

Princess Janice to Be Feted at Dance



PRINCESS JANICE MARTIN

The fourth princess dance in the annual series of dances preceding the fair and rodeo will be held Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner honoring Princess Janice Martin, representative of the Lena community on the 1959 royal court.

Princess Janice, 18, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Randall Martin, Butter creek ranchers. She is 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds and has light brown hair. She graduated this spring from Heppner high school as valedictorian of her class and she was extremely active in school functions. Among her many activities she was editor of the Heppner; state reporter for the Future Business Leaders of America. She is a 10-year 4-H club member and is a past worthy advisor of the Rainbow

Girls. She is an excellent seamstress and is now making her own clothes for this fall when she plans to enter Oregon State College to major in home economics.

Princess Janice will be seen at the rodeo and fair functions on Smokey, her own 8 year old charcoal gelding.

During the summer the princess Janice helps on her father's ranch driving wheat truck and other jobs. She is also helping an IFYE student to get acquainted with farming methods on the ranch.

Janice's dance, which is being sponsored by the fair board, will feature the music of Johnny K's orchestra from Pasco and dancing will be from 10 until 2 o'clock. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

SUPERINTENDENTS NAMED FOR FAIR AND RODEO HORSE SHOW DIVISIONS

Fred Mankin superintendent of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo horse show states that most of the committee members have been selected to assist with the show on Friday, August 28 at the fair and rodeo grounds. The show, which is sponsored by the Wranglers riding club, will start with the halter classes at 9:00 A M and the performance classes at 1:15 P M.

Entries must be made to Fred Mankin before 8:00 P M Wednesday, August 26. Any Morrow

county resident may enter a horse in this show that has been owned and kept in Morrow county at least 30 days before the show.

Chairmen for class A the halter and conformation class are: Jerry Dougherty, colts foaled in 1958; Harry Dinges, two year olds foaled in 1957; Marion Finch stallions, 3 years and over; Cornett Green, mares, three years or over; Al Fetsch, geldings, three years and over; Ralph Beamer, mare and nursing colt; Wm Smethurst, get of sire; John Eubanks and Wayne Martin, Shetland ponies up to and including 44 inches and other ponies over 44 inches and under 50 inches.

Fred Mankin states that regulations on junior equitation, western pleasure horse, reining, cowcutting and junior calf roping have some changes from last year.

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A Centennial Year Historical Feature —



HOW MANY OLD TIMERS REMEMBER—when this constituted the student body of Heppner high school? This picture was taken in front of the old school in 1899 and is the property of Katie Minert of Heppner. The group includes, first row left to right, Fannie Woodward, Minnie Irwin, Ralph Thompson, Katie Minert, Edna Mallory, Eva Bartholomew, Will Dutton, Ida Howard, Minnie Phillips, Ralph Bishop, Nettie Shelly, Gusie Mallory, George Vincent. Second row, Professor Howard George Hughes, Glen Willingham, Pearl Basey, Iva Blake, Grace Hager, Mary Lazer, Sadie McCarty, Bessie Edwards, Martin Anderson. Third row, Miss Balsiger, teacher, Charles Connor, Myra Yeager, Birdie Gilliam, Ona Gilliam, Frank Rood, Essie Leezer, Ralph Swinburne, Mabel Ayers, Treasa Fletcher. Fourth row, (standing high) Oscar Borg, Curtis Rhea, Charles Horner, Owen or Paul Maris, Matt Hughes.



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Wagon Train Attracts Crowd To Boardman

Sewer System for City Use Only, Council States

The Heppner city council Monday night reiterated its previous announcement that it will not furnish sewer service to residents outside the city limits. In other words, if they want to get on the city sewers they must come inside the city limits.

The action was taken following a request from several residents of Barratt's addition along the Hinton creek road asking if they could hook on to the sewer system and what the cost would be.

The council explained that the residents of the city are paying, both by taxes and a sewer charge, for the cost of the sewer system and the sewage disposal plant, and that it would be unfair to allow outside use of these expensive facilities except on an equal basis. An estimate has been made by the city's engineers of the cost of a sewer connection for the Hinton creek area and this was placed at about \$11,000 for the total project except for the individual hookups. Even if the residents of the area did vote to join the city, they would have to bear the cost of the installation, the same as any other new development now within the city.

In other business the council heard complaints that a few residents were burning garbage and members pointed out that it is contrary to city ordinance to burn garbage at any time in any kind of an outside burner. The ordinance specifies that only grass, leaves and similar cuttings can be burned, and then only by permit.

Everett Den Herder, pipeline contractor, reported to the council that his firm has completed the laying of the new water line on Willow creek and that it will be tested today. A small amount of cleanup work remains to be done, but that the pipe can be covered into use as soon as the testing and chlorination is completed.

Five building permits totaling \$5,650 were approved by the council. They were granted to Tom Nelson, alterations and repair, \$500; H D McCurdy, Jr. alterations, \$1500; Frank Adkins, alterations, \$2000; Leonard Schwarz, alterations, \$150; James Lovgren, new structure, \$150.

Mr and Mrs John Hartman and Cheryl and Tony were at Lehman Springs for a short vacation trip over the weekend.



NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE for subscribers in the Hardman-Heppner area went into service this week. Here Pacific Telephone installer John Ray explains the use of the phones to Judy Evans while Mrs Harold Evans watches.

Big Rural Area Gets Dial Phones

Telephone men were installing the last phones in Pacific Telephone's large rural project south of Heppner last week, according to manager Dallas Short.

W L Boyer, plant service foreman for the company at Hermiston has been supervising the installation work. His regular crews have been assisted by telephone men from other parts of the state.

Cost of the rural telephone improvement project was estimated at \$113,500. The new facilities will replace farmer line service which had served the area. The first phones of the project were installed on July 11. Subscribers have been changed to dial service as their phones were installed. Magneto telephones were discontinued with the changeover.

Long distance assistance calls area now handled by the Pacific Telephone operators in Pendleton instead of Arlington as was the case prior to the change.

The resources of the telephone company's construction forces were put to the test by the improvement program. More than 500 pounds of blasting powder were used to assist with the digging of holes for the phone poles. A farmer's horse was hired to help the men pull long strands of wire into places where it was not possible to use trucks. Frank E Parker of Heppner supplied the horse.

The project involved the placing of 54,000 feet of aerial cable, 320 poles, 180 anchors, 170 miles of aerial wire and making approximately 315 contacts on REA power poles.

Richards Takes Conservation Post

Ralph Richards arrived this week to assume duties as conservationist for the Heppner Soil Conservation District. He replaces Tom Wilson, who left recently to take a similar post in Idaho.

Richards come here from Junction City where he served in a similar capacity for two years. Prior to that he had been in the soil service for 18 years at Bellingham, Washington. He was born in south-eastern Idaho, graduated at Utah State Agricultural College and spent two years at Moro, Oregon.

Mr and Mrs Richards have three children, two sons in college and one girl who is a sophomore in high school. His family will move here about the end of this month.

Craig Sumner, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Sumner of Arlington, is visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs Jim Lovgren.

Jack Loyd was home for the weekend from La Grande where he is attending summer school at Eastern Oregon College.

Where, Oh Where Did G-T's Cuts Go?

One of the main features of this week's Gazette-Times was to be a picture series of the Wagon Train's stop at Boardman, the arrest for horse stealing, the trial, etc., but the pictures will have to wait until next week.

Somewhere between the engravers and the Gazette-Times all the cuts of this interesting event got lost. They should have been in our hands by press time, but as yet they have failed to show up.

They'll be run next week, anyway, even if they will be a little behind times.

Range Land, Wheat Go Up in Flames During Past Week

A fire starting from a truck burned several acres of grain Wednesday afternoon on the Dougherty and O'Brien ranches in Sand Hollow. The exact amount of loss is not yet known, but it was not thought to be great.

One of the first major range fires to occur in the Heppner area started late last Thursday afternoon on Hinton creek, apparently from a spark from a burner at the stud mill, and before being controlled travelled over the ridge to the Willow creek road.

No wheat was burned, but several hundred acres of range land belonging to Dallas Craber, Earl Blake and Ralph Thompson was blackened.

The fire was fought for nearly two hours by the Morrow County Grain Growers, Heppner Fire Department rural and Forest Service trucks, a Gar Aviation plane, and many neighbors and townspeople. The volunteer county fire control organization aided materially in getting men and equipment on the job.

The only other field fire reported during the past week burned about 40 acres of wheat and a couple of hundred acres of stubble on the Ted Palmateer and John Eubanks ranches near Morgan.

Mr and Mrs Philip Blakney and Mrs Elwyn Hughes were in Portland Saturday to attend the gift show and returned Sunday. Mark and Philip Blakney accompanied them to Portland and were met Sunday by their grandmother, Mrs Doris Lehman who took them to Paulsbo, Washington for a visit at her home.

Mr and Mrs W A Donnelly and Mr and Mrs Bill Rauffness of Millbrae, California were houseguests last weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs J C Sumner. Mrs Donnelly is the sister of Mrs Sumner.

Break Seen in Finding Boardman School Ownership

A break appeared this week in the impasse over who owns the Boardman school when a letter was received by Robert Abrams, attorney for the Morrow county school district, from the Bureau of Reclamation at Boise, Idaho.

It now appears that the Boardman school district did have a right to the land on which the school stands.

Survey work was completed and the plat was approved by the General Land office July 15, 1918 setting aside lot 6 of section 8 containing 10.08 acres for school purposes, according to the letter.

The question of who owned the property and the buildings came up a couple of weeks ago when it was found that no right of entry papers were on file in Boardman. Ownership and right of entry are of particular importance due to the fact that the school location will be flooded by the backwater of the John Day dam. If no right of entry could be established, the federal government would own the land and the buildings and no payment could be expected by the school district. The buildings were erected on land belonging to the bureau of reclamation.

No clear title was ever given the school district and the board was advised that there was no way by which a patent could be obtained for the 10.08 acres covered by the supplemental survey under which they were built except by a special act of congress, and no such act was ever passed. However, in 1951 the bureau of reclamation revoked the withdrawal returning the land to the bureau of land management with the expectation that it would be turned over to the City of Boardman. In 1952 the federal power act gave authority over the land to the federal power commission.

Abrams emphasized that though the district does not now have ownership of the Boardman school plant its legal status is now much better toward proving equity in the property.

Benefit Baseball Game Set Sunday For Hospitalized Boy

A special benefit baseball game between the Little League All-Stars and the Babe Ruth club will be played Sunday evening, Aug 9 at the rodeo grounds in Heppner. Proceeds from the game will go to Don Munkers, coach of one of the Little League teams, whose small son Eddie, is a patient in Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

Game time is 7 P M and it is being sponsored by the coaches and managers of the several teams.

Horse Stealing Trial, Dinner Highlight Program

A mock trial for "hoss stealing" and a huge feed of baked Columbia river steelhead and Morrow county watermelons were among the top features of a day-long program Tuesday for the arrival in the county of the famed On-To-Oregon Wagon Train which is nearing the end of its four-month trip across the country.

The festivities and the unusual dinner was viewed by more than 2500 persons during the day.

The seven-wagon train was met near the Morrow-Umatilla county line by Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen Sharon Cutsforth and her court who escorted the train on into Boardman. Just before they reached town, however, they were set upon by a posse led by sheriff C J D Bauman, all attired in proper old-time attire and brandishing some unusual "shooting irons" who arrested the train scout, Gail Carmine for horse stealing. The sheriff and his men had found an old white mare, which reportedly belonged to a Boardman citizen, tied to one of the wagons.

After the train had completed its day's trip on to the school grounds at Boardman where they set up camp and the entire party was given lunch and took the afternoon to rest up.

One mock trial was held during the afternoon, at which time wagonmaster Tex Serpa was acquitted of any part in the horse stealing charge. This trial, and the arrest, as well as the train's arrival in Boardman was filmed by a Portland TV station for presentation on the station that night.

In the evening the full-fledged trial was held with the properly handcuffed defendant being brought before "judge" Buster Rands. District attorney Robert Abrams of Heppner was prosecuting attorney and Carmine was defended by J O Turner, Heppner attorney. During the trial Carmine was "examined" by the supposedly noted psychiatrist "Doc" Orville Cutsforth and found to be sane (some had questioned his sanity because of the looks of the 22 year old plug he was accused of stealing). (Editor's note: there was also an unconfirmed rumor making the rounds that the sway-backed mare had been spirited into the train by the good "doctor" someplace back up the line, but this couldn't be verified).

During the trial, which was held in the best traditions of the old west, right under a prepared hanging rope, both prosecuting witnesses turned out to also be members of the jury who shortly found the defendant guilty and ordered him hanged. The order was carried out immediately, in effigy.

The short program, which was MC'd by Boardman mayor, Joe Tatone, included presentation of Mrs Klitz, oldest pioneer in north Morrow county; two vocal numbers by groups of students under the direction of Mrs LaVern Partlow; songs and dances by Queen Sharon and her princesses; a short welcome by county judge Oscar Peterson; and two presentations by the Wagon Train by a group from Walla Walla, which city is also celebrating its 100th birthday. Following the dinner, square dancing was enjoyed by the crowd on the school grounds. It was estimated that at least 1200 persons watched the program.

The dinner was served to between 800 and 900 persons and had been prepared by members of the Boardman Tillicum club and other county groups and was served on the school grounds.

The closeness of the Wagon Train camp to the highway attracted hundreds of visitors who were traveling the road. Many registered during the dinner and well over a dozen states were represented.

The train arrived in Boardman at 12:30 Tuesday, right on schedule. (Continued on Page 8)