

1953 RODEO ROYAL COURT IS ANNOUNCED

The princesses for the court of Queen Elise Bauernfeind at the 1953 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo to be held Sept. 3, 4, 5 and 6 are Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Beth Ball, Wilma Hug and Pat McMillan, the Fair and Rodeo committee has announced. The queen and her court will be presented at the traditional Kickoff dance to be held Saturday, July 25 at the Fair pavilion.

Ken Knott's orchestra, from Portland, has been contacted to play for the kickoff dance again this year. The princesses, all ranch raised girls, will each be given a dance in her honor. On Aug. 1, princess Carol Ann Wigglesworth, sponsored by the Lena community, will be honored at the first princess dance. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth of Echo.

Beth Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball of Heppner, will be honored on August 8. She is sponsored by the Rhea creek Grange. Wilma Hug, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Hug of Boardman, will be honored on Aug. 15. She is sponsored by the Boardman Tillicum club. The fourth princess, Patricia McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McMillan of Lexington, will be honored at the last princess dance on Aug. 22. She is sponsored by the Lexington Grange. The queen's dance will follow the princess dances on Friday, August 28. Queen Elise was a princess two years ago sponsored by the Willows Grange. The selection of the queen is made by the Fair and Rodeo committee from princesses of past years. Primary rules demand that the queen be single and a graduate of Morrow county high schools. Eligible girls are judged on their horsemanship and their gracefulness. The queen and her court have made only two previous appearances. Their first was at the Elks picnic on June 28 and their last was at the recent Ukiah rodeo over the 4th of July.



FOUR OF THE FIVE Heppner Boy Scouts who left Monday, July 13, for the National Scout Jamboree near Puente, Calif. They are, from left to right, Dick Applegate, Jay Sumner, Len Ray Schwarz and Jesse Smallwood. The empty space makes room for the missing scout, Bob Laughlin, who wasn't available for the picture.

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Ruling Raises Milk Price Here

Producer Price Cut By Order, Butterfat Raised

As a result of a recent hearing held in Heppner and decisions reached at a state board of agriculture meeting in Portland Monday, the prices for butterfat in the Heppner area were cut to the producer and the retail price of milk was raised one cent over the price charged since December, 1952 for 3.5 milk. The increase in retail price comes as an adjustment from a previous order made by the board last December which cut the retail price from 25 cents to 23 cents. Recently one local dairy raised its price one-half cent to 23½ cents per quart on the order of the Milk Marketing Administration but at the same time increased the butterfat content to 3.8 percent. The new ruling also allows the sale of milk in the 3.5 through 3.8 percent bracket at the 24 cent price. This has previously been prohibited by the board's ruling which required a higher price for 3.8 milk.

Two School Districts Vote Consolidation; Others Being Talked

A start has been made during the past two weeks on the consolidation of several county school districts, in keeping with the requirements of a law passed during the last legislature, requiring suspended districts to join with other adjacent districts. At a special election Tuesday the voters of Lexington district 12 and district 23 approved consolidation. The vote was: district 12, yes 26, no 0. Dist. 23, 11 yes, no 1. Petitions have been prepared in district 41 and plans call for the division of the district with part of it proposed to join with Heppner district 1 and part with Lexington. Other petitions are being prepared for the joining of Morgan district number 53 with lone. The county boundary board will meet Friday to canvass the vote of the Tuesday election and to consider the other petitions which will probably be completed by that time. Special elections are required in all of the districts concerned.



Roscoe Kelley Takes Over Job As Police Chief

The new Heppner chief of police, Roscoe Kelley, began performing his duties Monday morning, July 13. Kelley was hired by the mayor and the city council last week to fill the position left vacant by the dismissal of Charles Gomillion. Serving many years with the state police, previously, Kelley came here from the sheriff's office in Pendleton. Kelley's assistant, Jack Perry, who replaces Robert Cooper, will assume his duties in approximately one week, filling out the new Heppner police force.

State Highway Tour Due Here Friday Morning

Members of the state highway commission, highway department engineers and others of the party of nearly 20 persons who are making a tour of Eastern Oregon highways will be met at the Morrow-Umatilla county line Friday morning by a representative group from Heppner and Morrow county and groups from Pendleton and Pilot Rock for a short dedicatory program of the recently completed Lena-Nye Junction highway. It was announced Monday at the regular chamber of commerce meeting. Following the dedication the entire party will come on into Heppner over the new road where they will be guests at a picnic luncheon, under the direction of Roy Quackenbush, committee head. A short program is planned during the noon luncheon and the remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to discussions of the road needs of this section of the state, it was revealed by Robert Penland, chamber president. The commission party will arrive in Heppner from John Day, coming over the newly surfaced highway. They will spend Friday night at Condon, leaving here late in the afternoon for the Gilliam county seat.

Dr. Jean D. Palmer Dies In The Dalles

Dr. Jean D. Palmer, 41 once a resident of Heppner, died suddenly last Thursday morning from a heart attack in The Dalles. He had left here two years ago, having lived here for over three years. Funeral services for Dr. Palmer will be held today (Thursday) at 10:00 a. m. in The Dalles. He will be buried at Vancouver, Wash. Dr. Palmer is survived by his wife, Frances; four children, Maureen, Kathleen, David and Mark; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Palmer of Vancouver, and a brother.

This Year's County Assessment Ratio Reduced After Study

County assessment ratios as announced today by the state tax commission show a reduction from the level of last year in all but five of the state's 36 counties. These ratios which represent the percentage which the assessed values bear to the true cash value as determined by the state tax commission will be used by the commission in fixing the assessed value of utility properties in the several counties. Morrow county was assigned a ratio of 49 for 1953 as against a ratio of 55 for last year. Wheeler county was reassigned a ratio of 43 against last year's 45.

Sewer Completion Very Near At Hand

The sewer construction is nearing completion, according to Vic Groshens, water superintendent. Individual hookups are expected to begin in about three weeks. Permits for hookups will be required before hookups will be allowed. There is a one year free period for hookups, aside from the small fee for a permit, but after that time a charge will be made. Groshens said that the sewer plant itself will be completed within one week. Arrangements have been made to begin cleaning up the disrupted streets, caused by laying of the sewer lines. Blacktopping and grading of the streets will begin within the next two weeks.

Plan Rushed For School Wing

The Heppner school board Monday instructed Stewart Tufft, Portland architect to speed preparation of plans for the construction of a 25 by 52 foot addition to the school gymnasium to be used in the future as a band room, but which will be divided and used to house two first grade rooms this fall. The board faces a problem in finding space to house students this fall at the opening of the school term until the new wing can be completed. Howard C. Reed, superintendent pointed out Tuesday, as the earliest completion date on the addition will probably be about the end of October, the school will be forced to use makeshift quarters for nearly two months. The architects are rushing the preparation of the plans, the board was told, but it will be nearly the middle of August before construction can start.

COMMUNITY RESPONDS FAITHFULLY, BUT WATER RATIONING CONTINUES

The Heppner water situation is improving since the call for rationing, according to Vic Groshens, water superintendent. The community has responded faithfully to a plea to use water for irrigation purposes only during hours other than from 10:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the evening. Groshens wished to thank Heppner residents for their cooperation. Groshens said there will be no restrictions of water except during the period mentioned. Curtailment during this time is made in order that there will be sufficient water to insure fire protection. The restricted use of water will continue until the reservoirs have been returned to their normal supply, Groshens said. The reserve has been built up two feet since rationing began. The supply of water that Heppner has is actually sufficient to carry any possible load. The problem arises in getting the supply through the pipes and to the community. The pipes now in use are on a gravity flow basis and will carry only 360 gallons per minute, whereas there is available 750 gallons per minute. There are hopes of fixing the situation by next year, according to Groshens, by using pressure pumps to speed the flow of water. Although the pipes are "40 years behind times," Groshens has received word that the system will stand added pressure. The swimming pool, filled once a week from the small reservoir, will remain open. Groshens mentioned, for those interested, that the new well has rated A-1 in the sanitation test. The water is only 3.5 hard and 54 degrees cold.

Proclamation Closes National Forests

The Kinzua Logging area was closed to entry except by permit by the Secretary of Agriculture in conformation of Gov. Paul Patterson's proclamation of July 8. Only persons having legitimate business in the area will be issued permits to enter this portion of the Umatilla National Forest. The closure includes the Tupper-Red Hill area; One trough-Little Hill Creek area; Sunflower-Lovett Basin area; and the Bull Prairie-Colvin Creek area. Roads open for through travel across these areas are: Western Route, Grassy Butte, Heppner-Monument, Red Hill, Morphine, and Skookum Spr. These roads may be traveled without permit on a through traffic basis. The areas listed are within the Umatilla National Forest and do not include additional closed areas administered by the State Forestry Department. Permits to enter the described area may be obtained at the Heppner Ranger Station and Tupper and Opal Guard Stations. Campfire Permits are not required on other portions of the National Forest.

'53 Deer Season Set, Doe Season Due Here

The state game commission Saturday at a meeting in Portland set Oct. 3 as the tentative opening date for the 1953 buck deer season in all parts of Oregon, with the season to run through Oct. 16. A second public hearing on hunting regulations will be held July 24 in Portland, after which the commission will set final regulations. A special hunter's choice season on deer of either sex was set for Oct. 17 through Oct. 20, in certain specified areas. This season is for hunters with unused deer tags. People in this area may remember that many complaints were filed against hunting of does in this area. Disregarding these complaints, this area has again been opened for such hunting this year.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Anderson of Heppner, who died on July 11 at the age of 77, were held Monday, July 13, at 2:00 p. m. at the Phelps funeral home chapel in Heppner. Mrs. Anderson was born in Decatur, Iowa, on April 14, 1876. She came west with her parents in 1884 and settled first at Hardman and later at Gooseberry. She married Charles Anderson there in 1898. After his death she moved to Heppner. Mrs. Anderson was an invalid since 1923, spending the last ten years confined to a bed. She spent many years in Hermiston and Pendleton hospitals before coming to the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she died. Surviving are her son, Ervin Anderson, and four grandchildren, all of Heppner. Rev. Earl L. Soward officiated at the services. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Directors Elected

The results of the election for directors of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district have been posted on the door of the City Hall. Results show that Garnet Barratt received 35 votes; Ora Evans, 34 votes, and Paul W. J. s. 34 votes. One ballot was marked void.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen returned Monday evening from a 7000 mile vacation trip to the East and South. While gone they visited Philadelphia, Washington, D. C. and many historical places.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matteson and Jessie of Monument were Heppner visitors on Thursday.

Wheat Crop Rolls in, Car Shortage Feared

The county's wheat crop is beginning to pour into the elevators in ever increasing quantities, and the government is also shipping Morrow County Grain Growers manager. Al Lamb reported this week, and though there appear to be some indications of shrinkage and heat damage in certain areas, the crop still will be one of the area's big ones, he said. Heaviest harvesting is in the north Lexington-lone sections and about 24,000 bushels a day are now coming into the new north Lexington elevator. The Lexington elevators are receiving about 20,000 bushels a day at the present, but this is expected to increase considerably by the end of the week or the first of next week. The MCGG elevator at lone is currently receiving around 8,000 bushels a day. Lamb said that the company is shipping as much wheat as it can to terminal storage, averaging about 5 cars a day, and that the government is also shipping Morrow County Grain Growers wheat from the Ruggs and the Heppner elevators in an effort to clear them for the later harvest in those areas. F. C. Tolleson, Union Pacific agent at Heppner, said Wednesday that so far the railroad has been able to fill all orders for cars, but that cars will probably be short later on when the harvest gets in full swing. They are however, making every effort to supply the needed transportation. Presently the train is serving the area only on an every other day basis, but Tolleson indicated that if the cars are available, daily service will probably be started. Lamb indicated that the county average still will run close to 25 bushels per acre, but that it was still too early to get a definite check. Greatest damage to the crop apparently has occurred in the higher country around Eight-mile, Hardman and Heppner, where the wheat was not advanced as in the lower areas. However, reports indicated that damage here was not general, but quite spotty. Reports from other elevator firms in the areas where wheat is beginning to come in, give about the same story as reported by the Grain Growers manager.

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Hermiston Auction Returns To Normal

HERMISTON—Volume, quality and prices returned to the pre-holiday normal at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday following the anticipated July 3 decline. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. Consigned were 322 cattle, 91 hogs and 50 sheep, compared with 188, 74 and 83 the previous week. Trading was brisk, with cattle higher, hogs steady and fatter, better quality lambs bringing higher prices. Demand was strong for all types of livestock and packer buyers from the Yakima, Ellensburg and Tappanish districts and feeder buyers from Sunnyside and Gandview were particularly active. In addition to the Washington buyers, Idaho buyers are expected to increase in number, Anson said. While consignments came from as wide an area as usual, top prices were received in all categories by Umatilla county consignors Friday. Chris Strum of Hermiston received top hog price of \$26.75 cwt.; for three hogs weighing 600 pounds. Bruce Holt of Stanfield topped the feeder pig market with 6 pigs weighing 595 pounds going for \$27.00. Top weaner pig price was received by Clayton McKenney of Hermiston, who consigned an animal for \$18.50. Stanley Green of Stanfield topped both the heifer and steer markets with the heifer going for \$19.70 and the steer \$21.25. The veal market was topped by A. W. Wolfe, Stanfield, who consigned one weighing 2450 pounds for \$17.75. Calves—Baby calves 11.00-26.05 hd.; weaner calves 12.75-15.60 cwt.; no feeder calves; veal 15.50-17.75. Steers—Stocker steers 10.50-11.75; whiteface steers 13.50-14.75; feeder steers 15.50-17.10; fat slaughter steers 17.50-20.00, one fed steer 21.25 cwt.; fat heifers 16.50-18.35, one fed heifer 19.70 cwt. Cows—Dairy cows about 100.00 hd.; dairy heifers 37.50-62.50 hd.; no stock cows. Slaughter cows—Commercial 11.10-12.60 cwt.; utility 10.00-11.00 canner-cutter 7.00-9.10; shells 5.00-7.00. Bulls—Heavy bulls 14.50-15.85; light bulls 12.50-13.75. Hogs—Weaner pigs 10.25-18.50 hd.; feeder pigs 26.10-27.00 cwt.; fat hogs 26.20-27.75; sows 20.75-22.40; depending on weight. Sheep—Feeder lambs 15.00-16.50; fat lambs 18.60-19.60; yearling bucks 11.25-12.25.

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