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QUEEN PAT STEAGALL of Lexington and her princesses Ann Belle Coleman, Ione; Karen Valentine, Rhea Creek and Joann Brosnan, Lena, who will reign over the Morrow county fair and rodeo to be held in Heppner, August 25 through the 31st.

Officers Elected By Fair Board

Charles Carlson, Ione, was re-elected chairman of the Morrow county fair board at a meeting last Wednesday night at Carl Spaulding's office. Other officers elected were Gerald Swaggart, Heppner, vice chairman and Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, secretary.

About seven more days are needed to complete the new chutes and grandstand being built at the rodeo grounds at a cost of approximately \$5,700, it was announced.

Among suggestions and building needs listed in a fair committee report turned in by John Graves, chairman, included more barn space for horse exhibits, a wash rack for 4-H livestock, different arrangement for sheep and hog pens, new rabbit and poultry pens, equipping the fair pavilion kitchen to serve from 175 to 200 persons with necessary dishes, silverware, electric griddle, steam table and some cooking utensils and the possibility of fixing the pavilion dance floor to permit its use for roller skating.

Blueprints for a 4-H and community building annex to the present fair building are being drafted by an Oregon State college architect and will be presented to the county court for final approval as soon as available, it was announced. If approved, bids will be let and it was expected the building would be completed sufficiently to be used during this year's fair.

To improve the attractive and natural settings of the fair and rodeo grounds it was suggested that more grass and shrubs be planted around buildings and that benches and picnic tables be placed around the grounds. Under long range plans the report suggested construction of a new grandstand, painting of buildings, other than concrete or block construction, building of new dance hall and connection of arena restrooms to the city sewer.

A suggestion was made to contact the city in regard to connection with the city sewer line from the fair building. Approval was given the fair committee for supervision of proposed projects. Other items discussed included a proposed lease of land north of the fair grounds by the Heppner school district for FFA projects after 1959 when the Wranglers lease expires, reseeding of the rodeo field turf and agreements with PeeWee baseball teams for field space. The use of the fair pavilion kitchen by the 4-H on Thursday during the fair was approved.

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Heppner Marine At Phillipines Base

LUZON, Phillipine Islands (FHTNC)—Marine Pvt James C. Walker, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Walker of Heppner, Ore., is serving with the third Guard Company at the Naval Station, Subic Bay, Luzon, Phillipine Islands. Before enlisting in October 1957, he attended Heppner high school.

Funeral Services To Be Saturday For Avi McRoberts

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, June 14 at 2:30 pm at Creswick Mortuary for Avi McRoberts, 70, who passed away Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

He was born March 29, 1888 in Missouri and had lived in Morrow county for 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Maude; mother, Rebekah McRoberts, Pendleton; three brothers, Ray, Buhl, Idaho, Frank Seattle, Alba, Pendleton; two sisters, Bertha Graves, Missouri and Audrey Helmick, Pendleton; several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Two Fires At Ione Burn Grass-Lumber

Two separate fires at Ione Monday night and Tuesday morning destroyed from \$300 to \$400 worth of lumber and burned over a fourth of the Ione cemetery, Ed Bristow reported.

The Monday night blaze started near construction of a bridge on the county market road across from the Phil Emert ranch. The Ione fire department was able to save a 110 volt generator, a large cement mixer and about two loads of the lumber. Burned with the other lumber was a small water pump. Origin of the fire was not known, but weeds had been burned in the area during the day, it was reported.

The fire department was called about 7:30 am to the cemetery where a grass fire of unknown origin covered about a fourth of the area.

Personnel of the Ione fire department have asked volunteers to follow behind the truck and to remain after fires to mop up spot blazes as fire control protective measures.

Short Circuits Cause Power Outage

Pacific Power & Light service in the Heppner, Lexington, Ione area was disrupted Monday night when a 22,000 volt line between Olex and Arlington fell away from a pole insulator tie, was grounded, and shorted circuits serving a wide area of Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties.

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Marilyn Calvin Wins First At State Meet

Marilyn Calvin, Heppner high school student, took first place in the senior girls high jump event at the State Junior Olympics held at Grant Bowl in Portland last Saturday.

This is the same event in which Kay Sherer of Ione placed first last year.

Others from here going to the meet were Mike and John Koenig, Darrell Dick, Archie Ball, Doug Dubuque, Marie Pettyjohn, Lynn Burkenbine, Mike Williams, Kenneth Smith and Kenneth Wright.

Those taking cars were Mrs. Dick Calvin, Loyd Burkenbine, Mr and Mrs Paul Koenig and Mr and Mrs Kemp Dick.

Plans Told For State Centennial

"Oregon counties and communities should create as many individual projects of an historical and entertaining nature as possible during the state centennial in 1959," Ray Calvert, Pendleton, centennial chairman for Umatilla county, said in a talk at the Heppner-Morrow chamber of commerce Monday noon at O'Donnell's Cafe.

Calvert, who is assistant coordinator under William Temple, Pendleton, for the centennial district composed of Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Grant counties, suggested the local observances take advantage of county history, drawing on schools and pioneers for assistance.

Exhibit space for every county in the state has been reserved at the Portland Exposition for 100 days, June 10 through Sept. 17, next year, Calvert explained. To start the 100-day exhibits, an international trade fair is scheduled at the opening of the event from June 10-24. Acceptances to display goods have been received from 16 foreign countries along with answers from many more.

Dates of the centennial are from Feb 14 to Nov 1, 1959, and while the Portland exposition is a focal point, counties and communities are being asked to expand on regional attractions and stage special events of historical significance during that period, Calvert pointed out.

It was suggested that Morrow go in with neighboring counties in exhibiting at the Portland exposition.

The Oregon centennial commission was created in 1955 by an act of the legislature and Anthony Brandenthaler, Baker, has been appointed chairman of the commission. Jack Loyd, member of the district advisory committee, introduced Calvert.

No county chairman has been named for Morrow county to date, it was announced. Orville Cutsforth Lexington, tentatively named as chairman, did not accept the appointment made by the county steering committee.

City and departmental chairman are Phil Blakely, Heppner; Newt O'Harra, Lexington; Garland Swanson, Ione; John Graves, Hardman-Eightmile; Dewey West, Boardman; Warren McCoy, Irrigon; N C Anderson, agriculture and livestock and Vic Krelmeyer, forestry.

Among the purposes of the centennial is to focus the attention of the nation and the world on Oregon, to stimulate and cultivate internal pride and knowledge of Oregon's geography, history and economy and to attract tourists to the Oregon centennial celebrations, Calvert said.

A film on the construction of McNary dam was shown by Oliver Creswick following a discussion on centennial plans.

Room On PeeWee League For 18 Boys

The Pee Wee League has room for 18 baseball players between the ages of 8 to 12. All boys interested are asked to report to the rodeo field Monday at noon.

This league is made up of Little League farm teams and an additional team is needed for full league play.

City Budget Down For Coming Year; Hearing In July

The Heppner city budget for 1958-59 is down some \$2000 from last year for a total of \$100,046, according to the budget approved Monday night at a special meeting of the city council. Last year's total was \$102,102.50.

Major decrease was noted in the water department for a total of \$15,150 compared to \$23,660 in 1957-58. Reason for the drop was the completion of bonds and bond interest payments of \$5,050 on last year's budget. In addition improvement funds which included installing the new water mains on Willow Creek from the city wells totaling \$10,000 last year were cut in half this year for a drop of \$5000.

Most other funds remained about the same with slight increases noted under general government, police department, fire department, park, street department and miscellaneous. Departments showing decreases included swimming pool expenditures, public properties, public service, including street lights, garbage disposal and parking meters, the sewer expenditures and state street tax fund.

Total levy needed to balance the budget is \$30,202. Uncollected taxes showed a total of \$906.00 and special tax levies not subject to the six percent limitation include the sewer levy at \$13,150 and park, \$1,315. City taxes inside the six percent totals \$15,737. A public hearing on the budget will be held during the regular city council meeting on July 7.

Totals of various funds for the coming fiscal year include general government, \$14,655; police department, \$11,133; fire department, \$3,350; swimming pool, \$2,870; public properties, \$1,286; public service, \$3,530; education, \$800; miscellaneous, \$2,172.50; emergency, \$2,000; park, \$1,315; water department, \$15,150; sewer department, \$17,492.50; street department, \$13,292 and state street tax funds, \$10,500.

The street department showed the greatest increase at \$13,292 over \$9,160. Included in the raises were bridge maintenance of \$2,000 added this year and supplies and materials at \$3,112 over \$250 in 1957-58. A total of \$1,150 was spent for equipment last year with none budgeted under the heading this year.

Total receipts were estimated at \$70,750 in 1958-59 compared to \$69,200 a year ago. Largest items included in receipts are water department, \$23,000; city share of gas tax, \$10,500; sewer flat fee, \$9,600 and county road tax, \$6,000.

Members of the budget committee with city council members are C E McQuarrie, chairman; Dr Ed Schaffitz, Albert Connor, Pirl Howell and Gene Pierce.

Two Resign From Hospital Auxiliary

The executive board of the Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary met Monday evening at the hospital.

The resignations of Mrs James Hager, secretary of the auxiliary and Mrs Jean Mallory, chairman of the charter committee, were accepted. Mrs Mallory is leaving soon to make her home in White Swan, Washington.

Mrs Kathleen Leadford, supervisor of nurses at the hospital, reported that there was a need for hats for surgery patients, hot water covers and ice bag covers and for the recreation room being fixed for the downstairs patients there is a need for games, late magazines, jigsaw puzzles and cigarettes.

Mrs Clarence Rosewall, treasurer, reported that there are now 20 paid up members in the auxiliary.

The next general meeting of the auxiliary will be Monday, July 7 in Ione and a program is being planned.

Dr A D McMurdo and Dr Wallace Wolff attended an Eastern Oregon district medical society meeting in Ontario Friday and Saturday.



CONNIE O'HARRA



ADELIA ANDERSON



PATRICIA HARDY

Heppner Girls College Grads

Heppner students graduating from Oregon colleges this week are Adelia Ann Anderson and Louise Peck Hardy who received degrees from Oregon State college June 9 and Constance Newman O'Harra who will graduate June 13 from Eastern Oregon college of Education.

Miss Anderson, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Erwin Anderson, is one of 87 honor graduates at OCS. She will graduate in the school of education.

Mrs Hardy, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Peck, will graduate in the school of home economics at OSC.

Mrs O'Harra, majoring in secondary education at EOCE is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Newman. She was a 1954 graduate of St Joseph's Academy, Pendleton.

Also receiving a degree from EOCE this spring is Mrs James Mallon a major in secondary education. Mrs Mallon has been girls' physical education instructor at the Heppner schools.

Democrat Committee To Meet Tuesday

The Morrow county Democratic central committee will meet Tuesday evening, June 17 at the Newt O'Harra home in Lexington.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a chairman and other officers for the ensuing years.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	52	—
Friday	83	59	—
Saturday	79	44	—
Sunday	72	47	—
Monday	70	57	.06
Tuesday	72	50	—
Wednesday	72	47	—

Rainfall for the week .06; for June .87; for year 10.11 inches.

June Storms Bring Hail, Rain; Cause Some Grain Loss

June storms took a toll of wheat and summer fallow the past week when wind-driven hail struck the Ione area about 2:30 pm Friday and heavy rain hit the Rhea Creek and Eight-mile sections between 4 and 5 pm Sunday.

Hail damage to wheat at Ione was estimated from five to 50 percent by ranchers and insurance adjusters who added that full extent of the crop loss could not be accurately judged until the crop was harvested. Damage was spotty from the storm which started in the southwest area and swept to the northeast.

Heaviest hail with some rain lasted nearly a half hour, break-

ing wheat heads and knocking them off. Visibility was about zero at the height of the storm, ranchers reported. Some hailstones at the Ray Heimbigner ranch were estimated about 1/2 inch in diameter. Empty wheat heads were reported on some of the wheatland of the Jodie Morrison ranch on the Morrow county side and heads were broken and left hanging at the Berl Akers ranch at Morgan.

Among other ranches hit in the Ione area were those of Franklin Ely, Ted Palmateer, Don Linnell, Dick Smith, John Eubanks, James Lindsay and Edith Matthews. Ironically, a similar hailstorm hit part of the sector at the same date a year ago, causing considerable damage.

The heavy Sunday afternoon rains lasting from a half hour to 45 minutes washed summer fallow at the Ben Anderson ranch in Eightmile and flattened some wheat and barley in the lower Rhea Creek area. A newly seeded alfalfa field on the Gene Hall ranch was washed badly. Water running from the hill rushed down the driveway, into the carport and the basement of the W A Heath home. A silage pit was filled with water at the Heath ranch. Heavy rains were reported also on the Leonard Hill and Robert Hoskins ranches. Irrigation ditches were filled with mud and rocks and debris were rolled down canyons.

In spite of the week's storms, outlook for this year's grain crop at this time apparently will break past records. Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, estimated one of the largest crops ever to be harvested. Harvest should start a little earlier than usual, between June 20-25 and wheat about July 1.

Wheat is estimated to run about 35 bushels per acre and barley about 45 bushels. Last year wheat averaged about 30 bushel and barley 40 bushel. Damage in Gilliam county from the Friday hail storms was reported considerably heavier than in the Morrow county sectors. Hail at Condon was heavy and crop damage was estimated higher.

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Morrow Youths Place At Show

Grand champion 4-H Showman at the Wheat League show at The Dalles, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was Billy Doherty of Lexington. He also showed the Champion Shorthorn steer.

Top winners in sheep from Morrow county were Nat Webb, third place, with a prime South-down lamb and Kenneth Wright, fourth place, with a prime South-down lamb.

Douglas Anderson had the reserve champion Hampshire hog and Russel Dolven, Lexington received third place with a high choice Hereford steer; William Rill, Heppner, fourth place also with a high choice Hereford steer.

Roland Ekstrom of Ione placed third in junior beef showmanship and Russel Dolven placed fifth in senior beef showmanship.

Mike Gray, FFA member from Heppner, showed the reserve champion, a 930 pound Hereford steer.

Ed Dick returned Monday from a three-day trip to Helena, Montana where he visited his father, Ed Dick Sr. He was accompanied by Ed Rice of Portland.

Mr and Mrs Bill Sowell and Marsha returned Friday from a two-weeks vacation in Santa Barbara, California, Arizona, Utah and Idaho.