



QUEEN PATRICIA STEAGALL

Pat Steagall Named 1958 Rodeo Queen

Miss Patricia Jean Steagall, 19, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilbur Steagall of Lexington has been chosen Queen of the 1958 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo. The announcement was made late last week by the rodeo committee.

Queen Pat, who was a Fair and Rodeo princess in 1956, is a senior at Lexington high school. She is five feet, two inches tall, weighs a trim 110 pounds and has brown eyes and hair. She has been outstanding in athletics, having won several times in the Junior Olympics, and has been active in nearly all school sports. She has been riding since she was about six years old and has distinguished herself on many occasions by her performances with the Wranglers riding club. Her favorite hobbies are headed by riding, but she includes in the list, all sports and working.

Some of her other activities include 4-H club work, serving as secretary of her class since she was a sophomore, and at present she is secretary of the Lexington high school student body.

Queen Patricia comes from a family of seven, having three brothers and three sisters, two

others of whom also have served on the Fair and Rodeo royal court. Her older sister Deanna was a princess in 1954, and last year another sister Barbara was a member of the court.

Queen Pat has broken several horses in the past few years and she will appear in fair and rodeo events riding her own brown registered thoroughbred whose name is Justice K Kratzer.

Traditionally the queen is the first member of the royal court to be named and other members will be selected in the near future by the sponsoring organizations.

Cemetery District Requests Payments For Annual Care

Members of the board of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district call attention to all patrons of the annual care method of lot maintenance, that the payments of \$10.00 must be made to Mrs Elaine S George, secretary Heppner, on or before March 1, in order that the work can be completed in time for Memorial Day. Should the payments not be received by April 1st, annual care will be discontinued. Requests for information regarding the various types of maintenance should be directed to the secretary.

At the regular meeting in February, election of officers for the district was held. Paul Jones and Elaine S George were retained in their offices as chairman and secretary-treasurer. John Pfeiffer is the third member of the board.



MRS MARY HILL POLLARD, Christian church missionary, who will speak at the Heppner Christian church Monday evening, February 17.

Indian Missionary To Speak Monday

Mrs Mary Hill Pollard, a Christian church missionary to India will speak at the Heppner Christian church Monday evening, Feb 17, at 7:30.

Mrs Pollard was born in Idaho and graduated from Whitman college at Walla Walla. She has served off and on in the missionary field in India since 1923 and since 1951 her work has been in a community near Takhatpur. She has served with many schools in India.

Conference To Map County's Future

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10-Year Planning Meeting Tuesday at Lexington Grange

The results of many long hours of work by members of six main committees and dozens of sub-committees will be made public Tuesday at the Morrow county Town and Country Planning conference which is to be held at the Lexington Grange hall. The conference will be under the direction of Kenneth Peck, general chairman.

The conference is expected to draw a big crowd of interested persons from the entire county and it is hoped that it will be a good representation of city residents. A large share of the committee work has been done by rural residents, but the results and findings are of importance to all residents of the area.

The meeting will open at 10 a m and it is hoped that it will be concluded by 3:30 or shortly thereafter. The members of the Lexington grange HEC will serve lunch at noon for all those attending at a charge of \$1.00 per plate it was announced.

The conference, which is held every 10 years, is the fourth such event in Morrow county. All phases of the county's economy youth, home, recreation and living problems have been investigated by the various committees and recommendations will be made for the coming years. Reports will be given on the accomplishments of the past 10 year period as they relate to the recommendations of the former conference and how they can influence future action.

The six main committees are: home and community living with Mrs Norman Nelson, chairman; youth activities, Mrs E M Baker, chairman; farm crops, Frank Anderson, chairman; livestock, Gerald Swaggart, chairman; public education, Gene Cutsforth, chairman; conservation and land use, Alvin Bunch, chairman. Each committee has had several sub-committees working under it, and it is known that at least 150 recommendations will be made at the conference Tuesday. Many more suggestions and ideas are expected to come from those present at the meeting.

Preliminary reports on what will be recommended at the conference were heard Monday by the chamber of commerce. Mrs Nelson, chairman of the home and community living committee, told of the accomplishments of the last such conference 10 years ago and told of a survey of over 1000 county homes by her committee. Among the points to be covered by her full report will be a county museum, problems coming from population gain, need for crossroad signs, and many others.

Gene Cutsforth, head of the public education committee, told the chamber that studies have been made on county education problems, the need for a continuing county road tax levy, school reorganization, the establishment of a Morrow county port district, the need for a junior college in the Columbia basin area, and student counseling.

The conference is open to the public.

Area PP&L Crews Set Safety Record

Pacific Power & Light company employees in the Pendleton area have achieved a safety record of working more than five years without a time-loss accident, it was revealed here Wednesday by J R Huffman, local manager for Pacific Power & Light company. The employees in the district have received a special commendation from PP&L Executive vice-president D R McClung for this outstanding safety performance, which exceeded 500,000 man-hours without a time-loss injury on the job.

McClung congratulated the Pendleton group for the part they have played in the company's five-state system safety record, which recently received national recognition.

The power company's Pendleton district covers the areas of Pendleton, Hermiston, Heppner, Umatilla, Pilot Rock and Athena. Huffman reported the local area crews have worked without loss-time accident since January 12, 1953, an outstanding accomplishment earning for the district the distinction of the second longest safety performance in the company. The Pendleton crews have been topped only by The Dalles workers, according to Foss J Hughes, safety director of PP&L.

Past Week's Storms Add to County's Rainfall Total

The rains continued to come to Morrow county during the past week with over three-quarters of an inch falling at Heppner in the past seven days ending Wednesday morning, and almost one-half an inch coming in a 12 hour period during Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The Tuesday night storm brought .48 inch of precipitation to Heppner and it was still raining when the measurement was taken Wednesday morning. During the same period .80 was recorded at the Gooseberry weather station.

As far as could be determined, erosion damage was slight because of the latest storm, though some fields suffered some cutting and silt and mud was reported on several roads and Heppner streets.

Temperatures continued to remind residents more of spring than of winter. The lowest during the past week was 32 degrees Tuesday morning and all maximums during the same period were well up in the 50's. Results of the Tuesday night Creeks in the area showed the downpour as most raised several inches and were quite muddy.

The continuing mild weather brought a halt last weekend to logging operations of Heppner Pine Mills. Roads in the upper Willow creek section were nearly impassable to regular cars by Sunday due to softness caused by frost coming out of the ground. Roads in the lower elevations are entirely free of frost though many are somewhat sloppy due to the continuing rains.

Farmers generally welcomed the rain, though saturated fields cannot hold much additional moisture unless it comes gently.

Boardman Names Farmer of Year

by Mary Lee Marlow
Charles Anderegg, chosen "Farmer of the Year" by the Boardman Soil Conservation District, was presented with a trophy at the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs Ralph Skoubo Monday evening. The trophy, presented by Skoubo, was donated by George Wiese of the Boardman Supply Company.

Farm plan applications were approved for the following farmers: LeRoy Gustafson of Irrigon; C W Graham, Harold Kress, Roy Ball, Jr, and Don Bellafy, all of Boardman.

Guests at the meeting included Anderegg, Bob Sicard, Arthur Allen, Glen Carpenter, Joe Tatone, George Wiese and Dewey West of Boardman; and Gustafson, R L Dewey and D L Anderson of Irrigon. Louis Parton and Don Leach of the Soil conservation office in Hermiston, and Neils Anderson, Morrow county extension agent form Heppner, were also present.

Injured Spray Pilot Well Known Locally

Word was received in Heppner Wednesday that Roy Putman, Portland spray pilot who was injured Monday when his plane crashed in a field near Hillsboro will return to Morrow county this spring to continue his spraying operations. He has worked in this area for several years.

Putman was not seriously injured in the crash, though the pilot with him suffered a broken back.

EXCHANGE PASTOR DUE METHODISTS

The Rev Wayne Kobes, pastor of the Hermiston Methodist church will be the speaker at the Heppner Methodist church Sunday, Feb 16. His appearance is part of a program of sub-district pulp exchange on that Sunday. Rev Boulden of Heppner will speak at the Echo Methodist that Sunday.

Northern Lights Give Residents Show of Beautiful Colors

For the fifth time in less than 12 months, the northern lights or Aurora Borealis, put on a beautiful show Monday night for residents of Morrow county and most of the northern part of the United States.

The brilliant red display started at shortly after 6 p m and continued until after 10:30 giving many persons the idea that Heppner Pine Mills plant was on fire, so brilliant was the color in the northwest sky at about 6:30. The showing was described as the most brilliant in nearly 25 years in this area.

Morrow To Test One-Day Heart Drive for State

Morrow county will be a trial county for a new type of campaign in the annual Heart Sunday drive on February 23, the Rev Merlin Zier, county campaign chairman, has announced.

Personal letters containing pertinent facts on heart disease, a financial statement on how funds are distributed and envelopes for gifts will be sent to all residents of the county. On heart Sunday volunteers will visit all homes to receive the gift envelopes from all who wish to contribute. Persons away from home may mail in their contributions in envelopes enclosed for that purpose, Rev Zier said.

The schools in the county are cooperating in the campaign with high school student body presidents serving as chairman in each community. Students will visit homes in pairs for collection on Heart Sunday. In the rural areas of Lexington and Lone co-chairmen are Mrs June Cooper Lexington, representing the American Legion auxiliary and Mrs Elden Padberg, president of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Women from these groups will collect in their respective ranch areas.

Student chairman are Ed Groshens, Heppner; Ivan Kress, Boardman; Berl Akers, Lone; Dexter Miles, Lexington and Warren Inskip, Irrigon. Pictures of the community chairman will be printed on one side of the information material enclosed in the Heart Sunday letters.

Other county drive officers are W F Siewert, treasurer and Mrs Tom Wilson, publicity director, both of Heppner.

The campaign will be limited to the one Sunday, Feb 23, in the county, it was stressed. An estimated ten million Americans suffer from some form of the heart and blood vessel diseases which cause more deaths in the nation and the community than all other causes combined, it was pointed out. More than 500,000 victims are children.

Officials in the state heart drive headquarters approved the personal letter and follow-up Sunday visit in Morrow county and will be watching the results with particular interest, it was explained. "We wished to present all the pertinent information on heart disease to county residents for their support without any type of pressure," county officers said.

Lone High Names Honor Students

The Lone high school honor roll for the second nine weeks shows names of the following students:

Sophomores—Phil Emert, Linda Heimbigner, Karen Lundell, Grant Rigby.
Juniors—Kenneth Jones.
Seniors—Mardine Baker, Ann Belle Coleman, Grace McCabe, Kay Sherer.
All above received 3.25 or better.

On the honorable mention roll are: freshman—Jean Martin and Kenneth Smouse; sophomores, Mary Emert and Melvin Martin; seniors—Berl Akers.

Mrs and Mrs Wate Crawford of Lone were visitors last Thursday at the home of Mr and Mrs Alfred Troedson.



NEW FHA OFFICERS—New officers of the Heppner high school chapter of the Future Homemakers of America are, front row right to left, Shirley Van Winkle, president; Marlene Griffin, vice president; Fern Albert, secretary; back row, right to left, Ronnie Belsma, parliamentarian; Doris Morris, treasurer; Nancy Moyer, degree chairman; and Connie Anderson, reporter. The Heppner chapter has a membership of 50 girls. Mrs Jack Van Winkle was selected chapter mother, Mrs Edgar Albert assistant chapter mother, and Mrs Homer Hager, homemaking teacher is their advisor. (GT Photo)

WASHINGTON HI-WAY DIRECTOR SAYS BOARDMAN ROAD ROUTE NEARLY SURE

The original plan for the proposed Ellensburg-Oregon highway, which would enter Oregon a short distance east of Boardman in Morrow county, appeared closer to certain Wednesday evening when William Bugge, director of the Washington State Highway Department, told interested persons in the Tri-Cities, Washington area that, "There is little chance the Ellensburg-Oregon highway route will be changed."

Bugge's statement was released over a Kennebec television station. He also stated that he did not know what would be the consequences if the Oregon Highway Commission did not approve the route.

The Morrow county court and many other Morrow organizat-

ions and individuals have been working for Oregon acceptance of the Federal and Washington recommendation, while the Umatilla county court and others in that area are working to get the route changed to enter Oregon over the Umatilla bridge.

The Oregon commission will consider the plan at the meeting February 27.

Attack Claims Mrs Reta Oviatt

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p m at the Heppner Methodist church for Reta Merle Oviatt, 68, who passed away suddenly February 10 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a heart attack suffered the evening before.

Mrs Oviatt was a resident of Portland but had lived in Heppner for several years. She was in Heppner to be with her sister, Mrs Henry Happold, following the death less than two weeks ago of another sister, Mrs Vivian Kane.

Mrs Oviatt was born September 24, 1889 at Sheridan, Ore and had lived all her life in the state.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs Vera Happold, Heppner; and Bessie Yocom church, Portland; three brothers, Lawrence Funk, Wasco; Richard Yocom Rufus; Erceel Yocom, Pendleton; two sons, Kenneth R Oviatt, Boise; and Marion C Oviatt, Corpus Christi, Texas. She also leaves five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her husband died in 1954.

The Rev R V Lester Boulden officiated at the services and interment was Thursday at the Sheridan cemetery, Sheridan, Oregon.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Navy Recruiter Sets Visit Locally

Chief Gunner's Mate Ray Baumann, USN, Navy recruiter for this area, will be at the post office in Heppner on Tuesday, February 18 to interview applicants for enlistments in the Navy.

Baumann says that "due to the great number of Korean war veterans now being discharged, the Navy has authorized me to accept applications for enlistment from this area in unlimited numbers."

Eligible young men and women who are interested in the naval service may contact Chief Baumann when he is in Heppner at the post office or at the Navy Recruiting sub-station located in the post office building at Pendleton. The Pendleton station is open from 9 to 5 on weekdays and from 9 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Mrs Paul Webb Sr of Walla Walla has been visiting at the homes of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Paul Webb Jr, and of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Howard Cleveland.

World Prayer Day Slated February 21

There will be a World Day of Prayer service Friday, Feb 21 at 2 p m at the Heppner Christian church, it was announced this week by members of the Union Missionary society, sponsors of the Day.

The service has been prepared by a group of women who are members of churches within the Australian council for the World Council of Churches. Participating groups in this council are the Church of Christ, society of Friends, Church of England, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians. It is estimated that 70 percent of the 10 million population of Australia is directly related to these groups.

Some of the prayers to be used have been written by women of the Australian Aborigines, the original residents or that continent who number about 60,000 and live in a tribal society. The Australian government is giving serious consideration to their needs and is making a definite effort to preserve arts, crafts and patterns of society and religious life.

The public is invited to participate in the services.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Heppner Civic League will meet Monday evening, February 17 at 8 p m in the director's room of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	57	32	.02
Friday	52	36	.21
Saturday	52	35	—
Sunday	53	41	.05
Monday	55	41	—
Tuesday	55	32	—
Wednesday	54	43	.48

Total rainfall for the week .76; for February .98; for the year 2.54 inches.