

First Princess Dance to Fete Marilyn Munkers



Princess Marilyn Munkers of Lexington

The first of a series of princess dances leading up to the final Queen's dance and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be held next Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner. It will be given by the Lexington Grange for princess Marilyn Munkers.

Princess Marilyn, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers of Lexington and will be a senior at Heppner high school this fall.

As is befitting rodeo and fair princess, Marilyn is no stranger to horses for she has been riding since she was four years of age and now owns two horses. She will be riding one of them during parades and performances at the rodeo. Candy, a sorrel American saddle horse recently purchased from Mrs. Ralph Beamer.

She is a typical ranch girl, having helped with the haying and cattle and for the last 3 years has driven wheat truck during harvest. In school she is active in journal.

Caution is Still Urged With Polio

With the advent of the polio season, July 15 the Morrow county health department and the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis reminds residents that precautions are still necessary and that much is still unknown about the disease.

Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse said, "We don't know how long the effect of the Salk vaccine lasts because there has not been time to find out. Children who have received the injections will be studied over the years."

"The unconditional surrender of polio has not yet come. Much must be accomplished between the development of a vaccine and a final victory over the disease. The ugly line of incidence still rises and the unknown about polio is still larger than the known."

Parents of children are urged to observe the following precautions:
Don't mix with new groups.
Don't get chilled.
Don't get overtired.
But, DO keep clean.
It is felt that by following these common-sense rules the extent of the incidence of polio can be lessened.

Fred G. Casteel, Former Resident, Dies at Stayton

Word has been received here of the death on July 2 at the Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton of Fred G. Casteel, 76, a former resident of this area. His home was at Sublimity, near Stayton. He died of cancer.

Mr. Casteel had farmed on Balm Fork for many years leaving here about 20 years ago to make his home in the Willamette valley.

Surviving are his wife Vera; four sons, Lowell, Delmer and Glen all of Portland and Jack, Sublimity; five granddaughters and one brother, Walter of Pilot Rock.

Burial was in the Stayton cemetery.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Given of Silvertown have been visiting at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Drake.

Princess Marilyn's hobbies include playing the piano, singing, swimming and last but not least, riding.

When she graduates from high school she hopes to enter nurses training.

Branstetter's orchestra will provide the music for Saturday's dance and the admission will be \$1.25 per person.

Porcupine Contest Open to Everyone

At the July meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club it was decided to again hold a porcupine killing contest.

Wayne West, chairman of the contest committee, stated that there would be no rules or regulations for the contest. It is to be open to everyone and any method of killing is permissible.

The porcupine population has increased considerably in recent years and they are doing extensive damage to the timber and livestock.

The contest is to run continuously until the end of the year when the champion porcupine eradicator will be announced and awarded a grand prize.

The nose of the porcupine is the proof of the kill and when collected may be turned in for redemption in 22 shells. Ten noses can be traded for one box of 22 long rifle shells. Other sporting good merchandise of equal value may be substituted for the shells if the contestant so desires.

The following merchants are cooperating with the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club and will redeem the porcupine noses for shells or sporting goods; Anderson Builders Supply, Western Auto Supply, Case Furniture Co.; Aiken's; Heppner Hardware and Electric and Gilliam and Bisbee.

Lighting Fund Nets \$250 From Bouts

Over \$250 was realized for the chamber of commerce field lighting fund as a result of the outdoor boxing-wrestling program put on last Saturday night at the field. It was the first major event under the new lights.

In the single boxing match, Harry Breshears of Parma, Idaho defeated Jim Allen of Hermiston by a technical knockout in the fourth round. Both were heavyweights.

In the tag team wrestling match Red and Doug Donovan, Canadian grapplers, defeated Cal Roberts, Seattle and Bill Fletcher of Boise, two falls out of three.

In the earlier preliminaries Red Donovan bested Roberts in 13 minutes in a one-fall match and Fletcher won from Doug Donovan on a foul.

A crowd of over 500 persons watched the card which was staged by Jack and Maurie Kennedy of Pendleton for the chamber.

Mrs. James Brady of Coquille and Mr. and Mrs. Don Nesbitt of Hermiston visited Tuesday with John Halton.

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Wool Referendum To Decide on Promotion Plan

The local ASC office announced today that it is currently sending out referendum ballots to all known wool producers in the county for growers to decide on an agreement providing for advertising, promotion and market development activities for wool and lamb. The referendum requirement is a part of the wool support law.

The proposal calls for the deduction of one cent per pound of shorn wool and five cents per 100 pounds of live weight lamb and yearlings from the 1955 incentive program. The money is to be used to promote the industry.

The ASC office said that the vote will be on the basis of the number of sheep owned by the producer voting. To be eligible to vote, producers must have had sheep for at least 30 days since January 1, 1955.

Paul Tewes, local ASC head, said that ballots are now being sent to all known producers in the county, about 80 in number, but asked that anyone who might be overlooked to contact his office in Heppner. Ballots may be obtained from the office and voting must be done prior to August 31. The local voting will be part of a nation-wide ballot.

The proposal is explained in detail on the ballot, Tewes said.

Earl Gordon, Former Local Pharmacist, Dies at Portland

Word was received here Wednesday of the death in Portland of Earl Gordon, 58, a former resident of Heppner. Meager information available revealed only that funeral services were to be held Friday at 2 p. m. in Portland.

Mr. Gordon had lived in Heppner for many years and was a graduate of Heppner high school in 1918. He operated Gordon's Pharmacy for many years, selling the business to John Saager about 10 years ago prior to moving to Portland.

His death apparently was quite sudden as he had visited in Heppner about two weeks ago.

Oregon Bond Sales Lead Entire Nation

Word has just been received by Ted Gamble, Chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds committee, that this state led the nation in the percent of its increases of Savings Bonds sales for the first five months this year over the same period last year. The 42% sales increase for the period in Oregon led the next highest state, Rhode Island, by more than three percentage points.

"During World War II" Mr. Gamble said, "Oregonians became accustomed to leading the nation in war bond sales, but it has now been several years since this state has set the pace in any phase of Savings Bonds activity. The spectacular increase in sales which 1955 has brought is a source of satisfaction for a good many reasons."

"The Federal Reserve Bank report of June sales has just been received, and indicates another spectacular gain. Oregonians last month brought a total of \$3,086,000 worth of Uncle Sam's E and H bonds, \$712,000 more than they bought during the same month a year ago. This represents a 30% gain. Sales for the first-half of the year amounted to \$23,760,000, well over half of the \$45,100,000 1955 state quota."

Sales in Morrow county for June were \$11,496, according to county chairman Jeff Carter, amounting to 82.2% of the county quota.

Noah A. Clark, 87, Taken By Death

Barton Clark left early this week for Redmond to attend the funeral services for his father, Noah A. Clark, 87, who passed away last Sunday at a Bend nursing home.

Mr. Clark was a long-time resident of Morrow county having come here in 1898. He farmed in the Eight Mile area until 1934 when he moved to Redmond to make his home.

He is survived by one son, Barton Clark of Heppner, and two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Allen of Redmond and Mrs. Betty Scott of Emmett, Idaho.

Interment was in Redmond.



GRASSHOPPERS are to be found in nearly all parts of Morrow county, recent surveys have shown. This photograph taken last Friday on the Terrell Bonge ranch on Social Ridge between Rhea Creek and Clark Canyon, outside of the major infestation area, shows how many of the insects can be found. Barely discernible in the photo are between 30 and 40 hoppers on this one green thistle-type bush only about 12 inches across and eight inches high. In places the hoppers have completely cleaned out the barley heads leaving only straw stalks four to 8 inches high. This area had been sprayed prior to the time the picture was taken and examination revealed hundreds of dead hoppers as well as many still alive and eating. (GT Photo)

Hopper Spraying Plan Out; Some Done Privately

Interest continues in the control of grasshopper infestations even though the cooperative controlled area spraying which was to be participated in by federal, state, county and local ranchers has been dropped. It was dropped due to insufficient interest to block in a large enough area to effectively control grasshoppers without outside infestations from hoppers.

Bob Flynn with the bureau of entomology is still in Morrow county making surveys and helping with problem areas where individual farmers wish to spray. Several have sprayed to date and many more are interested in spraying field borders, fence rows, small fields where concentration is heavy. Flynn has found a continued heavy infestation with many areas now being heavily damaged from hoppers as they grow to adulthood.

Bob Every, extension entomologist, Oregon State College, was in the county last week and in making a survey he expressed his opinion that hoppers were so heavy this year that migrations could be expected. He felt that some farmers might wake up some morning with a heavy infestation that had moved in from an area where feed was no longer available for maintaining grasshoppers in the area.

On Monday of this week, Bob Flynn found infestations in Blackhorse that run as high as several hundred per square yard. Eighteen grasshoppers is considered severe.

For those who are anticipating spot spraying, Aldrin is the insecticide used. County agent N. C. Anderson said extreme care should be made in purchasing the material and in mixing it to be sure that the desired strength has been used. Two ounces of actual Aldrin per acre is used. It can be applied with Diesel at the rate of one gallon per acre when applied by plane or mixed with water for ground application depending upon the amount of water that a sprayer applies.

Though the Morrow county spraying program fell through, it appears that a large area in Grant county in the vicinity of John Day and Prairie City will be sprayed under the federal-state program.

Numerous local ranchers whose land lies in the area of the heaviest infestation have been doing spraying during the past week with one serial spraying concern reporting covering at least 700 acres.

New Hours Announced For Heppner Pool

New hours for the Heppner swimming pool were announced this week by Larry Downen, instructor and lifeguard.

Starting immediately the pool will be open every day except Mondays from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p. m. The previously staggered days have been eliminated, it was said.

Three courses in swimming instruction, beginners, intermediate and adult survival swimming, are now being given and interested persons are asked to contact Downen for the times of each class.

Lt. Karl V. Gabler Killed in Crash Of Jet Airplane

Wire service stories appearing yesterday told of the death in a jet airplane collision of First Lt. Karl V. Gabler, 23, a former resident of Heppner. He was killed over the coast of Virginia when the jet Thunderstreak plane he was piloting collided with another jet. The other pilot parachuted to safety.

Lt. Gabler was a native of Monument, but came to Heppner several years ago with his mother following the death of his father in an explosion at a Monument machine shop. He graduated from Heppner high school in 1949 and entered the U. S. Air Force in 1951.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marjorie Anne Gabler of Portland, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pearson, Condon, former Heppner residents; and two sisters also living in Portland.

Chapel services will be held at Langley air force base, Virginia, and private military services will be held in Portland upon arrival of the body there. Arrangements will be announced later.

County Pulls Out Of Weather Group

At a meeting July 6 at Pine City, the Morrow County Weather Research, Inc., elected new directors and approved plans to withdraw from the Tri-County Weather Research organization of which it has been a member since its founding four years ago.

The announcement of the withdrawal was made last week at the annual meeting of the Tri-County group at Condon and it caused considerable discussion among the membership, according to reports. The secretary-treasurer of the Tri-County organization announced at the Condon meeting that Morrow county was pulling out at a time when it was over \$5,000 behind in payments for past services. A former director of the Morrow county organization this week denied the allegation saying that records would show that Morrow county left with little or no obligation.

New directors of the local group are George Miller, Cecil O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington and Kenneth Crammer, Pine City. Lloyd VanBuskirk, Butter Creek is president of the organization and chairman of the board.

Morrow county Weather Research is now negotiating with contractors for a rain program for this area and some money has been raised for the coming year, it was said.

Shining Object in Sky Thought Balloon

A shining white object in the early morning sky today attracted considerable attention among residents of Heppner but it failed to perform like a flying saucer as some hoped it might.

The object, which probably was a high altitude weather balloon, hung nearly motionless in the sky northwest of town for almost three hours before drifting off to the west.

The CAA at Pendleton was advised of the object.

County Tax Reappraisal Program Completed

The completion of the Morrow county reappraisal program was marked this week by the departure of Edwin Walker, supervisor of the project. "The outstanding feature of the program is the tax equalization that has been accomplished," stated Walker as he faced his new assignment reappraising farm lands in Douglas county.

Many tax inequalities were brought to light and corrected as a result of the program. Principal feature of the monumental work included a complete inventory

and classification of farm lands and buildings; a revaluation of city homes and lots; and a check of current timber values. Personal property, which is reported annually, and utilities, which receive a regular review by the State Tax Commission, were not included as a part of the reappraisal program.

In addition to the equalization received through the check on property values, the county has other innovations to assure a continuation of the equalization that has been achieved. Tax commission draftsmen have prepared and will maintain a set of maps for the entire county. Each map shows the size and shape of individual ownerships. To identify the owner of each parcel, a system of numbering was adopted, with each parcel receiving a "tax-lot" number. This number correlates the ownership shown on the map with all of the other records in the assessor's office.

Prior to reappraisal, the assessor's office had used bound volumes to record the annual assessment roll. This method involved copying the roll each year. The reappraisal program has included a loose-leaf system of records that eliminates this cumbersome method and provides a convenient method to revise the tax roll.

The net effect of the program for taxpayers is a change in the ratios at which the various classes of property are appraised. Prior to reappraisal personal property, urban property, timber and farm lands were not assessed at a uniform percentage of its true cash value. With the cooperation of local advisory committees, these classes were brought together by use of a common 30% factor for all properties. For real property, the equivalent ratio—allowing for normal conditions as provided by Oregon law—is 21% of the market value. For lack of statistical data the assessment ratio used on the various classes of property in Morrow county prior to reappraisal are unknown in many cases. Of the factors that were known, there appeared to be variation in the assessment ratio of from 25% to 60%.

To accelerate the program, and to insure accurate values, great dependence was placed upon the suggestions made by the seven local committees. These committees were formed to advise the reappraisal supervisors of the local conditions that warranted adjustments from base values that were established by the Tax commission. As in other counties that have undergone reappraisal, the suggestions of the committees were utilized in forming the top-value-per-acre, as well as to suggest the comparative relations that existed between districts.

"Much credit for the successful completion of this program must go to the 100% cooperation that our office has received from the assessor's office, the county court, the press, and particularly the advice and counsel of the local community committees," stated Walker in summing up the accomplishments of the program.

"In order to maintain the equalization that has resulted," stated Walker, "a continuous effort must be made to keep the assessment roll up to date." For this purpose, Walker stated, the Tax Commission will occasionally review changes that may occur in Morrow county and continue to assist the assessor's office whenever and whenever needed.

Dale Brown Wins State Shoot Crown

Dale Brown of Heppner, a member of the Morrow County Gun Club, earlier this month shot his way into the championship of the Oregon state ATA trapshooting tournament held recently at Salem. He won the class A singles title at 16 yards and is the only man to have won the championship two consecutive years.

Brown won the title in a shoot-off after a three way tie for first place during the final day of the tourney. Brown broke 100 birds straight to get into the finals and then repeated his dead-eye work by breaking 50 straight in the shootoff.

He will represent Oregon at the national trapshooting championships to be held later this summer at Vandolia, Ohio.

As an additional honor Brown was recently named to the board of directors of the Oregon Trapshooting association.

NAMED BOND HEAD

Jack C. Flug, county school superintendent, has been named chairman of the school division of the county savings bond campaign by chairman Jeff Carter.

Raymond Drake of Philomath is here helping in the harvest at the ranch of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Drake.



NEW FIRE WAGON—the city of Lexington recently received delivery of this 500 gallon-per-minute fire pumper which has now been placed in service to protect the town. It is completely equipped with front-mounted pump, large water tank with two booster hoses and other regular equipment. It replaces an old truck which served only as a hose truck. The new truck will be housed in a new city-fire hall building soon to be constructed. (GT Photo)