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Redistricting

OREGON'S old school district system is as antiquated as the horse and buggy. Educational leaders have been saying that for a good many years, and in Morrow county agitation for a new set-up has several times reached general public discussion.

The system under which Morrow county has been operating was started when transportation facilities were poor and it was necessary to have a school within a few miles of every farm home. Arrival of good roads and motor transportation has changed all that, until, at present, only a few of the organized districts maintain schools. Pupils are quite generally transported to the larger schools.

The natural transition in educational centers led to a very logical redistricting plan, incorporated into law at the last legislative session, which now compels redistricting in all counties not set up under the county school law, and gives a very logical answer to problems previously discussed in Morrow county.

Present transportation of pupils in Morrow county points to the need of only four or five districts. Such reorganization would immediately eliminate \$1000 in clerks' salaries, bonds and cost of present inter-district transactions that would be eliminated under the new set-up. As each of the larger districts would probably maintain a high school, the cost of operating the present non-high school district board would also be eliminated to make a further saving, while the more efficient operation of the larger districts that may be expected should generally cut operating costs.

All taxpayers know that a large share of their tax bill is for schools, and whether residence is had in a district of high or low levy for special operation, the generally high costs are reflected upon everyone. All should welcome the new plan.

Considerable property in the county at present is not included in any school district. This will be included in some district under the new plan. A few districts are now in difficulty because their school population has fallen below the minimum requirement to operate the district, and may not draw funds. This difficulty will be overcome under the new law.

The Morrow county redistricting board has just been organized and plans are laid for general public discussion in the fall to determine just how many districts should be established and the boundaries of each. Everyone should become informed on the question so as to give intelligent response when the time comes.

A big objection offered to attempts at redistricting in the past, that of having to assume larger indebtedness of some other district, is obviated in the new law. Each existing district must pay off its own indebtedness, and new districts will start with a clean slate.

"Crazy With the Heat"

HOTTEST weather of the season this week, which tipped the mercury over the 100 mark here yesterday, is only moderately warm. Our people generally have been free from balminess caused by excessively hot weather. Those who have been working in the sun and have been able to perspire freely are for-

Rodeo Queen Qualifications Limit Field

One of Nine Girls to be Named; Group to Sponsor Dress-up

An investigation of records of past Rodeos revealed that nine candidates were eligible for selection by the board of directors as queen of the 1939 Heppner Rodeo.

Requirements for possible selection to the queenship are that the candidate be an unmarried member of a pioneer family, a past Rodeo attendant, and a senior or a graduate of a Morrow county high school. Candidates must also have been an attendant at the 1933 Rodeo or any Rodeo thereafter, as 1933 was the first year that voting by popular choice through dance tickets was introduced as the means of choosing the queen. Other requirements are that the candidate possess outstanding riding ability and a pleasing appearance, on a horse as well as on the street.

Included on the eligible list are Florence Beckett, Joyce Carlson, Cecelia Healy and Evelyn Kirk, all attendants last year to Queen Maxine McCurdy, recently named one of the royal court of Barbara Kirkpatrick of the Pendleton Round-Up. Bernice Martin, Peggy Kilkenny, and Marjorie Parker, princesses of Betty Bergevin in 1937, Betty Doherty, Genevieve Hanna's attendant in 1936, and Aileen Farley, princess of Ilene Kenny in 1935, are also candidates for the queenship.

All other members of past Rodeo royal courts are ineligible because of marriage or having been a queen. Among this group are Betty Bergevin, Maxine McCurdy, Ilene Kenny, Harriet Heliker, Dimple Crabtree, Frances Rugg, Camille Stanley, Beth Wright, Mary Cunha, Irma Lane, Ruth Dinges, Mae Doherty, Edna Lindstrom, Margaret Brosnan, Dorothy Doherty and Genevieve Hanna. All of the last thirteen named are married.

Although announcement of the queen is scheduled for August 19, Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, hinted yesterday that the queen's name might possibly be revealed before that time.

Recent Rodeo developments include the appointment of Scott McMurdo, Howard Furlong, Howard Bryant and Curt Thompson as a committee to promote a program for the annual dress-up day, which this year will be August 19.

Saturday's dance, the second in the series of pre-Rodeo dances, is scheduled for Rhea Creek grange, which is honoring its attendant, Kathryn Thompson.

fortunate, for nature has provided the best air-conditioner of all. Others probably haven't had much to do and have been afforded opportunity to keep the body bearably cool in the city's new plunge—except for the slight interval when a shortage of water prevented its being filled for use.

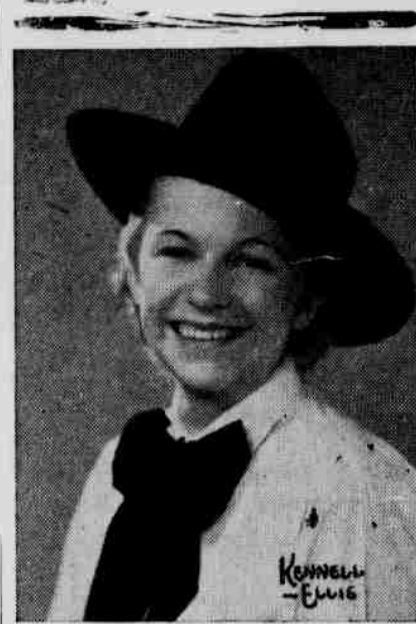
It makes the weather here more comfortable when we think about the Alabaman passing through Iowa. It was during a heat wave so terrific that corn popped in the field. When the Alabaman saw this he thought it was a blizzard, lay down and froze to death.

Veracity marks another heat story that makes the perspiration flow more freely, avows C. Darbee, depot agent. He told of a timber cruiser from Skagit who went into Seattle one Fourth of July. Just for something to do he outfitted himself in a Santa Claus suit of heavy red material all trimmed in fur. The weather was hotter than blue blazes, but the woodsman ventured forth and in no time had blocked traffic by the crowds following in his wake. Two policemen arrested him, and on arrival at the station he asked what charge they could prefer. They were stumped and so was the judge, who told him that it would be better to put the Santa Claus suit among the moth balls for a few months.

ONE OF THESE WILL BE QUEEN OF THE 1939 RODEO



MISS BERNICE MARTIN—1937



MISS JOYCE CARLSON—1938



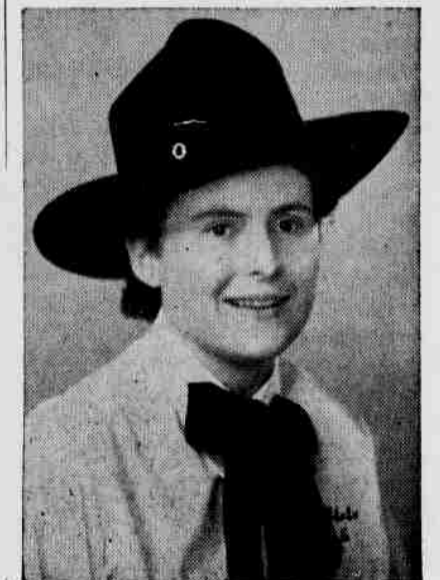
MISS MARJORIE PARKER—1937



MISS EVELYN KIRK—1938



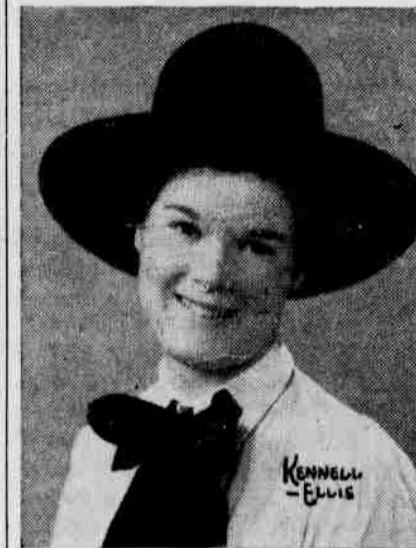
MISS PEGGY KILKENNY—1937



MILL FLORENCE BECKET—1938



MISS AILEEN FARLEY—1935



MISS CECELIA HEALY—1938



MISS BETTY DOHERTY—1936

Here are the nine young ladies, attendants to Rodeo Queens of former years, who are the only eligible aspirants to this year's throne. The directors will choose one from among their number to wield the sceptre. Which will it be?

Salem Ready for Legion Convention

Salem, July 26—Present indications point to a record-breaking attendance at the twenty-first annual convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary which will be held in Salem on August 9-10-11-12. The housing committee already has received a large number of requests for room reservations from parties in every section of the state. There are ample accommodations arranged for all anticipated visitors and their requests will be handled in the order in which they arrive.

Salem is ideally located to attract thousands of Legionnaires and other visitors for this convention. It is nearer the center of population than any other city that has held the convention in the past years. Since the convention here ten years ago many changes have taken place in the cap-

ital city and so the gathering will afford many an opportunity to inspect the new buildings.

The program that has been planned for this convention is so arranged as to give a varied class of entertainment with something doing all of the time from the evening of August 9th until the closing of the convention on August 12th. There will be parades, band concerts, drum corps activities, in fact more musical organizations than have attended an American Legion gathering in many years. There will be over 1,000 soldiers here for the parade and for putting on stunts and military demonstrations.

One afternoon will witness the spectacular Airshow at the Salem Municipal Airport and along with that will be a gigantic barbecue. Tex Rankin and many other famous stars will participate in this show. Many events have been planned

and crammed into the small space of 72 hours allotted for the convention which will add greatly to the entertainment and amusement of the thousands of visitors expected.

Salem will be ready—so make your plans right now to "Trail 'em to Salem" on August 9, 10, 11 and 12.

There were 75 hit-and-run traffic accidents during the month of June this year, none of them resulting in fatalities, Earl Snell, secretary of state, reported today. In six of the accidents injuries occurred.

MID-SUMMER SALE of Hats, Coats and Suits. Special stock of cotton voiles and silk dresses to sell at \$1.00 while they last. CURRAN READY-TO-WEAR. tf.

Miss Dorothy Hartman of Astoria is visiting at the home of her friend, Miss Nelba Hanlon.