

# '58 FAIR GATES OPEN TUESDAY

## Coronation, Horseplay Highlight D-U Parade



**CORONATION**—Queen Pat Stegall is crowned with her royal white Stetson by Heppner Mayor Bill Collins at coronation ceremonies Saturday night following the annual Dress-Up parade. The queen, her princesses Jeanne Brozman, Karen Valentine and Ann Belle Coleman, and their chaperone, Mrs. Al Fetsch were presented with corsages. In the background is Bruce Lindsay who served as master of ceremonies for the affair and parade announcer. (GT Photo)



**DRESS-UP PARADE HORSEPLAY** included a tug of war between teams from the east and west sides of Main street and the initiating of a big dunk tank for use by local citizenry who forgot to wear proper rodeo attire. Shown climbing out after having had the honor of being the first to hit the water is Phil Elkinney, chairman of the merchants committee, sponsors of the program. Since then he has been wearing his western clothes and fair and rodeo tie. The east side team won the fast-action tug of war and most of the team members got at least a little wet from the fire hose that was used for the center line. (GT Photo)



**ANOTHER VICTIM** of the dunk tank was Kay (Kononen) Cox who was still blowing bubbles when this photo was snapped. It wasn't planned that any women were to be victims but apparently some of Mrs. Cox's friends (?) thought differently. Several others from the big crowd who watched the Wranglers sponsored Dress-Up parade found the bottom of the tank before the night was over. Following the downtown activities the Queen's dance was held at the fair pavilion. (GT Photo)

## "Invasion" Slated Of Pendleton For Fair-Rodeo Publicity

Pendleton and many of the residents of Umatilla and adjacent counties will know the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is on—without a doubt—by the time a big group of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce members get back from Pendleton next Wednesday.

The group, which will include nearly all fair and rodeo officials and members of the royal court, will invade Pendleton for a round of events that will include two radio broadcasts and a luncheon meeting with the Pendleton Rotary club.

The "Invaders" will appear on the KUMA Coffee hour shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, then go immediately to radio station KUBE where they will be guests on the Heppner Party Line program. At noon they will put on the Rotary club program.

A lot of fun is in store and by the time the crew gets back from Umatilla county, there will be little doubt in anybody's mind that the Fair and Rodeo is in full swing.

The Al Fetsch family is vacationing at the coast.

## Street Numbers Now Going Up

Heppner's new street numbers finally arrived from the manufacturer this week and the first of them was installed Wednesday in the downtown section by M C Huggett, who has charge of the complete renumbering and installation of the figures.

Every house and building in Heppner will carry a new number which will make it much easier for residents and visitors to locate businesses or homes. The numbers will be installed by Huggett and each resident will be advised of his new address. Several streets will be renamed in the near future, to eliminate present duplication.

The entire numbering project is expected to take several weeks.

**CABIN ENTERED**

A sleeping bag, blankets and a coffee pot were stolen sometime last week from a Willow creek cabin owned by Herman Green of Heppner who found the items missing Sunday. Entrance was gained by jimmying the cabin door.

## Additional Exhibit Space To Attract Many New Entries

Lots of new facilities and ample room for all exhibits will be ready for fair-goers next Tuesday when the 1958 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo opens its doors to the public. Early indications are that this year's big show will attract even more exhibitors than entered in last year's record event.

Tuesday morning at 9 am will see the closing of all 4-H entries and many of the 4-H judging contests will be held during the day. All open class entries must be in place by 9 o'clock Wednesday morning with the exception of flower exhibits which have an additional hour before the deadline. Many 4-H home economics demonstrations and judgings are slated for Wednesday including judging for the style revue, 4-H and FFA livestock. The always-popular 4-H pig scramble and fat stock auction sale will be held at the sale pavilion at 7:30 pm Thursday, August 28.

A large addition to the fair pavilion building is expected to be enough completed by next week that it will be in use, though some of the final finishing work may have to wait until the fair is over. This new building will be used to house the 4-H home economics exhibits and all 4-H demonstrations will be held here.

County agent Nels Anderson said today that interest is high in fair booths, both commercial and organizational, and that the number of entries in the new wheat division is expected to be much greater than in past years. Many new grain display boxes have been built during recent months and grain superintendent Kenneth Smouse states that these displays will be placed in the main pavilion and are expected to create considerable interest.

Anderson said he expects about the same number of livestock entries as last year except for a big increase in the number of hogs to be shown. A big part of this increase is expected to be in 4-H classes.

No fair or rodeo events are scheduled for this coming weekend to avoid conflict with the Shrine All-Star football game scheduled Saturday night in Pendleton.

## Judges Named

The names of judges for the various fair divisions were revealed this week. All of the home economics judges have judged here in past years, but this will be the first year for the livestock and crop judges. They are:

Mrs. Russell McKennon, Pendleton, and Mrs. Kimble Telferson, Hermiston, 4-H home economics; Mrs. John Alexander and Mrs. John Parker, both of Pendleton, and Mrs. L J Marks, Fossil, open class home economics; William J Farrell, Canyon City, 4-H livestock and contests; Ernest J Kirsch, Condon, poultry, rabbits, grain, hay and vegetables; Ron Davis, Olex, open class livestock and saddle horses.

The fair will close officially Friday afternoon and again this year no admission will be charged for entrance to any of the fair buildings.

A complete schedule of events for the entire fair and rodeo week will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

## And . . . There's No Admission Charge

Two young lads Tuesday found a simple way to go swimming and still save the 15 cents it would cost them to get into the swimming pool. They spent some time paddling around in the big dunk tank up on Main street for use in fair and rodeo activities.

The tank is seven feet across and filled with about three feet of water making an ideal swimming pool for small fry — though that wasn't the original idea.

## Janice Martin Attends Eugene Workshop

Janice Martin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Randall Martin, is in Eugene attending a conference for editors of school papers and year books.

She is editor of the Hehisch, Heppner high school paper, for the coming year.

Ellen Martien of Portland, who has been visiting and working at the home of Mr and Mrs Merritt Gray for a month, will return to her home Wednesday.

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## Three Saturday Accidents Injure 8; Police Slate Traffic "Crack-Down"

### One-Car Accidents Add to Growing Toll in County

Eight persons required hospitalization or medical treatment over the weekend as the result of injuries sustained in three separate single car accidents early Sunday morning in this section of Morrow county. None were seriously injured, however.

The first wreck occurred shortly after midnight Saturday when a car driven by Larry Angell of Heppner overturned in the gravel near the top of the hill south of the Heppner Slaughter House. Angell was only slightly bruised but his passenger Ronnie Gray, also of Heppner sustained severe facial cuts which were treated by a local physician. Angell was cited into justice court and charged with reckless driving.

Less than an hour later four lone youths were taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance and private car when the car in which they were riding left the road a short distance below Lexington and overturned. Injured were Lee Hams who received a broken shoulder; Wayne Hams, a cracked nose and facial cuts; Ellis Ball, driver of the car, a broken nose and cuts; and Bruce Rigby who received bruises. All were released after treatment.

According to investigating officers, Ball stated that he fell asleep at the wheel. The car was a total wreck.

### Car Strikes Bridge

The most serious accident of the night put Gerald Swaggart and Wayne Wilson in the hospital with very painful but not serious injuries.

Swaggart's car, a new Mercury, struck a concrete bridge abutment three miles east of Heppner on the Hinton creek highway at about three o'clock Sunday morning and it was nearly two hours before the two men were found by a passing motorist who sent in a call for the ambulance and police.

According to reports the car overturned after it hit the bridge and spilled gasoline caught fire. Swaggart was able to put out the fire and then lifted the wrecked machine off Wilson whose clothes were saturated with gas. The two men lay beside the wreck until they were discovered.

Both men received cerebral concussions and severe cuts about the face. Wilson had a fractured vertebrae and both multiple severe contusions. They were released from the hospital Wednesday.

Wilson is a member of the armed forces and while on leave was helping Swaggart with harvesting.

The car was completely demolished.

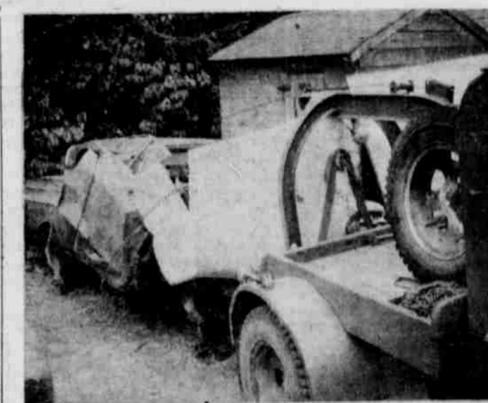
### Special Hours Set For Local Pool

Special hours have been announced for the Heppner swimming pool during the next couple of weeks to avoid conflicts with fair and rodeo programs and other events.

Saturday, Aug 23 the pool will be open from 10 am until 2 pm only as a great many persons plan to attend the Shrine All-Star football game that evening at Pendleton.

On Saturday, Aug 20 the pool will open immediately following the afternoon rodeo performance and remain open until 7:30. Sunday, Aug 31 it will open after the show and remain open until 8 pm. On other days regular hours will prevail.

It is also planned to keep the pool open an extra week until September 7 if weather permits.



**COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED** is this late model car in which Gerald Swaggart and Wayne Wilson were injured early Sunday morning when it struck a bridge abutment east of Heppner. Both were hospitalized with painful but not serious injuries. (GT Photo)



**SATURDAY NIGHT ACCIDENT TOLL** included these two cars in which six young people were riding. In the foreground is the car driven by Ellis Ball of Ione who, along with three passengers, suffered hurts when it left the road below Lexington and overturned. In the background is the car in which Larry Angell and Ronnie Gray were riding when it overturned on a gravelled road near Heppner. (GT Photo)

## Higher Soil Bank Payments for '59 Set For County

PENDLETON—Stepped-up Oregon participation in the Soil Bank's conservation reserve program was predicted here Tuesday with announcement that payments to Oregon farmers would be increased more than 30 percent in 1959.

Some 50 state and county agricultural leaders ironed out details of the new program designed to add 154,000 Oregon acres to the program next year. Oregon now has 72,000 acres under contract in the voluntary land reserve program.

Highlight of the program was an announcement that Oregon's average annual payment rate for land put in reserve will be \$16.00 compared to the present \$12.00 rate.

Approval of the new Oregon rate in Washington D C Tuesday was announced by Joseph E. McBurney, Gaston farmer, chairman of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, and Arnold Butcher, Portland, ASC state administrative officer.

The national rate—now \$10.00—will be boosted to \$13.50 as the USDA shoots for 12 million acres in the program next year.

The Pendleton meeting, first in a series of four scheduled throughout Oregon during the next two weeks, reviewing the new program with county ASC committeemen, ASC office managers, county extension agents and soil conservation service personnel from nine counties in the Columbia Basin and Eastern Oregon.

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## Accident Rate Climb Brings Police Warning

All local law enforcement officials this week served notice that they are cracking down on motorists who violate traffic laws, particularly those relating to speeding and reckless driving, in an effort to stop the rapidly growing traffic toll in the county.

The three additional single-car accidents which occurred in this area Saturday night brought forth the above warning from the sheriff's office, Heppner and Oregon State Police.

Sheriff C J D Bauman Wednesday pointed to the ever-growing list of accidents which during the past 90 days has given Morrow county probably the worst traffic record of any county in the state.

A check of the accident reports carried in the Gazette-Times since June 24 shows that there have been at least 14 major traffic accidents in the county since that date, and 13 of the 14 have been single-car wrecks many of which police have attributed to excessive speed. It is also thought that at least four more wrecks have occurred in the county during that period but that reports were not filed locally.

The casualty list for the 14 accidents shows that two persons were killed, 22 received varying degrees of injuries, and six others who were in the wrecked cars were uninjured.

All available local officers and extra state police from the Arlington office have been patrolling on Saturday nights for the past several weeks and an all-out effort is slated for the future to apprehend traffic law offenders.



**ON EAST TEAM**—Len Ray Schwarz, a member of last year's Heppner High Mustangs, who will be a member of the East team at Saturday's Shrine All-Star football game at Pendleton. He is the only member of the squad from Morrow county. Game time is 8 pm with the pageant scheduled earlier.

## Bull Riding Is Added To Full Rodeo Program

Rodeo fans will see one of the best shows ever put on in Heppner when they attend the performances of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday, August 30 and 31, rodeo committee chairman Floyd Jones said this week.

Of top interest to followers of the favorite cowboy sport are the reserved "Buckaroo" seats in the recently constructed new grandstand on the north side of the big arena. The stand is located directly behind and above the newly installed bucking chutes and will afford rodeo goers the best possible view of all arena events. All seats in this stand are reserved and tickets are now on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Added to this year's list of popular rodeo events will be bull riding, an event which has been missing from the program for the past three years. A good number of top cowboys have already indicated that they plan to enter this event.

Of course, one of the biggest parts of the show will again be the Northwest Amateur Bronco Riding contest, which was transferred to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo several years ago from the Pendleton Round-Up. Other events which will draw top cowhands and many local entries will be the wild horse race, the always-popular Morrow county derby, the chariot race, and the famed Morrow county amateur calf roping.

Rodeo officials announced early this week that it will be necessary to apprehend traffic law offenders. (Continued on Page 8)

## WEATHER

	HI	LOW
Thursday	89	51
Friday	88	55
Saturday	90	55
Sunday	90	57
Monday	85	54
Tuesday	91	56
Wednesday	91	53

Rainfall for the week, none; for August .01; for the year 10.58 inches.

Mr and Mrs Oliver Creswick and family were at Suttle Lake last weekend where they picked up their son Don, who had been attending camp there. They all camped at Ochoco reservoir where they fished.