

North Morrow Fair Opens at Boardman

The North Morrow county Fair will be held this weekend, Aug. 27-29, at the fair grounds in Boardman, the second year at its new location.

The program for this year's fair, following its opening on Thursday, will consist of the main judging on Friday with a style revue at 1:00 p.m. and a pig scramble following that.

Saturday morning, Aug. 29 at 10:00 will be the big parade, with prizes given for the best floats. Saturday afternoon attractions will be the Old Timers fiddler contest, the bicycle parade and horse racing, consisting of a relay, stake, musical and rope races.

The North Morrow county fair,

Welfare Head to Arrive in September

The new administrator for the Morrow county public welfare commission is George E. Werner, of Bend. He and his wife are expected to arrive in Heppner about Sept. 8. Mrs. Les Wyman will remain in the office as clerk-stenographer.

Werner is taking the place left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Clara B. Gertson who had held this position for 19 years.

Mrs. Gertson is to be state organizer for the Degree of Honor lodge and will travel through the eastern Oregon territory. She will continue to make Heppner her home.

William Smythe, field representative of the State public welfare commission was in Heppner last week and at this time Werner was hired to fill the vacancy.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

R. L. Sandvig, Heppner, last Sunday evening found out what it feels like to be struck by lightning, and is alive to tell about it.

While returning from Pendleton the bolt struck his car near Cutsforth corners, burning off the tip of his radio aerial, leaving burned spots on the car top and giving him a small burn on one leg.

Even though it was raining the flash set grass along the road afire when it jumped from the car. Bob Cunningham, also of Heppner, witnessed the strike from his car traveling behind Sandvig's and he said it looked like the whole car was afire.

BOOTH FEATURES COUNTY

For the second straight year at the Morrow County Fair there will be a Morrow county booth, "Do You Remember When," dealing with pictorial and material history of this county.

The community is urged by Mrs. John Graves, superintendent of the Home Economics section of the fair, to bring in items or pictures of other times and other days for display. More information may be available by contacting Mrs. Karl Miller of Lexington, who is in charge of the booth.

This year's booth with additional space, is scheduled to be differently arranged than last year's.

WATER STRUCK AT 355 FEET

Hynd Brothers said that A. P. DeRosa, well driller, had struck an ample supply of water at 355 ft. on the south part of their Timberline ranch.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for high school students will take place on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 9 until 4 in the Heppner high school.

WSCS TO MEET SEPT. 2

The WSCS of the Methodist church will meet on Sept. 2 at 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. Harry Duvall, Mrs. Oliver Creswick will be co-hostess.

MEET "MISTER RODEO"—

Many Years of Service to Show Gives Harold Erwin Deserved Title



HEPPNER'S "MISTER RODEO"—HAROLD ERWIN

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1st Grade Classes Due for Churches As Schools Open

Preparations for the opening of schools for Monday, Sept. 7 in Heppner are nearly complete, according to H. C. Reed, superintendent, as the buildings undergo final overhaul and arrangements are made to hold first grade classes in the Episcopal and Methodist churches of Heppner.

For the present, classes for the first grade will be held in the church buildings and in the school building, in the case of one combination first and second grade class. Bids will be opened tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. for the building of the 28 x 52 construction which will be, also temporarily, used for first-grade classrooms when it is completed.

One more instructor has been added to the school during the past week. He is Stanley H. Holm Jr. of Portland who will teach mathematics in the high school. This leaves only two vacancies still to be filled.

Four classrooms are now redecorated, along with the floors of both the boys' and girls' lavatories on the main floor, in what Reed terms the Dr. Harmon technique. This, added to the painting and redecorating of halls, brings the cleaning up process near completion.

Additions to the schools include new chairs and tables for the study hall and new desks to complete the required number for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade rooms.

County Picnic Due For Saturday, Aug. 5

The annual Morrow county picnic sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce and the county court on Saturday, Sept. 5, at noon on the courthouse park will go on as scheduled again this year, it has been announced.

With the public invited, with the only stipulation that they bring their lunches, the sponsors will furnish coffee, ice cream and punch.

Queen Elise and her royal court and other visiting royalty will be present at the picnic, which precedes the opening of the first day of the rodeo.

Hospital Addition Approved by Council

The advisory council of the Oregon State Board of Health, at a meeting on Aug. 7 on hospital survey and construction gave its approval of a \$44,050 grant to assist in construction of a 15 bed addition to the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The State Board of Health must now okay the grant before action can be undertaken for building. They are scheduled to take the matter under consideration for final approval on Sept. 25.

Preliminary plans for the building of the addition are now being drawn up. Final plans will be completed and bids taken when and if approval is given.

WATER EVERYWHERE, AUG. HAS HAD ENOUGH

You've been tramping through water since Sunday evening. Now here's how much there's been. Sunday evening and early Monday a.m. provided a neat 54 inches, according to Heppner weather recorder, Len Gilliam.

And just to keep things sloshy Tuesday's drizzle amounted to 15 inches and Wednesday's to 26 inches. Anybody have enough?

DRESS-UP PARADE, QUEEN DANCE OPENS FAIR DAYS



QUEEN ELISE

ROYALTY ON REVIEW

Friday's Dance Presents Queen Elise Bauernfeind

With the crown of her royal office as queen of the 1953 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo safely in place, Queen Elise Bauernfeind will be honored following her coronation on Friday evening at the "Queen's Dance" in the Heppner Fair pavilion.

The crowning ceremonies will take place immediately following the Dress-Up parade tomorrow in front of the Heppner hotel, with the JayCees in charge. The dance will start at 10 p.m. and last until 2 a.m.

Queen Elise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bauernfeind of Morgan, was a 1951 princess in the court of Queen Ingrid Hermann of Ione. She was sponsored by the Willow's Grange of Ione.

A sophomore at Oregon State college, Queen Elise is 19 years old. She was born and raised in Morgan. She stands a petite 5' 3 1/2" tall and her light-brown, nearly blond, hair is complemented by a pair of brown eyes.

As a senior at Ione high school Queen Elise was secretary-treasurer of the student body and valedictorian of her graduating class. In 1951 she was the Ione Legion Auxiliary representative to the Girls' State at Salem. She won scholarship honors in both her sophomore and senior years.

Horses perhaps rank as tops on Queen Elise's list of hobbies. A better-than-average rider, she has been riding since she was five years old, and proceeds to break her own horses. She belongs to the Heppner Wranglers riding club.

Queen Elise will appear during the Rodeo on her own horse "Spice", a five-gaited sorrel gelding; and in the parades on a three year old part Arabian sorrel, "Quiz" belonging to Eb Hughes.

Sewing, at which she is especially adept, dancing, and even swimming claim much of Queen Elise's activities. She is expert enough at the former to make all her own clothes.

When she returns to Corvallis to begin her second year at Oregon State, Queen Elise will live in the new home economics extension house, "Azalea House" on the OSC campus.

Outside school activities have been a part of Elise's life too, for she has been an active 4-H member and a charter member of the Order of Rainbow for girls in Heppner, for which she was Worthy Advisor. She also participated as Grand Color Bearer of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow girls in 1953.

The music of Rod Esselstyn's orchestra will be featured at Queen Elise's dance.

With Queen Elise in her all-white traditional costume will be her court, Princess Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Princess Beth Ball, Princess Wilma Hug and Princess Pat McMillan, in their all-blue outfits. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Reeves who are on an extended visit in Nebraska, expect to be home by Sunday, Aug. 30.

HEPPNER POW RELEASED TODAY

Cpl. John L. Smith, 22, Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Smith, was released today from a prisoner of war camp at Pannun-jon in Korea, according to a report Wednesday from the Associated Press.

Smith, nicknamed "Louie" who attended school in Heppner, entered the service on March 6, 1949. He was captured on Dec. 12, 1950, and had been a POW since that time.

The last letter written by the boy, received in the last few days of April, 1953, was dated Dec. 21, 1952. At that time, and as far as his parents know, his rank was PFC.

Three of Smith's four sisters live in the vicinity of Heppner; They are Hazel Smith, a younger sister living with her parents, Mrs. Adine Stone and Mrs. Maxine Warren. Another sister, Mrs. Alberta Wilson, lives in Dallas, Oregon.

Overjoyed by the news that their boy will soon be coming home, Mr. Smith exclaimed he would be so happy "if he can have his hunting partner back by deer season." The probability is that the boy will be on his way home immediately.

Junior Legion Team Wins in Final Game

The Junior Legion team evened up the two-game series with the Muleskinners by beating them 7-6 Sunday at the Rodeo grounds. The oldsters won the first game on Aug. 9 by 14-3.

Two Legion pitchers, Jerry Doherty and Ernie Drake, kept the losers down to only six hits as their teammates were racking up a total of 11.

Trailing by three runs the closing inning of the game saw the Muleskinners rally for two and then fall short of tying the score. The Legion rally came in the 6th inning when they combined four hits for as many runs.

Leading hitter of the game was Skip Ruhl with three singles in four trips to the plate.

Rodeo Reserved Seat Tickets Now on Sale

Reserve seat tickets for the Morrow county Rodeo on Sept. 5 and 6 are now on sale at the First National bank in Heppner during banking hours, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. weekdays, and from 10 until noon on Saturdays.

Reserve tickets will also be sold on Friday and Saturday evenings, Aug. 28 and 29, in booths set up on Main street. Price on these tickets is \$2.50.

LICENSE EXAMINER DUE

A drivers license examiner will be here in Heppner on Tuesday, Sept. 1 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the county courthouse, according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked again to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required tests.

Annual Parade Starts Activities Friday Evening

Here we go! Fair and Rodeo week goes off with a bang tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. with the annual Dress-Up parade under the direction of the Heppner JayCees, followed closely by the coronation of Queen Elise.

The Dress-Up parade, which officially opens the nine days in which western attire of some sort is a must, will form in front of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber co. and then move up Main street.

Formation for the parade will consist of the colors, with Harry Dinges carrying the American flag; the Heppner high school band led by the new bandmaster, James R. Wilson; Queen Elise and her royal court, mounted and followed by an escort of pennant bearers, and the Heppner Wranglers riding club.

The parade will return down Main street with the band falling out in front of the hotel for a short concert while the rest of the participants disband. Further entertainment preceding the coronation of the queen will be offered by the Heppner Square Dance club as they perform two dances. The crowning of Queen Elise will take place in front of the hotel immediately following the entertainment. The queen and her court will then participate in a session of public square dancing on the street, with Les Grant and Bunny Steers calling, before continuing to the Fair pavilion for the "Queen's Dance."

With Fair and Rodeo week officially opened and the horse trough awaiting un-western folk, the next several days will lead up to the opening of the Morrow county Fair on Thursday, Sept. 3, and ultimately to one of the big events of the Rodeo, the annual horse show sponsored by the Wranglers on Friday afternoon.

With Fair button as admission, the horse show will consist of halter class events starting at 10:00 in the morning and performance class or working events starting at 1:00 in the afternoon. Howard Bryant will act as ring master for the classes and Emil Muller of Pendleton will do the judging. Entries for the horse show close Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 8:00 p.m. The show is open to all Morrow county horses.

Also Friday afternoon, one of the new events of this year's Rodeo, the Junior calf roping will take place. For contestants 14 years and under, the junior roping will consist of one roping for each individual.

To cap Friday's program at the horse show, the first round of a two calf average for the Amateur calf roping contest will be run off. Each contestant will rope a calf at this time and then rope his second try on either Saturday or Sunday, the program being split in order that time may be available for the two-calf average.

There's lots of things to remember and lots of events to attend during this year's Fair and Rodeo, but here's one that is a must. Sunday, Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. the Wranglers will again sponsor the never-to-be-forgotten "Cowboys Breakfast." Ham and eggs, hotcakes, hash brown potatoes, coffee and milk, and all you can eat of everything, will be served at the Wranglers club house to all comers for only \$1.25 per plate for adults and 50 cents for kids.

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Fire in Lexinton Does \$1,000 Damage

A fire on Friday morning burned a storage shed belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols of Lexington, destroying approximately \$1,000 worth of tools, chairs, extra equipment and other personal effects.

A puff of smoke from the shed, only a few yards from the main house, was noticed by a neighbor about 5:30 a.m. By the time he reached the Nichols house and awakened them the fire was out of control.

The Nichols and several neighbors who came to help could only watch the shed burn when they were unable to get enough pressure to get water on the blaze.

There is no explanation for the fire, according to the Nichols.