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Coronation, Dress-Up Parade Scheduled for Saturday Evening

Plans For 2nd Bank Are Stymied

Arlington Bank Directors Plan Appeal of Ruling

Directors of the Gilliam County Bank of Arlington revealed this week that state superintendent of banks A. A. Rogers has rejected their request to be allowed to establish a branch bank in Heppner.

L. C. Buchner, vice-president and cashier said that the directors were disappointed at the rejection but stated that they are making plans to appeal the ruling to the state banking board which consists of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Buchner said that the refusal was based on the grounds that Heppner was not in the tributary trading area of the home bank at Arlington and therefore could not be allowed. The directors plan to appeal on the basis that other banks have been granted the right to establish branches outside their primary area and cite the examples of the First National Bank of Portland, The United States National bank, both of which have branches throughout Oregon; and a state bank with headquarters in Hillsboro which has branches in Hood River and Tillamook. They plan continuing attempts to be allowed to establish a branch here.

Buchner said the state bank examiner indicated that the Gilliam county bank might be allowed to establish a branch at Heppner if desired, but what action the directors might take on such a plan is uncertain.

The Arlington bank announced in May that it was making application for a Heppner branch and at that time expressed the hope that it could be in operation by September. The bank was established at Arlington 11 years ago and officers are Marion Weatherford, president; Earl Hoag, vice-president; L. C. Buchner, vice-president and cashier; John Krebs and B. L. Lemon directors.

Encephalitis Outbreak Misses County Horses

Ed Ring, stock contractor for the Morrow county fair and rodeo, sent word this week that all his horses have been vaccinated for equine encephalitis which has been reported among animals in Umatilla and Union counties.

County agent N. C. Anderson said Wednesday that so far there have been no cases of the disease among horses in this area, but said that the supply of vaccine is very short. Local drug stores had a small amount of vaccine on hand when the outbreak came but are now completely sold out. They don't expect to be able to get more for at least two weeks.

Hot Weather Again Strikes County

Genuine summer weather returned to Morrow county this week as the mercury climbed to an official 95 degrees in Heppner Monday. Sunday saw the thermometer reach 91 and Tuesday's high was 90 degrees. Minimums for the past few days have all been in the high 50's or 60's.

Tuesday clouds covered most of the area but only served to increase the heat as the higher humidity did nothing to lower the temperature. Scattered lightning storms have been reported in the mountains but the forest service office in Heppner reported that it has had no fires during recent days. The government weather forecast calls for more scattered lightning storms, however.

One fire was reported on state land on the Van Duzen place on Wall creek Monday night, but it was controlled after it spread over about 15 acres.



QUEEN PATRICIA WRIGHT

Saturday Rodeo Dance Honors Queen Patsy

Mrs. Patricia Ann Wright, celebrated queen of this year's Morrow county fair and rodeo, will be honored at her own Queen's dance Saturday night following her coronation earlier in the evening during the Dress-Up parade. The dance is the last in the series of royalty dances which precede the opening of the fair and rodeo.

Queen Patsy, as she is known to hundreds of county residents, though she prefers to be called Pat, has gained much unexpected recognition during the past summer. She is a 10-year 4-H club member and as a result of many activities in that organization was chosen to attend the national 4-H summer camp at Washington, D. C. While there she, along with a 4-H boy from Iowa, were selected to appear on a recent national Firestone Tire and Rubber company television and radio program as representatives of the nation's 4-H boys and girls. She is the first Morrow county fair and rodeo queen to be so honored.

Queen Pat completed her 10 years in 4-H work last fall and during that time completed a total of 20 home economics and livestock projects in addition to two years of junior leadership work in the clubs. Her list of fair awards received during the past 10 years is impressive and though her projects have been varied, clothing is her favorite. She has carried that project for seven years and as a result makes a great many of her own clothes. She made the dress she appeared in on her TV program. Her mother has been her clothing club leader and Mrs. Wright has recently completed 10 years as a 4-H club leader.

Patricia has counseled at 4-H camps and has taught many classes at camp. She has attended three state summer schools and has been active in the Oregon State college 4-H clubs. She has had a great interest in the International Farm Youth Exchange program and served as county co-chairman for that program. She met many of the delegates to come to Oregon on that program and has worked to help raise money for it. Her campus 4-H club work has included being coordinator of a state 4-H annual with the junior leader clubs of the county. She has received several scholarships because of her 4-H work.

Queen Pat is a graduate of Heppner high school where she was chosen salutatorian of her class. She was active in the school band, a member of the annual and paper staffs, National Honor society, held class of-

ices including student body secretary her senior year; was chosen homecoming queen when a senior.

She has completed her freshman year at OSC where she has been registered in home economics. She says however, that she is considering changing her major to the school of science. Her plans for the future are still indefinite. Her college activities have been many and include being social chairman of her house, a member of the home economics club, campus 4-H club and is one of 32 freshman girls who was chosen for next year's "Talons", a service honorary for sophomore girls. Even with all this, she earned a 3.2 grade point during her freshman year.

The blonde, 5 foot, 7 inch queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright who lives on a 7,000 acre Hereford cattle ranch near Ruggs. She has one sister, Janet, 16, who is also a blonde.

Queen Pat will be seen during the parade and the rodeo riding her uncle's sorrel horse, Cricket, and she and her four princesses have been kept mighty busy this summer traveling and riding at other rodeos and shows in Eastern Oregon.

During this summer, when she wasn't traveling between her home and Washington, D. C. or New York, Pat has been helping her parents on their ranch. She is a good cook and also rated by her father as an excellent hay hand.



THE 48 ROOM HOTEL HEPPNER has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van den Biesen of Portland from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kaffesieder, also of Portland who has owned it since 1945. The hotel has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders Sr. who have managed it for the past 11 years. Van den Biesen's said they planned considerable redecorating but did not know whether they would operate it themselves or on lease. They are former hotel and restaurant operators in Montana. (GT Photo)

Pre-Fair Program And Parade to Start at 7:30

The final pre-fair and rodeo events which lead up to Morrow county's big show August 29 through September 2 will be held this Saturday night opening with the annual Dress-Up parade scheduled to start in downtown Heppner at 7:30. It will be followed by the presentation of the royal court and the coronation of Queen Patricia Wright. Final event of the evening will be the Queen's dance at the pavilion.

The annual Dress-Up parade which formally opens fair week will be under the direction of the Wranglers with Howard Bryant in charge of the event. All Wrangler members and other groups planning to take part in the parade are asked by the chairman to gather at the north end

Nobody Wanted A Swell Time

For a while Tuesday and Wednesday it appeared that the Dress-Up parade and coronation program might either have to be postponed or be staged without its star performer—Queen Patsy. Her doctor thought she was coming down with the mumps!

Late Wednesday, however, further medical examination determined that she was suffering only from a glandular disturbance which had symptoms similar to mumps.

That announcement brought great sighs of relief from not only Queen Patsy but also parade and coronation chairmen.

of Main street near the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company by 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

The coronation of Queen Patsy will be held on a platform in front of the Heppner Hotel and the program is under the direction of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. A short program is planned with several musical numbers to be presented by the Heppner high school band. Chamber president, Phil Blakney will officially crown Miss Wright.

To be presented along with the queen will be princesses Pat Steagall, Lexington; Janet Myers, of Lena; Sue Coleman of Ione and Maxine Sicard of Boardman.

This year's Dress-Up parade has again been set ahead one week from its usual date because of the Shrine All-Star football game which will be held in Pendleton August 25.

Final event of Saturday evening's program will be the annual Queen's dance which will start at 10 o'clock at the fair pavilion. A top five piece orchestra from Kennewick, will provide the music, it was announced by Jack Van Winkle, chairman of the dance committee for the fair board.

Mrs. Venice Styles of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Josie Jones of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Connor of Fallon, Nevada were Heppner visitors Wednesday. O'Connor was a former J. C. Penney Co. manager here.

Farmers Still Harvesting One Of County's Biggest Crops

Farmers are still hauling what appears to be one of the largest crops of wheat and barley ever produced in Morrow county, according to preliminary figures taken while harvesting is still going on in most sections.

Preliminary figures compiled Wednesday by Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers showed the average per acre of wheat grown by the co-op's members to be approximately 28 bushels. Barley has run about 30 bushels to the acre.

Lamb said that grain is still coming in to all the MCGG elevators at the rate of about 60,000 bushels a day with Ruggs, Heppner and Lexington receiving the most.

In the total amount of wheat handled by the Grain Growers it appears that they will receive more this year than at any other time in the history of the co-op. Lamb said he expects, that by the time harvest is completed

they will have received around 2,500,000 bushels of wheat and barley and that there will be another 500,000 to 600,000 bushels in farm storage which they will receive later. This is about one-half million bushels more than the big crop year of 1948.

The overall crop average in the county for both wheat and barley will run between 29 and

30 bushels to the acre. Lamb stressed that these figures are subject to correction later, inasmuch as there is much harvesting still going on, but the final figure isn't expected to change greatly.

Storage facilities are expected to be able to handle all grain that is harvested from now on, though the MCGG now has about 300,000 bushels stored on the ground at the North Lexington elevator.

Some ranchers in the lower end of the county have already completed harvesting, but it is expected to be about September 1 before work will be completed in the higher elevations.

The July hot weather seemingly did not hurt grain in the lower sections of the county, as it was more advanced, but there have been a few reports of pinching in the later sections where the wheat was still green when the heat hit.

A RECORD? 80 Bushel Average Tops Wheat Yield

That this year's wheat harvest has been one of the best in the history of the county has been proved by many reports of 40 to 45 bushel yields, but one field in the Sand Hollow area probably can claim the all-time local record for dry land farming.

O. W. Cutsforth reports this week that one 177 acre field yielded 80 bushels to the acre of Elmar wheat. He said that a very close check was kept on the field and that figures actually showed slightly over an 80 bushel average.

"I'll settle for 80," Cutsforth said. "That's the best I've ever gotten."

Social Security Payments High

Over \$10,000 per month is being paid to Morrow county residents who are beneficiaries of Social Security, the chamber of commerce was told Monday by John A. Miller, field representative for the Social Security administration from La Grande.

Miller explained how Social Security has been expanded since it was first authorized in 1936 and said that today nine out of 10 workers in the county are covered. Most self-employed persons are also covered under its provisions. He told that benefits now run from \$45 per month minimum per person to a maximum individual benefit of \$108.50 per month. The family maximum is now \$200. He said that workers now have disability benefits, under certain conditions, as a result of recent changes in the law.

Miller was accompanied by Bill Ross, another field representative from the La Grande office.

New County Map Being Prepared by Highway Department

Bob Swain, from the traffic engineer's office of the state highway department, Salem, is currently mapping all of Morrow county in preparation for the preparing of a new complete map of the area.

The new maps will show all state and county roads, bridges, culverts and drainages and will include all recent improvements. All city and town streets will also be shown. County judge Garnet Barratt reported.

Swain is being assisted by Harry Tamblin and the work is expected to take about six weeks.

SEVERAL NEW DIVISIONS OFFERED AT FAIR; GROUNDS READIED FOR CROWD

With the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo less than two weeks away, activities at the grounds are picking up momentum and those concerned with the actual administration of the fair and rodeo are checking last minute preparations.

Little building has been done at the grounds this year as facilities have been improved considerably to take care of increased exhibits over the past several years. At the rodeo grounds new chutes of a permanent modern construction which will facilitate quicker movement of rodeo stock and speed up the events have been completed this summer.

Grounds are in the best shape ever. At the fair grounds exhibits will be expanded into the dance pavilion end of the fair pavilion and will take care of the crowded conditions which have existed as exhibits have increased. This year all youth activity exhibits such as 4-H, FFA, and FFA will be housed in the dance hall end. This was made possible by the canceling of the Friday night dance, which in the past has been poor financially.

Several changes have been made in the fair this year including an earlier entry date. This year the fair will open officially on Wednesday noon, August 29 in place of the original Thursday morning as in the past years. This will give superintendents Wednesday morning to get entries in place and will enable judges to have an extra half day of judging time so that ribbons can be put in place for the fair-going public. 4-H club entries will close at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday morning, with a number of 4-H home economic activities be-

ing held during the morning.

A new addition at this year's fair is that of the "dollar dinner contest" which will be judged during the entire day Wednesday. In hopes to encourage more poultry exhibits, Mrs. W. W. Weatherford has arranged with the fair board for feeding and watering poultry this year. Mrs. Weatherford believes that this should be an added attraction to poultry exhibitors and is looking forward to an increase in numbers in that department. New addition in the hay and grass division, with Alvin Bunch as superintendent, is the best bale of legume hay which will be judged separately from grain hay and grass-legume mixed.

The grain division has been revised and will include, this year, a special lot of cleanest sample direct from the combine, uncleaned. This is expected to be a large drawing card from farmers who boast of the best job of thrashing on their farm. A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded this year to the champion wheat exhibitor through the courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers. Safflower and field corn have been added to the grain division for 1956. The National Needlecraft contest, which provides a special hand engraved cup for the best crocheted article in the fair and the Oregon Wheat Growers League baking contest started last year, offer competition in the home economics department. This year's cake baking contest provides for a butter cake with the first place winner eligible to enter the state bake-off at the annual Wheat League meeting for the \$100 prize.

In the 4-H club division, a new contest was provided this year for

Dates Set For Registration in Heppner Schools

Heppner school officials announced this week that registration of new students and first graders will be on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4 and students who attended Heppner schools last year on Wednesday morning, Sept. 5. Classes will be held all day Wednesday.

Parents are requested to accompany first graders for registration which may also be done on Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, it was revealed. It was also announced that parents with special registration problems may consult superintendent Joe Stewart at any time during the week of August 27 to 31.

Teachers have called to report August 30 and 31 to get rooms, lesson plans, books, etc., in order and then will be excused for the fair. A teacher's workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

L. L. Robbins, vocational agriculture instructor attended the school board meeting last week to discuss an advisory committee for the agricultural program and the board selected a committee of five farmers who will advise Robbins as to what they believe are the most important aspects of the program. Howard Cleveland, chairman of the school board, N. C. Anderson, county agent, and Tom Wilson, soil conservationist will act as consultants to the committee.

All school bus drivers have been signed for the coming year and it was announced that the two new buses will be put on the Lena-Butter creek and the Clark's canyon runs. Physical examinations in addition to health certificates will be required for all bus drivers.

The board awarded the contract for bus insurance for the coming year to Ruggles Insurance company. Other contracts were awarded to Union Oil Co. for fuel oil; Rosewall Motor company for bus maintenance and to Dick's Richfield station for bus service for the year.

Board chairman Cleveland announced plans to attend a meeting this week of the rural school board to discuss setting up a policy of tuition for students who wish to attend Heppner schools from outside the district.

8-Year Old Girl Hit By Wheat Truck

Karen Ramsey, eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsey of Heppner, was injured Friday afternoon when she was struck by a wheat truck on the highway near the western city limits of town.

According to Elwynne Peck, driver of the truck which belonged to Alvin Bunch, the girl rode onto the highway on her bicycle without warning and he was unable to keep from hitting her. She was taken to the Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance where she was treated for concussion, facial cuts and possible broken ankle.

WEATHER BALLOON FOUND NEAR IONE

Leo Crabtree Tuesday found a weather balloon and attached radiosonde equipment in a wheatfield on the Bob Rietmann ranch south of Ione.

According to markings the balloon had been sent up from the Yakima Firing Range on March 14, 1956 and the finder is asked to return the equipment to the Lexington Signal Depot, Lexington, Ky. The equipment was slightly battered but not destroyed.

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