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Queen's Attendants To be Introduced Here Saturday

Rodeo Directors Will Name Queen Later; Show Plans Progress

Who will be queen of Heppner's Rodeo, August 26-27-28?

Show directors may have a good idea, but they're not going to tell until the psychological moment arrives. When that psychological moment comes, the news will be released.

But for those who wish to meet other members of the royal court of Rodeo, they have but to attend the opening of the series of dances in their honor. The opening dance will be held at the county pavilion in Heppner next Saturday night. Elmer Steele's swing band of Pendleton will dish out delightful tunes.

There will be no voting.

Selection of this year's queen will be made by the Rodeo association, while Lexington, Rhea Creek, Lena and Willows granges will each name an attendant, all having been selected with exception of the Lena appointee. Those named are:

Miss Evelyn Kirk, Lexington.
Miss Florence Becket, Rhea Creek.
Miss Joyce Carlson, Willows.

Each of the queen's attendants will have a dance in her honor staged in her own community by her sponsoring grange, in addition to the opening and wind-up dances at Heppner, the final dance on August 20 to serve as inaugural ball for Queen (?). The dances will each fall on a Saturday night. The second dance will be held at Lexington July 23, in honor of Miss Kirk, Miss Becket will be honored July 30 at Rhea creek, and the Lena girl at Lena August 6, and Miss Carlson at Ione August 13.

The decision to follow this course for naming the royal court was evolved from a series of conferences by Rodeo directors and grange representatives, and was expected to meet with popular endorsement as it eliminates the voting that has led to some difficulty in past years.

Progress is reported by Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, in plans for staging the show itself. The bucking horses of Kenneth Depew, popular performer at local shows and one-time bucking champion, will give plenty of thrills, judging by performance at the St. Paul show July 4, Aiken said. He also said prospects were good for bringing Billy Smith, 12-year-old pony express rider, and the ponies he trained himself, another feature of the St. Paul show that made a big hit.

The Rodeo will be operated on a "non-Turtle" basis again this year, and Aiken said many of the performers at St. Paul had promised to be on deck. Reminding everyone that the time til Rodeo is rapidly shortening, Aiken extended the hospitality of the city and a promise of a cracker-jack show to everyone who comes to Heppner, August 26-27-28.

SHIPS MONTANA LAMBS

J. G. Barratt returned home the end of the week from Montana where he went to ship lambs that were ready for market. He accompanied the shipment into St. Paul while away, along with Henry Krebs who shipped at the same time. Krebs' lambs, lambled in February, reached market at a weight of 88 pounds, while Barratt's, lambled in March, went in at 80 pounds. Mr. Barratt reported heavy rains all through Montana and the Dakotas while he was away, and some of the flat country in the Browning section was covered with water four inches in depth.

Heppner's junior Camp Fire girls under the leadership of Mrs. Woodrow Morris left Sunday for a few days outing at Hidaway springs.

NEWSY NEWS VIEWS

(As gleaned by Paul McCarty at the Heppner Hotel desk)

Fires, the more disastrous ones, seem to have a habit of striking Heppner's portals in the late hours of night when all inhabitants are unprepared. . . . another fire was in the making early Monday morning around the hour of two, but was quelled before it gained much headway. . . . a careless smoker evidently dropped off to sleep in his room at the Heppner Hotel and woke up with his pillow and mattress in flames. . . . Luckily, Bill Young, night clerk, was warned by Bert Roberts, Merrill's cafe chef, that he scented smoke on the second floor corridor. . . . quick work saved the hotel from what might have been another Heppner fire, similar to the one that destroyed the famed Palace Hotel.

Corporal Don Turner. . . that's the ranking given the local product who is now attending Citizen's Military Training Camp for his second consecutive summer. . . . enlisted with Corporal Turner at the Vancouver session are two other Heppner boys, John Crawford and Jack Hamrick.

Indications that the liquidation of Heppner's extinct duo of banks is drawing near completion seem to be shown by the hustle of J. L. Gault, bank receiver. . . . Gault is selling all office equipment he has used for the past five years and says he is having no trouble getting rid of typewriters, files, and numerous other office accessories.

The Oregon Journal's Fred Lockley, "the man of 10,080 interviews," visited Heppner Monday, interviewing leading citizens for stories that will be published in his daily column on the editorial page of the Journal. . . . Lockley, who has been with the previously named paper for 13 years, was the first man to give the outside world the news about the famous Heppner flood of 1903.

The starting dates of Heppner's Rodeo, "the biggest little show of sports of the old west," are over a month distant but reservations for rooms are beginning to come in.

For the first time in several years, it looks as though a Heppner high school graduate is going to attend Whitman college at Walla Walla. . . . the first timer will be Jackson Gilliam who has been given a scholarship to that institution.

To early-rising radio listeners who cater to orchestral arrangements of popular tunes. . . . the Originalities, an eight-piece orchestra that plays the latest songs, may be heard each morning except Saturday and Sunday, at seven o'clock, over Portland's KGW. . . . this orchestra is one of the most versatile on radio today.

Until the real thing comes along, the swimming holes at Bauman's and Monahan's are filling in as capable substitutes.

It's the latest thing in town. . . . the renovated Model T belonging to Omer McCaleb, apprentice druggist at the Humphreys concern. . . . for the quaintest car in Heppner, see this relic.

Public Enemy No. 1 Succumbs in Fire

Bert French's motorcycle which some town wags have jocularly referred to as Public Enemy No. 1 was consumed in flames on the hill west of town between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday evening.

French and a pal were attempting to ride the machine double up the hill when it overturned and caught fire. They escaped unharmed but the machine is reported to have been entirely ruined.

TO TAKE TRIP

Frank C. Alfred expected to leave Saturday on a week's vacation motor trip with Mrs. Alfred, who will have a week's vacation at the same time from her WPA supervisory work at The Dalles. Included in the anticipated itinerary were visits to Crater Lake, Oregon caves and the coast.

Fred Lockley Tells Of Writing One of First Flood Stories

Noted Interviewer Gets Dope on Residents; Visits Lions

Fred Lockley's sketches of pioneers published in the Oregon Journal have long been favorite reading of many Oregonians, and when this writer of 10,000 interviews was in Heppner Monday Lions club members discovered that he talks just as interestingly as he writes. Mr. Lockley's talk was packed with human interest anecdotes gleaned from his long experience as a journalist.

Mr. Lockley recalled being in Heppner at various times in the past, and it was here that one of his outstanding journalism experiences occurred. He was circulation manager and stockholder of Pendleton East Oregonian when first word was received of the flood here June 14, 1903, and he was among a group of Pendletonians who rode a box car to Echo and from there he and Dr. W. G. Cole took team and buggy to visit the stricken city. From Heppner they drove to Lexington and Ione to get material for his story which was one of the first to reach the outside world.

While in the city he interviewed a number of old-time Heppner residents, among them M. D. Clark, E. G. Noble and Chas. B. Cox. Mrs. Lockley accompanied him.

Other visitors at the Lions luncheon were Bily Cochell and Clark Dunnington, buddies on the U. S. airplane carrier Saratoga, and Cochell told some of his navy experiences.

B. C. Pinckney, chairman of the Boy Scout executive committee, announced that Heppner's contingent of boys would leave Sunday for a four-day summer camp at Ritter springs. He asked that anyone planning to go to a picnic Sunday get in touch with him to make arrangements to take some of the boys over, if possible.

Harold Buhman Gets Hand in Wringer

Harold Buhman, grade school principal and band director had the misfortune of catching his hand in the clothes wringer recently and sustaining injuries that were expected to take at least six weeks to mend so that he could use the member.

The accident happened in Portland where Mr. Buhman and family are spending the summer and he is attending University of Oregon summer school.

SEE S.S. WHEELER

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, son Don and John Crawford viewed the s. s. Charles L. Wheeler as that history making vessel went through the sealocks at Bonneville Saturday, the first ocean going vessel to dock at the port of The Dalles. They were on their way to Vancouver where Mr. and Mrs. Turner took the boys to enter C. M. T. C., and left early enough to reach Bonneville as the ship passed. They reported a large crowd present to witness this part of the celebration in honor of inauguration of The Dalles as a seaport. On the return Mr. and Mrs. Turner took the Wapinitia cut-off and visited Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford at Madras and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz at Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McNeill departed the end of the week for a vacation at Hayden lake near Spokane. Mr. McNeill is assistant manager of the local branch, First National bank of Portland.

Mid Summer Sale—Coats, Suits and Hats, ½-price. Special rack of dresses sold regularly to \$8.95 priced \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95. Curran's Ready-to-Wear. 17-20

FIRST NEW WHEAT RECEIVED HERE

North Country Getting Under Full Swing, With 3570 Sacks Received at Lex Yesterday

The Heppner section is just starting harvest, while the country farthest north is in full swing, and that in between which drains into Lexington will be at its peak about the middle of next week.

R. O. Deulon delivered the first new crop wheat at the Farmers Elevator warehouse in Heppner Tuesday. It was Rex variety, going 58 pounds to the bushel. At the Interior warehouse Ray Drake and Dale Akers made the first deliveries yesterday. Both lots consisted of forty-fold of good quality.

Morrow County Grain Growers at Lexington has been receiving for more than a week, and yesterday received 3570 sacks. G. J. Ryan, manager of the Lexington houses, estimated the average production in the Lexington section to run about 16 bushels to the acre. The quality is lighter than last year, and the first carload shipped ran one percent smut.

At Morgan, Elmer Griffith, manager, estimates that a total of 100,000 bushels will be received there for the season. Smut is quite bad in the white wheat being received, and quality of both red and white wheat lower than usual.

Yields over the county are varying, with some operators getting more than expected and others not so much. Part of the Fred Mankin wheat, the heaviest yielding reported to date, was running between 30 and 35 bushels.

Warehouse managers generally report an extremely light carryover of old wheat, the total on the branch probably not exceeding 10,000 bushels.

Large Grass Fire Burns West of Cecil

CCC boys from Heppner were called Tuesday night to assist in subduing a large grass fire burning west of Cecil.

The fire is reported to have burned from Cecil clear across to the Arlington-Condon highway. The report was brought in by Hubert Gaily who, with Ray P. Kinne, local manager, attended a conference of P. P. & L. employees at Arlington yesterday. Whether it was the grass fire or Old Sol that was responsible, Gaily wasn't sure, but he said the thermometer registered 107 in the shade on Arlington's Main street at 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT

Twenty-two years may not be a very long time, but when dark hair turns white in the interval it makes a marked change. Not that the possessor of the hair has become old in spirit or appearance because of the silvering locks. For Edgar Ayers, absent from Heppner for the stated period, is not an old man by any measure. But when he dropped in unexpectedly on old-time friends Tuesday, the white hair had many guessing. Mr. Ayers is recently of Dunsmuir, Cal., but announced that he would be transferred shortly to Los Angeles. He is connected with a hotel company. He drove over from Pendleton Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Lassater of Walla Walla, both having been visiting in the Round-Up city with their sister, Mrs. Ida Fell. Both Mrs. Lassater and Mr. Ayers spent their early days in Heppner, and Mr. Ayers was among the city's early movie theater operators. They spent several busy and enjoyable hours renewing old-time friendships. Mr. Ayers is the father of three children and he said his eldest boy would graduate from Santa Clara college the coming year. A twinkle of pride in his eye was noted when he added that the young man was a member of the Broncho football team.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oviatt and children accompanied J. A. Sharp on a motor trip to Olympia, Wash., leaving the first of the week.

Sewerage Disposal, Reservoir Aid Suggested for PWA

System for Refuse Set at \$35,000; Representative Here

A sewerage disposal system and improvement in the city's reservoir facilities were two projects discussed Tuesday by city dads with H. W. Poling, PWA representative. Definite steps were not taken on either project. Mr. Poling was in the city to explain Uncle Sam's new "spend-lend" depression busting campaign and to assist in preparation of applications for such projects as the city might deem necessary or feasible.

The new public works act, like the former one, provides for Uncle Sam making an outright grant of 45 percent of approved projects, the local governmental body sponsoring the project putting up the other 55 percent which, under proper conditions, Uncle Sam will also advance as a loan.

According to plans and specifications prepared a few years ago by Frank Stockman, Baker engineer, an adequate sewerage disposal system for the city would cost \$35,000. These plans called for installation of a disposal plant as well as the necessary pipes and other facilities. Though some alteration might be needed in these plans, it was believed they might be used in applying for PWA assistance.

No engineering has been done on the proposed reservoir improvements, but members of the council's water committee are strongly in favor of such a project. It is contemplated to refine the old large reservoir located on the hill above the reservoir now in use, to cover it and connect it up with the lower reservoir for automatic feed. The increased water reserve that would be provided would not only give better service, but would reflect a saving through lower insurance rates, it was believed.

Also mentioned was the possibility of improving the new swimming tank site for park purposes through PWA assistance.

The visiting PWA official is a son of Dr. D. V. Poling, public relations representative of the state board of higher education and a favorite speaker of commencement and other audiences here over a long period of years.

HELPS HARVEST PEAS

Henry Tetz, head of the Adams schools and former athletic director in the local school, is spending his vacation in the harvest fields of Umatilla and Sherman counties. While in the city Tuesday with his family, he told of having assisted in the pea harvest on a large Umatilla county farm that turned out an average of 40 tons of peas a day over a 20-day period. The peas went to Walla Walla for canning. He worked on the hoe-down and said he found the work interesting but somewhat gruelling at times. On two different occasions he put in a 24-hour shift. The peas must be taken off when ready, which causes irregularity in the harvesting procedure. A few hours may be worked one day, several days may be skipped entirely, and then again a long stretch like those 24-hour shifts may be required. In a few days he expected to go to Grass Valley to work in the wheat harvest. The Tetz family left Tuesday evening for Adams in a new car purchased locally.

PAST GRANDS TO MEET

Past Noble Grands club will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Turner next Wednesday, July 20, to work on tea towels and aprons for the bazaar to be held later in the fall.

Earl Eskelson was over from the Lone Rock ranch yesterday, transacting business.