney Lindsay, Wilma Cheney, Jack Morton, Francie Hansell, LaVerne Partlow, Jerry Peck, Mary Lou Carlson, Bud Clark and the Grand Squares for a wonderful program.

To the Morrow County Court & employees, the Road Dept. for moving chairs & tables; the Sheriff's Dept. for the beautiful sleeve patches; Fred Toombs of Columbia Basin Electric for the PA system & the help; to Morrow County Grain Growers, the Gazette-Times, Hutch's Helper, Murray Drug, Shoe Box, each town for their celebrations, Cara Costa & balloons, the Granges and everyone who assisted in any way. You are indeed a great bunch of people & a joy to know.

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