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RODEO ROYAL COURT—Queen Elise Bauernfeind and her royal court will make their first local appearance Saturday night at the Kickoff dance to be held at the fair pavilion. The Morrow county girls are: front row left to right, princesses Wilma Hug, Boardman; Queen Elise; Beth Ball, Heppner; back row, Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Echo, representing the Lena district, and Pat McMillan, Lexington.

Rodeo and Fair Program to Start With Saturday Dance

Fair and Rodeo Royalty Honored At Kickoff Dance

The fair and rodeo Kickoff dance this Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner will open the annual series of dances and activities leading up to the Morrow county fair and rodeo Sept. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The traditional Kickoff dance will present the 1953 queen, Elise Bauernfeind, and her court of princesses Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Beth Ball, Wilma Hug and Pat McMillan.

Ken Knott, Portland orchestra leader will provide the music for the evening. This will be his second appearance at the Kickoff dance. Although still a comparative newcomer to Portland and Oregon, Knott has had many years experience in the radio and musical field.

Following the opening dance for the entire court, there will be a dance held for each of the princesses on consecutive Saturdays and then a dance for Queen Elise, Princess Carol will be honored on Aug. 1, Princess Beth on Aug. 8, Princess Wilma Aug. 15 and Princess Pat on Aug. 22. The queen's dance will be held on Friday, Aug. 28.

Jack Van Winkle, chairman of the Kickoff dance, has announced that the opening dance this year will again cost \$1.50 per person.

Extension of Freight Charges To Be Asked

A hearing will be held in Portland on July 29 to discuss a petition filed by the Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau, Inc. requesting that the charge of twenty-five cents per freight bill in certain areas which is due to expire on August 31, 1953, be extended for one year.

The petition, which was filed with the Public Utilities commissioner, includes the territory between Portland and points off of highway 30 to and including Maupin, Antelope, Condon, Heppner, Pilot Rock, Milton-Freewater, Joseph and Cornucopia.

The hearing will be held at 10:00 a. m. in room 720 at the State office building, 1400 S. W. 5th street in Portland.

ROYALTY GUEST OF CHAMBER

Queen Elise Bauernfeind and her royal court will be guests at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Monday, July 27.

Mrs. Luola Bengtson has returned from Medford where she took her children Brenda, Brent and Hilda to remain for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner left Monday for a vacation trip to Alaska. They plan to drive up and come back by boat.

MISS AUSTRIA SUPPOSEDLY ON WAY TO HEPPNER FOR WEEKS VISIT

An article in the Portland Oregonian Tuesday, July 21, originating out of Long Beach, Cal., declared that Lore Felger, the Miss Austria, would be in Heppner for a week before returning to Austria.

Although every effort has been made to make the necessary arrangements to bring the girl here to visit her pen pal, Virginia Gonty, no word has been received indicating that she is actually on her way.

The story, from the International News Service, mentions that Lore, 19, placed among the 16 finalists of the Miss Universe beauty contest, for which she was in this country.

The INS report says that Lore will remain in Heppner for a week before returning to Austria. However, until confirmation of this encouraging news can be ascertained it cannot be taken as positive information.

Stock Prices Up At Hermiston Sale

HERMISTON—R. Wright of Heppner topped both the cow and heifer market at the Hermiston Auction Friday, with a whiteface cow weighing 1060 lbs. going for \$14.80 cwt., and the heifer weighing 990 lbs., for \$17.25. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports:

Other tops at the sale included J. R. Banderant, Stanfield, 3 hogs weighing 600 lbs. \$27.00 cwt.; Chris Sturm, Hermiston, sow and 9 baby pigs, \$122.50; R. R. Britt, Spray, weaner pigs, \$11.00 hd.; Tom Able, Echo, veal weighing 225 lbs., \$17.75 cwt.; McCabe Brothers, Ione, 1495 lb. bull, \$17.10; Guy Miller, Pendleton, 12 feeder steers, 7345 lbs., \$16.40; Janice Beamer, Stanfield, 1 fat lamb, 105 lbs., 20c per pound; Darrell Padberg, Ione, 2 ewes weighing 230 lbs., \$5.80 cwt.; Clyde Britt, Spray, buck sheep weighing 205 lbs., \$5.20.

Consigners drew generally higher prices at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday. Delbert Anson, reports, with fatter, better quality slaughter cows up \$2. feeder steers and bulls both up \$1. ad veal steady.

Included in the 356 cattle consigned Friday, which compared with 322 the previous week, were 100 head of steers from the Ray Hughes ranch at Whitcomb, Wash., near Paterson Ferry. Hogs consigned numbered 80 compared with 91 the previous week, top hogs drawing \$27.20 although quality was not as good as those drawing a \$26.75 top the week before.

Sheep consignment was up sharply, 212 over 50. In line with the market's policy of encouraging heavy sheep consignments alternate weeks when sheep buyers are expected in larger than usual numbers, the next such sale slated July 31. Top feeder lambs were up 75c.

The entire herd of 27 registered lambs were up 75c.

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It Might Be a Long Walk Home

Word was received Monday from Miss Martha Tapanainen, Morrow county health nurse who is vacationing in Mexico, that her car was stolen while she was in Mexico City. No details were given and it is not known whether it has yet been recovered.

She was accompanied on the trip by Miss Elva Rankin, a former Boardman school teacher, who is now teaching at Astoria.

Renovation Under Way at School

A summer renovation project is now under way at the Heppner school with several rooms scheduled for new paint. H. C. Reed, superintendent announced this week.

Also scheduled for modernization before the start of school, are all the rest rooms. Bids will be called shortly for new modern toilets to be installed next month.

Construction of the wing on the gymnasium to house, temporarily, two first grade rooms is waiting on the completion of plans by Freeman, Hayslip and Tufft, Portland architects. It is expected that they will be ready by next week.

Picnic in Portland Draws Ex-Residents

Ninety former residents of Morrow county met at Laurelhurst park in Portland on July 12 for the annual Morrow county picnic.

A corsage was presented to Mrs. Mary Jones for being the oldest lady present. Del Ward held the lucky number to draw the door prize. Presentations were made by Bert Mason.

Mrs. Anna Hughes Simpson, sponsor of the first Morrow county picnic, came from her home in California to help celebrate the picnic this year.

Lena-Nye Highway Is Dedicated Friday

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HEARS REQUESTS FOR OTHER PROJECTS

The newly completed 21 mile section of highway 74 between Lena and Nye Junction was formally dedicated last Friday morning at ceremonies held at the Morrow-Umatilla county line.

Ben Chandler, Coos Bay, chairman of the state highway commission, cut an Emerald green ribbon stretching across the road to officially open it to travel.

The group of about 50 persons present for the ceremonies included members of the state highway commission who were on tour of this section of the state, and citizens from Heppner, Pendleton and Pilot Rock. Morrow county judge Garnet Barratt spoke briefly telling some of the

history of the road over Franklin hill and expressed appreciation to the commission for completing the road which was the last section of secondary highway in Oregon to receive hard surfacing.

Following the ribbon cutting, Frank Turner of Heppner and James Hoskins of Pilot Rock poured water from Willow and Birch creeks across the road symbolizing the bringing together of the two communities.

Following the ceremony the entire party continued on to Heppner for a picnic lunch served on the courthouse lawn by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce. Highway commissioner Charles Reynolds of La Grande spoke to the group telling them that the commission had been "kind to Eastern Oregon" but that the help of residents of Eastern Oregon was needed to keep the commission apprised of the road needs of the district.

Meeting Held

Following the lunch, residents of the area, and a delegation from Monument met with the commission to place before them several requests for road improvements. Of major importance was the request for surfacing of the remainder of the Heppner-Spray highway over the mountains, but the commission indicated that such work was still a considerable time off due to the low priority of the road because of its very low traffic count. The commission did however agree to make an economic survey of the road and adjacent area with the idea of ascertaining what the potential use of the road might be if it were oiled clear to the John Day highway. Presenting the case for the improvement were Orville Smith and judge Garnet Barratt.

The commission also was asked by mayor J. O. Turner for early consideration of the rebuilding of the bridge over Willow creek at the north end of Main street in Heppner, claiming the narrow bridge and heavy traffic there constituted a traffic hazard.

Following the Heppner meeting the commission party went on to Condon where they spent Friday night, returning to Portland the next day.

In addition to the nearly 20 members of the tour, other visitors included Umatilla county judge James Sturges and commissioners J. E. Olinger and Claude Meyers. Grant county commissioner Clarence Holmes, Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, former U. S. representative from the second district, J. W. Forrester Jr., editor of the East Oregonian, several members of the Pendleton chamber of commerce and the Pilot Rock Commercial club, and a delegate from Monument.

Season Called Off, Hermiston Winner In Baseball League

The remaining games of the American Legion Junior baseball league in this area, including last Sunday's game scheduled here between Heppner and La Grande, were cancelled last week in order that a winner could be selected to represent the league in the state tournament.

Hermiston, already undisputed champion, was named as the

Announcement has been made that there has been scheduled two more baseball games to be played here in Heppner by the local American Legion baseball team. The first one will be played next Sunday, July 26, at 2:00 p. m. at the Rodeo grounds against a John Day team. These games are post season games played to fill out the season for season ticket holders.

league's top team. It was felt by the managers of the various teams, meeting in Hermiston to discuss the problem, that to continue the remaining games would be of little importance after the winner was selected.

The late start of the league in this area was termed the cause for the need to pick the top team immediately.

Although the Heppner squad failed to win a single game, the boys were in there pitching all the way. Considering that this was their first attempt at organized ball for the majority of the kids, they did a very good job and should be heartily commended for their efforts.



CUTTING THE RIBBON during the dedication ceremonies last Friday of the Lena-Nye Junction highway, is Ben Chandler, Coos Bay, chairman of the state highway commission. In the background are other members of the commission party and visitors from Pendleton and Pilot Rock.



SPEAKING at the dedication ceremonies on the new road is county judge Garnet Barratt, in front of flag. Behind the ribbon are members of the commission, highway department engineers and members of the Umatilla county court. (GT Photos)

Foreign Parcel Post Rates to Increase Beginning August 1

An increase on parcel post rates to foreign countries beginning at 31c for the first pound and decreasing slightly for each additional pound to a maximum of 44 pounds at \$3.75 will go into effect on Aug. 1, according to an order released by the postmaster general.

This order will not include any packages sent to servicemen through an APO or an FPO address, said James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster.

The previous rates were approximately 14c per pound in the majority of foreign countries. Great Britain for example will now figure out at 45c for the first pound and at \$5.07 for her 22 pound limit.

Spray Man Found Shot To Death in Car

W. H. Higgins, about 42, of Spray was found shot to death Tuesday afternoon in his pickup parked along the John Day highway near Service Creek, according to Morrow county sheriff C. J. D. Bauman. Reports indicated that his death apparently was suicide, as a gun was found on the seat beside him.

Wheeler county sheriff, Malcolm Keyes and state police are investigating the death.

6-Month Bond Sales Above Last Year's

After analyzing the sales performance of their per series E and H bonds during the first six months of this year, the savings bonds division of the Treasury thinks that its volunteer organization of sales people did an outstanding job.

Jeff Carter, county chairman, listed some important facts about E and H bond sales that indicate Oregon residents are being very thrifty. Morrow county savings bond sales from Jan. thru June totaled \$127,970. This figure is 56 percent of the 1953 quota.

Purchases of E and H bonds during June jumped from the sixth straight month, up to 19 percent over last year. State-wide purchases during the same period totaled \$17,035,303, up 31 percent over the first six months of last year.

The sales record across the nation reflects a 28 percent increase in savings bond purchases, and a corresponding reduction in redemptions.

Earl L. Soward is spending a few weeks with his daughter Marie at San Pedro, Calif., and his parents at San Diego. While he is away there will still be preaching each Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle returned Sunday evening from St. Louis where they attended the National Elks convention.

Cemetery Directors Call for Election To Provide Funds

A special election will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, between 2 and 7 at the Heppner city hall for the purpose of voting for or against a proposition of levying a three mill tax upon all real property within the Heppner cemetery maintenance district.

The tax levy will authorize money to be used for a working sum for the future maintenance of the district. The necessity for holding this election immediately is in order that the assessor, if it is approved, may put it on this year's tax roll. If the levy fails to appear on this year's roll it will mean that the directors of the cemetery maintenance district will be without funds until November of 1954.

The newly elected directors of the cemetery district, meeting last night to begin outlining their work ahead, called for the special election. Fully aware of the enormity of their work ahead, the directors called the election to facilitate setting up of the maintenance district.

During the meeting, Paul Jones was elected president of the directors and Ora Evans secretary-treasurer.

Negotiations for taking over the cemetery here in Heppner from the Masonic cemetery association will be made immediately the directors announced.

Annual Outing Held By Wranglers Club

The annual Wranglers club overnight outing at the Winchester cabin was held last weekend, July 18 and 19.

The ride, which began at the Cutsforth cabin, started about 4 p. m. Saturday, going ten miles to the Winchester cabin on Ditch creek and arriving there at 6:15. Dinner was served at 7:00 and square dancing followed.

After breakfast Sunday morning another ride carried the group for four hours. Following hard riding, the group returned to a potluck dinner at 1:00 p. m.

Entertainment during the outing to a close was provided by Francis Orwick, Merla Robinson, the two Mike Fulleton girls, the oldest Royce Fulleton daughter and Del Jordan.

Fire Depart. To Burn Grass On Request

The Heppner fire department has announced that it will burn grass and weeds on request, according to C. A. Ruggles, fire chief.

The cost of the burning will be charged to the property owner through the city.