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## Princess Diana Fulleton At Home In Saddle

Princess Diana Fulleton, who will represent the Wranglers club in the royal court of the 1962 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, perhaps was not literally "born in the saddle," but nevertheless came close to it. She has been riding ever since she could sit up on horseback.

Her first blue ribbon, still a proud possession, was won for riding a Shetland pony, named "Fairy," which the Fulletons still have.

Diana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton of Heppner, won reserve champion for horsemanship at the 4-H fair in Salem in 1959. She won in junior calf roping last year at the Morrow county rodeo and received a buckle as a prize.

At Halfway last summer she was chosen all-around cowgirl and won a buckle. In the Fourth of July rodeo at Vale in 1960 she won a buckle for calf roping. Diana also won the Wrangler Barrel racing in 1960 and 1961.

In the coming events this year she will ride "Joe," her quarter horse, which she has ridden for several years.

The busy princess is president of the sophomore class at Heppner high school and is a member of Future Business Leaders of America. Despite her crowded schedule she finds time for Pep club, the drill team, Girls' Athletic association and is active in 4-H club work.

Diana is a member of Ruth assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and is a member of the Oregon Girl Barrel Racing association and of the Oregon-Washington-Idaho Junior Rodeo association.

Since this will be the first time that the Wranglers have had a princess for the Fair and Rodeo, Diana will have the honor of being the club's first representative on the royal court. She has been a member of the Wranglers for 10 years and has

been active in the club.

Her choice was on the basis of riding ability and personality, and Judges were Bill Severe and Eldon Harvey, both of Pendleton.

Naturally her first interest is horseback riding, although she places swimming in second place for sports interest. At home, she sews, cooks and helps with chores around the house.

During the summer time, Diana also helps with the work as bookkeeper at Fulleton's garage, owned by her parents.

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Perhaps one more incidental question was asked from the audience of the 13 present, which included school administrators, advisory board members, District Attorney Bob Abrams and newspaper representatives. But that was all the interest shown.

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## R-1 Budget Approved; Meet Silent

Silence—except for the quiet conversing of those present with one another—reigned through most of an hour set aside for public hearing on the 1962-63 budget of Morrow County School district R-1 in the circuit court room of the courthouse Monday night.

Warren McCoy, budget committee chairman, opened the meeting at 8:00 p. m. and called for comments, remonstrances or objections from those present. No one responded, and the assembled school board and citizen members of the budget committee waited patiently.

After some 15 minutes of silence, someone in the audience asked a question on the amount estimated for fuel oil in the budget, thinking that it may be too low to provide for the present schools as well as for those which are to be constructed under the bond issue that was passed in a recent special election.

Administrator Robert Van Houte replied that since it is not contemplated that the new schools will be completed before February, it was felt unnecessary to add much in the budget to provide for their fuel.

Silence reigned again for several minutes until Bob Rietmann of Lone asked if the board had considered contracting bus services rather than maintaining buses within the district. Van Houte said that this had been considered but said that costs would run an estimated 25% higher under contracted services. He said that only eight or 10 districts in the state now have bus service contracted.

Director Ed Dick said that the board had once called upon contractors for bids but none "would touch" the work for a figure that would save the district any money. Director Fred Martin also pointed out that by contracting services the district would tend to lose control over transportation of its pupils.

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"Diversion payments—as well as price support on the crop—are available to wheat growers who comply with provisions of the 1962 wheat stabilization program. Producers may file an intention to participate form at the ASCS county office any week-day except Saturday from now through Friday, March 30. The office is open from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. It is located in the Gilliam & Bisbee Building."

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ROLLING down dead-end Elder street, this auto owned by Bob Fetsch, took a nosedive over a concrete retaining wall Tuesday near the high school with no driver at the wheel. Brakes apparently had not been set where the car was parked on sloping street. The vehicle hit nose first and plowed ground in lower playground. Children playing ball there scattered when they saw the runaway vehicle coming and no one was injured. Bob is shown attaching cable for tow truck to pull out the car. His sister, Marlene, was the last one to use the vehicle before the accident and apparently forgot to apply the hand brake. (Photo by Mike Smith and John Cleveland, Heppner High).

## Ronnie Belsma Chosen 'Miss Salute to Spring'

Ronnie Belsma, Heppner high school senior, has been chosen as "Miss Salute to Spring" to reign over the Heppner merchants' Spring Salute scheduled for Saturday, April 14, Randall Peterson, committee chairman, announces.

Ronnie, who served as a Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen last year, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O'Brien of Heppner. She was chosen by popular vote of the high school students after being one of three senior girls nominated for the honor. Other candidates were Rose Nash and Julie Pfeiffer.

Meanwhile, other plans are progressing for the event. Mark, Joe and Frank Halvorsen and Tom Heimburger, all of Lone, will present trampoline and unicycle acts downtown, and a public address system will be used to describe their work. The talented young men have appeared at the state fair, at the B Basketball tournament at Pendleton re-

cently, and at the halftime of the state B championship game at Baker.

Among their performances on the trampoline will be 1 1/2 twisting somersault, double somersaults forward and backward, double somersault with half twist, 2 1/4 somersault, 2 3/4 somersault, 1 3/4 somersault with jumping ski, and somersault with water rope.

It is planned to have a dress-up parade with youngsters with treats provided for those who participate. Both Lone and Heppner High school bands will take part and the high school drill team will also be included. Auto dealers will loan new cars for use by Queen Ronnie and other dignitaries in the parade. Chairman Peterson said.

Ether Kirmis is working on plans for a style show that may also be presented downtown as an outside feature if weather permits.

"Salute to Spring" is sponsored by the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce as an opening of the spring season, and everyone is asked to mark the date now to attend.

Cars driven by Carolyn Bergstrom and Joanne Warren, both of Lone, collided head-on on a curve near the Louis Carlson home in Eightmile Sunday morning. Carolyn was shaken up with mouth and chest bruises. She was an overnight patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital. Joanne was treated by her doctor and released.

Both were alone in the cars when the accident happened. Carolyn was traveling east on her way home from her job in London and Joanne was going west to the Carlson home. Damage was not extensive to either car.

Because of the good response to the Gazette-Times 2-for-1 subscription sale, the offer made for the first time last week has been extended until April 7.

Many new subscribers have been added to the paper's list by their friends or relatives who, through the offer, were able to give them a year's subscription for 1c (51c out of Morrow county). A new subscription or renewal at the regular rate makes the person eligible to take advantage of the 1c offer.

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## Cowbells Set April 1 Deadline For Entries

Entry blanks have been sent out by the Morrow County Cowbells to youth groups in the county to secure entries in the annual "Father of the Year" contest. Deadline for return of the entry blanks is set for April 1, as the county winner must be entered in the state contest by April 15, according to the committee in charge.

Further information may be secured from Mrs. John Graves.

## Measure Petitions Now Out

Petitions seeking to place a measure on the general election ballot for a constitutional amendment to reapportion legislative seats are now ready and are being circulated here, Mrs. Verne Troedson, county chairman of the committee, said.

Working with her as co-chairman is Al Lamb, and Orville Cutsforth plans to circulate the petitions in Heppner.

Under the proposal, membership of the senate would be changed to provide a minimum of 30 seats and a maximum of 35 and apportionment would be based in that body on population alone.

In the House of Representatives, membership would be increased from 60 to 65. One member would come from each of 30 representative districts established in the constitution, consisting of 25 single districts, four two-county districts and one three-county district. Balance of 35 seats would be apportioned to the districts on the basis of a strict population formula, and guarantee is provided that population for representative can never exceed a ratio of 4 to 1.

An additional representative would be apportioned to the district which exceeds this ratio.

Under the proposal representation is restored in Eastern Oregon to the same percentage that was included in the 1952 amendment.

For Morrow county, the amendment would mean that it would share a representative with Sherman and Gilliam counties. Under the plan now in effect, it shares with Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Umatilla counties.

Mrs. Troedson said that goal in Morrow is to get 800 "good" signatures and it is expected that to do so, a total of 1000 signers will be needed. Any person or organization who will help with a petition is asked to contact her by calling 8-7145, lone.

In addition, the county will need a fund of about \$250 as its share of expense in getting the proposal on the ballot. Those who care to be asked to contribute \$1 to the fund after signing the petition.

## WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	52	32	—
Friday	52	41	.06
Saturday	53	41	.11
Sunday	58	45	.07
Monday	50	38	.26
Tuesday	46	25	—
Wednesday	51	26	—

Rainfall for the week totaled .50 of an inch.

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## Highway Collision Claims Five

One of the state's worst auto accidents in many months Saturday night resulted in the death of five persons, including a Heppner woman, her son, and members of his family.

Mrs. Luella Bell Montgomery, 61, Heppner, the son, William Lee Montgomery, 29, Portland, his wife, Thelma Jeanne Montgomery, 35, and two of her sons by a previous marriage, Bruce Siemans, 8, and Donald Paul Siemans, 11, all died when a car driven by Roy Clarence Hamilton, 60, La Grande crashed head-on into the Montgomery vehicle some 15 miles west of Arlington in a heavy rainstorm about 9:05 p. m. Saturday.

Taken to a hospital in The Dalles with serious injuries were another son and a daughter of Mrs. Thelma Montgomery, Daniel Siemans, 14, and Verna Siemans, 7, who were among the seven in the Montgomery car which was eastbound, heading for Heppner, when the accident occurred. Hamilton also is in The Dalles hospital with a crushed chest. Others in his westbound car were James Evers, 31, and his wife, Mary Lou Evers, both of La Grande, who are suffering from multiple injuries and are also in the hospital there.

Double funeral services for Mrs. Luella Montgomery and the son, William Montgomery, were at the First Christian Church, Heppner, Thursday (today) at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. M. Carlton Sober, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

The collision occurred at the place on highway 30 where a new section of the highway has been constructed as a temporary route during relocation work because of John Day dam construction. It was reported that Hamilton apparently failed to notice that the highway swings to the left at the point where it leaves the old roadway.

Instead of turning he continued straight, as the highway formerly was routed, and crashed head-on into the Montgomery car which was just coming off the new section.

Mrs. Montgomery, the mother, was born February 19, 1901, in Driftwood, Okla., daughter of William and Nancy Carter. She was a member of the Nazarene church here. Surviving are the husband, William N. Montgomery of Heppner; three daughters, Mrs. Alma J. Sasser, Wallowa, Wn., and Margaret E. Campbell of Salem; 13 grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

William Lee Montgomery was born February 2, 1933, in The Dalles and had been married to his present wife only since January. Among survivors are four children by a previous marriage, including sons William C. and Gary L. Montgomery, and daughters, Donna F. and Carol J. Montgomery, all living with their mother in Vancouver, Wn.

Services for Thelma Jeanne Montgomery and the two sons were arranged by members of her family elsewhere.

The Montgomery family came to Heppner in 1951 and has lived here since that time.

## Mrs. Dick Named PTA President

Mrs. Ed Dick heads the slate of new Heppner PTA officers being elected president at the meeting March 21. She has been active in local PTA activities for many years and served as county Christmas Seal chairman for five years.

Elected to work with Mrs. Dick for the 1962-63 school year are Everett Struckmeier, vice president; Mrs. Ray Massey, secretary; and retiring PTA President Robert Hopper, treasurer. Installation of officers is scheduled for the May meeting.

Robert Van Houte explained the school budget and answered questions from the audience pertaining to the budget.

Members of Mrs. Morris Groves high school English class debated the question, "Whether the federal government should guarantee aid to further higher education for qualified high school graduates." Those debating on the affirmative side were Sandra Harshman and Martha Doherty who won from the negative side of Libby Van Schoick and Laura Lee Sumner. The four girls debated on the same subject in Hermiston and La Grande.

Third grade room mothers served pie and coffee following the meeting and Mrs. Velva Bechold's third grade room won the room count.

## Californians Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stenger of North Hollywood, Calif., visited from Saturday to Monday at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max McCormac. This was the Stengers' first trip to the northwest, and they enjoyed it very much. An operator of an auto parts store, Stenger had attended an automotive show in Portland and continued on to Heppner for the visit.

## Chamber Plans Cleanup Contest

Plans to sponsor a Cleanup, Paintup contest again this year were approved at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

It was voted to offer a \$10 prize in the campaign that will be conducted from mid-April until sometime in May. Further details will be announced as they are completed, President Fred Gimbel said.

The campaign was sponsored for the first time last year and created considerable interest. Mrs. Avery Taylor won the \$10 prize for her work.

Twenty-eight persons were present at the Monday meeting. The matter of reapportionment petitions was presented to the group by Orville Cutsforth. A story on this matter is elsewhere in this paper.

## Beamer Captures First in Contest

Ralph Beamer's horse, The Maestro, won the novice cutting contest in the Columbia County Cow Cutting event at the Deer Island Quarterhorse ranch near St. Helens Sunday and took third place in open cutting.

The winner was one of a group from here who attended the event over the week-end, including John Eubanks and daughter Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. Beamer, Roice Fulleton and daughter Ruby.

Buster Welch of Sweetwater, Texas, conducted a cutting horse clinic at the event which included the 2-day cutting contest. A cutting school was continued through the week, and Beamer stayed through Monday to get an extra day of instruction in the school.

The local group said the horses seen there were fine ones and said that Welch is outstanding in his field.

## Mrs. Esselstyn Named Secretary Of Mid-Columbia

Mrs. R. W. Esselstyn of Pendleton was chosen executive secretary of the 6-county Mid-Columbia Planning Council at a meeting of directors in Arlington Saturday, Judge Oscar Peterson, chairman of the council, announces.

The new secretary will start work around April 1 and one of her primary duties at this time will be to work with Ebasco Services on research. This concern is undertaking an economic survey for the planning council that is to be completed within a year.

One of a number of applicants for the position, Mrs. Esselstyn enters the office with fine qualifications, Peterson said. For the past 10 years she has been legal secretary to Gene B. Conklin, Pendleton attorney. She formerly was employed by the Department of Agriculture and was with the Farm Security Administration for four years. Mrs. Esselstyn went to Pendleton in 1948 as secretary to Milan D. Smith of Smith Canning Co.

She was born in Okanogan, Wn., and graduated from high school at Brewster, Wn., before attending Washington State college for two years.

The Port of Umatilla has offered Mid-Columbia office space in Umatilla as headquarters for the executive secretary and Mid-Columbia's office. No decision has been reached on this as yet, the judge said.

## Jury Trial Due Here April 5

Jury trial of an auto damage case will open in Morrow county circuit court Thursday, April 5, with Mrs. Betty Hovis as plaintiff and Larry Duane Eades as defendant.

Mrs. Hovis seeks damages totaling \$21,164.25 as a result of an accident that claimed the life of her former husband, Gerald Gray, Hermiston, on February 14, 1959, about a mile from that city. She asks \$1,164.25 special damages and \$20,000 general damages.

The plaintiff's complaint, filed in the office of Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, February 14, 1961, charges that Gray was a passenger in a car driven by Eades and that he was traveling at a "high and dangerous rate of speed" when he crashed into a concrete abutment, resulting in Gray's death.

Judge William Wells will preside at the trial. Attorney for the plaintiff is W. F. Bardwell of Burns and for the defendant are Conley and Byler of Pendleton.

## Two From Heppner Attend PTA Meeting

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