

Morrow Fair to Open 4-Day Run Tuesday



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Exciting Events Set As Top Attractions

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"We expect to have more exhibits than ever, both in 4-H, FFA and Open Class," says Don Robinson, fair committee chairman. "However, this will only be true if everyone plans to exhibit something." He also indicated that many improvements have been added to the fair grounds which should make this the best fair ever.

Several outstanding events have been scheduled during the fair. Tuesday, August 21, is entry day. All 4-H and FFA entries are to be at the fairgrounds by 11:00 a.m. Open class entries are open throughout the day.

Four-H and FFA members will test their livestock judging ability in the livestock judging contest at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. This is a much looked-forward-to event for the 4-H members with livestock projects, as the top livestock judges in both the junior and senior division are awarded plaques for their judging abilities. Scores from the contest are also used to help determine which club members will represent Morrow county in the livestock judging contest at the State Fair in Salem.

On Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m., FFA livestock will be judged. Four-H livestock judging starts at 9:00 a.m. with swine first, then beef, dairy, and sheep in that order. At 9:00 a.m. judging will also begin on fruits, vegetables, hay, grains, and all home economics exhibits.

As the 4-H livestock judging is completed on Wednesday afternoon, the 4-H livestock showmanship contest will get underway. This contest is designed to test the ability of 4-H members to show their animals to best advantage. Open class livestock will be judged on Wednesday evening starting at 8:00 p.m. The 4-H Style Revue has been changed to Friday evening to avoid conflicting with the Open Class livestock judging.

Thursday, August 24 will be a busy day at the fair. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the 4-H livestock showmanship contest will continue. This is expected to be completed about 11:30 with the all-around champion livestock showmanship contest at 1:00 p.m. The all-around champion livestock showmanship contest is a battle of skill between the champions of the beef, sheep, dairy, and swine showmanship contests. The person doing the best job of showing all four classes of livestock will be judged the winner. Also starting at 9:00 a.m. are the 4-H home economics demonstrations in the fair pavilion.

A pet show will again be held on Thursday, starting at 10:00 a.m. About 11:30 there will be a parade of pets in the judging arena. This will give pet owners a chance to show their pets to the public.

The 4-H agricultural demonstration contest will follow the all-around champion livestock showmanship contest on Thursday afternoon. The contest will be held in the judging arena. Four-H members will be demonstrating various agricultural practices which they learn in their 4-H projects.

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Gala Program Due Saturday

Board to Call New Bids On Construction Job

(Also story on page 4)
Faced with an opinion by Attorney Robert Abrams that it would be illegal to negotiate with the low bidder on construction of the Heppner-Lexington high school, Directors of Morrow County School district R-1 voted Wednesday night to advertise for new bids on construction of the school.

Low bidder, Bechtel Bros. of La Grande, was some \$64,000 over funds available for the project when the bids were opened August 7. It had been hoped that the shop building might be eliminated from the project by agreement with the contractor, resulting in a lower figure that might make construction of the school possible.

Abrams said that he felt this negotiation with the contractor would be illegal. The only alternative is to call for new bids.

Stuart Tuft, architect, who was present Wednesday night, said that in talks with Roy Bechtel of the low bidding firm he found that elimination of the shop building from the project would not quite close the gap between the \$609,780 bid and the \$545,000 available for the project.

The board asked him to go over plans again to see what additional changes might be made that would put the cost of the project within funds available.

It is hoped that Tuft will have a report to make by time of a special meeting on August 27. If so, the new call for bids may be advertised on August 30.

One suggestion made by Administrator Robert Van Houte was that the music room might be "roughed in" for the time being as an alternate.

Director D. O. Nelson made the matter official when he moved that the board reject all bids submitted August 7 and call for new bids.

The six bids had ranged from \$609,780 of Bechtel Bros. to a high of \$705,485.

The board also adopted a salary schedule for cooks and assistants, a matter that had been pending for some time, and for bus drivers.

Ray G. Porter was employed as bus maintenance man, succeeding Ken Sawyer who has moved to Redding, Calif., where

he is employed as a truck driver. Porter will receive \$390 per month and will work both as a bus driver and service man. Van Houte was authorized to call for bids on a new station wagon to replace a 1957 Ford used in transporting students. It will be a three-seat vehicle with the rear seat facing forward. He was also authorized to call for bids on gasoline and fuel oil.

The board discussed the need for three teachers for vacancies yet remaining on the staff, including a physical education teacher at Heppner, a seventh grade teacher at Lone, and a combination physical education teacher for lone and math for Heppner. Qualifications of one candidate were considered but no action was taken.

The board approved appointment of Roy Partlow as a member of the advisory board at Boardman to succeed Ray Conyers who had resigned.

Harvest Resumes Following Rain

Morrow county's "second grain harvest" of the season was in full force by mid-week following the heavy rains of early August. Harlan McCurdy of Morrow County Grain Growers said that the association was receiving about 30,000 bushels of wheat per day as of Thursday. Principal activity is at Ruggs and Heppner elevators, but others have tapered off. At North Lexington some is coming in from the southeastern and southwestern sides but most of the ranchers in the north have completed the job.

The rain apparently didn't do too much damage, although the test weight appeared to have lightened. Some heads may have been knocked off in spots where heavier rains and hail were experienced. McCurdy said he thought harvest may continue into September, making it one of the latest of recent years.

Growers started cutting in earnest again Monday after some had tried to cut Saturday but found it too wet.

Students Urged To Pre-Register

Any student who has not pre-registered for high school classes or any student who wishes to change his pre-registration is asked to contact the school office and make an appointment between August 20 and 24, according to Gordon Pratt, high school principal.

This applies to any new student entering high school or any in-coming freshmen who did not pre-register at the close of school last year; the principal announced. It is felt that several entering freshmen were missed when registration was under way in the spring.

Crowning, Novel Acts, Parade Set

A gala program, to be climaxed with coronation of Her Majesty Queen Marlene I. will usher in the Fair and Rodeo season with a festival atmosphere Saturday night. Coronation Chairman Bert Huff announces.

Dressup parade, entertainment by Gordon Grady of Hermiston, dances by the Square-d-up Rounders, music by Leonnig's orchestra, introduction of the Fair and Rodeo princesses, and crowning of the queen are scheduled for the program that will be on Heppner's Main street.

This adds up to one of the best kickoff programs in recent years.

Dressup parade will start at 7:30 from the area by Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company. Queen Marlene and her princesses will ride their favorite horses in the parade, and all mounted groups as well as individual riders are asked to come and join the parade. They should be there at about 7 p.m., Mrs. Roice (Betty) Fulleton, official court chaperone, states.

Meanwhile at the main downtown corner, Grady and his performers will entertain, starting at 7 p.m. Included will be baton twirlers, an accordionist and other novelty acts. The former Heppner man bills his troupe as Grady's "Stars of Tomorrow," and they are well known throughout the Eastern Oregon area. Don Turner will be master of ceremonies.

Dressup parade will be at 7:30, after completion of which the Squared-Up Rounders have been asked to perform at 8 p.m. At 8:15 Leonnig's popular orchestra will play a few numbers, and then the coronation ceremony will be held with Conley Latham, president of the council, placing the crown on the head of Queen Marlene in the absence of Mayor Al Lamb who cannot be present for the event.

Leonnig's orchestra will conclude the program, and impromptu street dance will be in order if the crowd desires. The evening will be concluded with the scheduled dance honoring Queen Marlene at the fair pavilion, starting at 10 p.m.

All are invited to come and enjoy the program which is without charge of any kind and pay homage to Queen Marlene.

Irrigation Meet Slated Tonight

Meeting on the irrigation feature of the proposed Willow Creek multipurpose dam will be tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the county court room of the courthouse, Judge Oscar Peterson reminds.

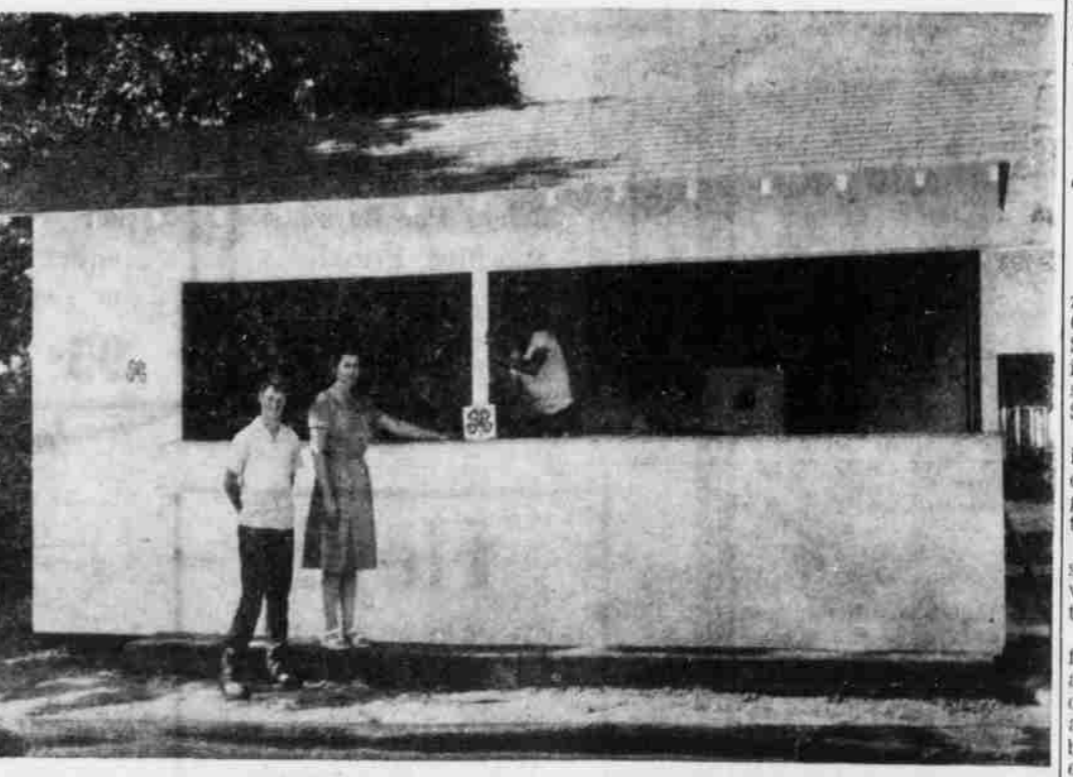
All those who may be interested in the matter of irrigation, pro or con, and whose property lies along Willow Creek are urged to attend the meeting, the judge said.

Next Week's Issue To Feature Rodeo

Morrow county's fair is featured in this week's edition of the Gazette-Times and next week's paper will feature the rodeo with special articles, pictures and advertising.

Anyone who has historical information on the rodeo, pictures of particular interest or other material that would contribute to the issue is asked to contact the paper staff at once.

Cooperation of advertisers is asked in preparing copy early because a large edition is expected with additional workload to the staff. Advertisers are asked to use the rodeo theme as much as possible.



SPARKLING new 4-H Snack Shack will greet Morrow county fairgoers at the annual 4-day event starting Tuesday. Mrs. Wilbur (Mary) Van Blokland of the sponsoring 4-H council and her son, Dale, an ardent club member are shown standing by as Herman Stroeber, electrician, puts finishing touches on wiring. Stroeber, like others who helped on the project, donated his services. The Snack Shack will be open starting at 6:30 a.m. daily during the fair. (Story page 1, Sec. 2)

Dance to Honor Queen Marlene

"It has been a dream come true," was the remark Queen Marlene Fetsch made when asked recently how it felt when chosen to reign over the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo festivities this year. Ever since she was a very small girl, big enough to stay on a horse, Queen Marlene has had dreams of some day wearing the coveted crown.

"It has been a great experience, and the princesses have been a wonderful group to associate with," she relates.

The climaxing dance of the season, held in her honor at the fair pavilion Saturday night, will follow the dress up parade and coronation ceremonies in downtown Heppner earlier in the evening.

Growing up on the farm of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch near Lexington, Queen Marlene has had many accomplishments both in her riding abilities and in her school activities. She is a "naturally born rider," has had many favorite horses, but right now is very fond of "Scats Cougar," a spirited blue roan gelding registered quarterhorse that she has ridden in grand entrances and parades this summer and last summer when a princess in the 1961 court, representing the Lexington Grange.

She has won many awards as a member of the Wrangler's Riding club, especially in barrel racing events. She is a member of the Oregon Barrel Racing association and has been a junior leader of the 4-H Rough Riders club, as well as flag bearer for many rodeo parades. Our queen is a lover of outdoor activities, carrying on 4-H projects in livestock, helping with harvest work

on her father's farm, and active in all outdoor sports.

Activities at Heppner High school, where she will be a senior next year, include being on the staff of cheer leaders, a member of Girls' Athletic Association, Girls' League, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Homemakers of America, and she has served as an officer in Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Queen Marlene, with her court: Princess Dianna Pettyjohn, Princess Irene Potts, Princess Jacque Brindle and Princess Diana Fulleton, with their chaperone, Mrs. Betty Fulleton, have made many appearances through the summer in their attractive blue and white riding outfits. They will travel to Hermiston this Saturday where they will ride in the Umatilla County parade, and in Pendleton for the annual Dress-Up Parade and formal entries in the Pendleton Round-up in September.

The queen is sponsored by the Fair and Rodeo association, who will also sponsor the dance at the fair pavilion Saturday night. Festivities will begin at 10 p.m. with music by Leonnig's orchestra. Attendance has been exceptionally good, including that of last week for Princess Diana Fulleton.

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and believes he "knows" that part of the county better than any other living man.

McDaniel got most of the coyotes in higher country by trapping them, but occasionally uses a rifle and hounds. The other day he shot a coyote in Kelley Prairie and counted 340 running steps between himself and the downed animal, making it a pretty fair shot.

Jerry Rood, who works as part time trapper in Morrow and part time in Umatilla, also worked with McDaniel some.

The retiring trapper says that loss to sheep is heavier this year than any year he can remember, and so apparently the predator population is still running high. Some 80 to 100 sheep have been reported killed. Part of this is due to the fact that no poison was put out last year, he believes.

Coyotes are in more abundance in the mountains and foothills than in the "sand country" because there are more rabbits and mice upon which to feed—and an occasional sheep for a tasty morsel, McDaniel said.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife men are coming Friday to check in his equipment and then McDaniel will turn full attention to his never-ending war on coyotes and cats, this time specifically, to safeguard the flocks of the Ruggs.

McDaniels Resigns Post; Bags 5000 Coyotes, 'Cats

After bagging and trapping some 5000 coyotes and bobcats in Morrow county in the past 19 years, Carl McDaniel has submitted his resignation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service as a government hunter, effective August 3.

But the coyotes and 'cats can't afford to give a sigh of relief. McDaniel has accepted employment with George Rugg to continue trapping for him on a private basis.

In all, McDaniel has worked as a trapper for 32 years and four months. He roughly figures his take in the 19 years as government trapper in this county at between 4000 and 5000 of the predatory animals, and since July 1 of this year killed about 50 coyotes and bobcats.

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