

Action-Packed Elgin Stampede Opens



WATCH THE BIRDIE FELLOWS

Les Case, left, and Donk Thompson will act as the rodeo clowns for the two-day rodeo classic this weekend. The clowns will be assisted by their friends, Yogi and Smokey bear along with their white donkey, Durwood Zinkafoose. Case and Thompson are also bull fighters and expect to meet some tough competition in the arena during both rodeo days. (Observer Photo)

Queen Celia I Reigns Over Festival Events

The electrified tension of the Stampede hall erupted into squeals, applause, and piercing rebel yells as Elgin's Thirteenth Stampede queen stepped through the rose covered archway to be presented to her subjects.

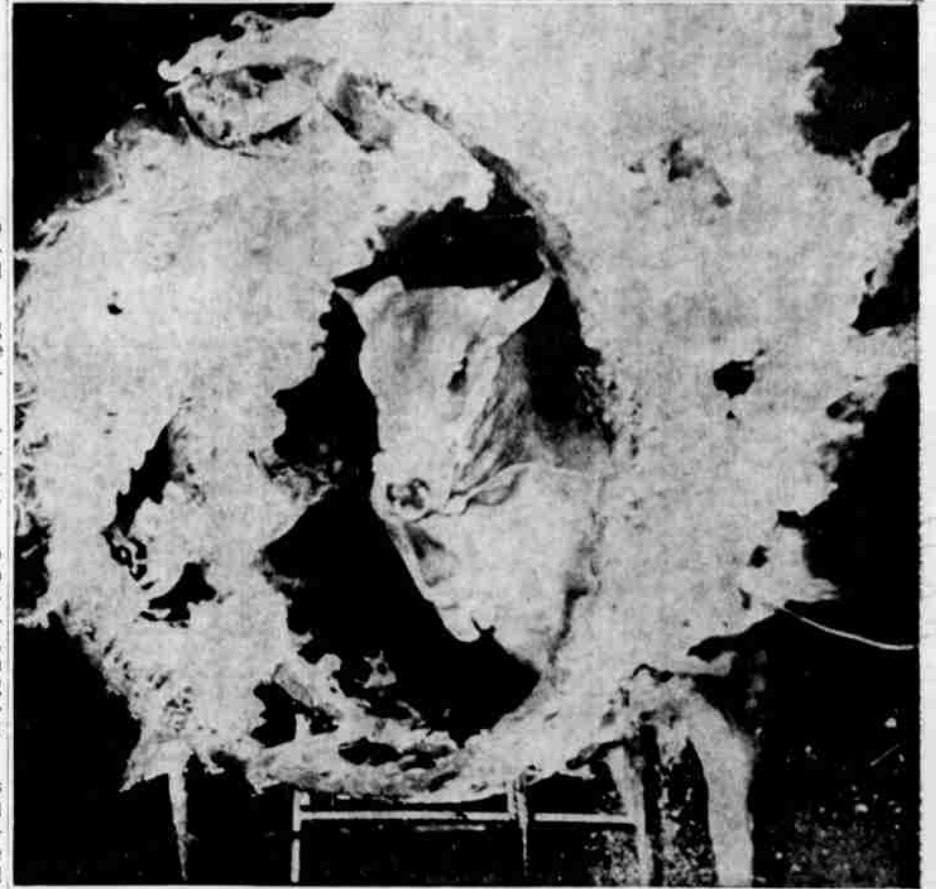
Queen Celia I smiled radiantly through a glare of popping flashbulbs as she was crowned by 1958 queen, Arlene Weatherspoon, to the accompaniment of stamping feet, wildly waving hands and excitedly glowing faces.

Dancers fairly shook the crowded floor with the determination of Indian warriors, and the room was a maze of frenzied enthusiasm as Celia's father gently helped his daughter from the platform to claim the spotlight and be the first to dance with the rodeo royalty.

As the music stopped men whipped out handkerchiefs to dab their dripping brows and women and girls gasped to catch their breath. Celia's father led her through the chattering mass to the edge of the crowd where friends instantly gathered around Elgin's newest celebrity with hugs, smiles, and congratulations shouted above the music from every side. A tug at Celia's arm let her know that a young admirer was shyly asking for the next dance which she missed altogether as the friends kept coming by with smiles and "We're so proud, Celia."

"Oh, I can't believe it!" were Celia's first excited words as the announcement was made to the girls in the KP hall where each candidate's tickets were counted separately earlier in the evening. A second later her hand flew to her face as she tried to make herself believe that her "dream" had really come true. But it was true and within a few minutes she was being rushed off to change her clothes for the coronation.

Now she would take her place, as twelve other excited girls had before her... she was queen of her home town's biggest event!



THROUGH THE FIERY HOOP

Hoop-jumping is one of many tricks performed by Rubin, the trained Brahma Bull. The Brahma is owned by George Taylor, who does a specialty black light and trick roping act, too.



UNION'S ROYALTY
Princess Ella Mae Denton and her escort.



LA GRANDE'S PRINCESS
Princess Wanda Schaures and her escort.



OH! THEY ARE PRETTY—Queen Celia receives her royal bouquet from the flower girl at the Elgin Stampede Coronation Ball, Saturday night. She will be leading her court during the Elgin Stampede set for Saturday and Sunday.



HURRAY, IT FITS OK — Arlene Weatherspoon, last year's Stampede queen places the crown upon the head of the new queen, Celia Cochlasure of Elgin. Queen Celia will rule over Elgin's two day rodeo event.



HIGH-LIGHT OF CORONATION BALL

At the climax of Elgin's Stampede Queen contest Saturday night, Celia Cochlasure was crowned the winner. Queen Celia will reign over the two day Elgin Stampede this coming weekend. Sharing the lime-light with her is, left to right, Mildred Harwood, queen mother; Jordyce

Tameris, Elgin; the queen; Ella Mae Denton, Union; and Wanda Schaures, La Grande. The candidates have each been trying to contact as many as possible in the past few weeks to obtain the crown. (Observer Photo)



FARMING IMPORTANT INDUSTRY, TOO

Farming is an important industry to Elgin residents. This picture faces the Morgan farm which is located outside Elgin. The fence in the foreground is one of the older wooden variety.