

Willow Creek Runs High Miss Partlow Reigns As Queen of Prom

An often heard comment these days is, "Look at all that water going to waste."

This observation comes as residents have noted that Willow Creek, fed by melting snows in the mountains, has been flowing at near flood stage through the past two weeks.

Diak Wilkinson, watching the creek from his place two miles above Heppner, said that he believes the creek has been rolling the highest for such a prolonged period that it has been since about 1934.

The creek washed out the underpinning from a portion of the "Lover's Lane" footbridge back of the hotel, and it took out a footbridge on the golf course. A tournament, scheduled at the course last Sunday, was cancelled because of high water. City Recorder Ted Smith said that the high water bridge has been repaired.

The high water in the creek was one indication of the unusual April weather, which set a new record for precipitation.

Ralph Richards of the Soil Conservation Service reported that a snow survey at North Jones Prairie Friday showed 6.2 inches of snow on the ground

there with 2.1 inches of water content. Only two other years have found snow on the ground there the last of April, Richards said. The other two were 1955 when 41.3 inches was on the ground and in 1958 with 26 inches.

Richards said that the late snow will "help a great deal" for irrigation. However, it is melting fast because of the high water content. Most of the snow is gone lower down, he said.

In the Lexington area, Orville Cutsforth reported a very unusual April. He recorded 5.10 inches of precipitation at his ranch in the month. Normally, there is less there than at Heppner, he said, but this year the rather freakish storms dumped more there than in the more southern part of the county.

"We had all three tractors mired on the ranch at the same time," Cutsforth said. This is the first time that he ever recalled having a tractor mired on the ranch.

Wilkinson reported another oddity that was a result of the April storms. There were three large earth slides within a quarter-mile distance up the Willow Creek road, resulting

from the heavy moisture content in the soil. He said that he has seen one at a time occasionally in wet weather, but this is the first time that there have been three. In two spots along the road there were sizeable sinkholes where water running through gopher holes had undermined the soil and it sank for four or five feet. The holes were up to 10 or 12 feet in diameter and were something of a hazard to traffic until repaired by the county crews.

In Heppner, the month of April checked out with a record 3.78 inches of precipitation, the week adding .49 inch to the total reported last week. The old record was 3.08 inches in April, 1920.

While May seemed to start on a little grumpy note of dark clouds and only scattered sunshine, farmers and the public at large hoped for some brighter, warmer weather to push along the growing season and perhaps get rid of some of the rust that is a threat to the wheat.

Complete report for the week from Leonard Gilliam, weather observer, is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	43	.39
Friday	51	36	.10
Saturday	58	33	—
Sunday	64	34	—
Monday	64	38	—
Tuesday	57	33	—
Wednesday	52	39	—

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week are the following: Dannie, David and Duane Vaughn, all of Monument; Roy Stamp, Heppner; Frank Chambers, Condon; Linda Bem, Spray; Betty Green, Lexington; Maymie Winslow, Heppner, and John Edwards, Ione.

Those dismissed during this same period were: Christie Taylor, Heppner; Debbie Vaughn, Monument; Steven Jones, Heppner; Miriam Haddock, Heppner; Ruby Fulleton, Heppner; Georgia Rich, Wenatchee, Wn.; Barbara Angell, Heppner; Terry Greenup, Heppner; Ruth Delaney, Maysville; Brett Buschko, Heppner; George Zumwalt, Lexington and Kryn Robinson, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burkenbine, Heppner, are parents of a son, Michael LeRoy, born April 30, and weighing 7 lbs. He is their first child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Case, Heppner; maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Mary Case, Independence, and Max Parsegian, Independence. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Herb Case, Poulsbo, Wn., and Reece Burkenbine, Medical Lake, Wn.; paternal great grandpar-

ents are Mrs. Jessie Griffin, Heppner, and Mrs. Marian Hayden, Heppner.

A son, Joseph Dwayne, was born Wednesday, May 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Struthers, Heppner. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris, Lexington, and his great grandmother is Mrs. Austin Wilson, Heppner. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Struthers of Phoenix, Ariz.

Zeal Gillespie, secretary; Mrs. Louise Earwood, treasurer.

Roll call was answered by giving the name of a bird seen in the yard. Members planned to attend the Blue Mountain District convention at Pilot Rock April 25. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Walter Wyss May 20.

Mrs. Earl Briggs was elected chairman of the Home Extension Unit last Tuesday at the meeting at the grange hall. Mrs. H. M. Walker is vice chairman. Mrs. Bernard Donovan is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Walter Hayes was elected county committee member. The nominating committee was Mrs. Dewey West and Mrs. Ronald Black.

Subject for the day was "Care of the Sewing Machine," with Esther Kirmis, county agent, Heppner, in charge. The unit voted to furnish two awards for the 4-H Style Show at the Morrow County Fair at Heppner. Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. W. C. Seehafer were selected to attend the State Homemaker's Council in Corvallis April 30-May 2. Announcement was made of the IFYE party at Irrigon May 4.

Subject of the unit's exhibit at the Homemaker's Festival at Heppner in May will be "Family Finance."

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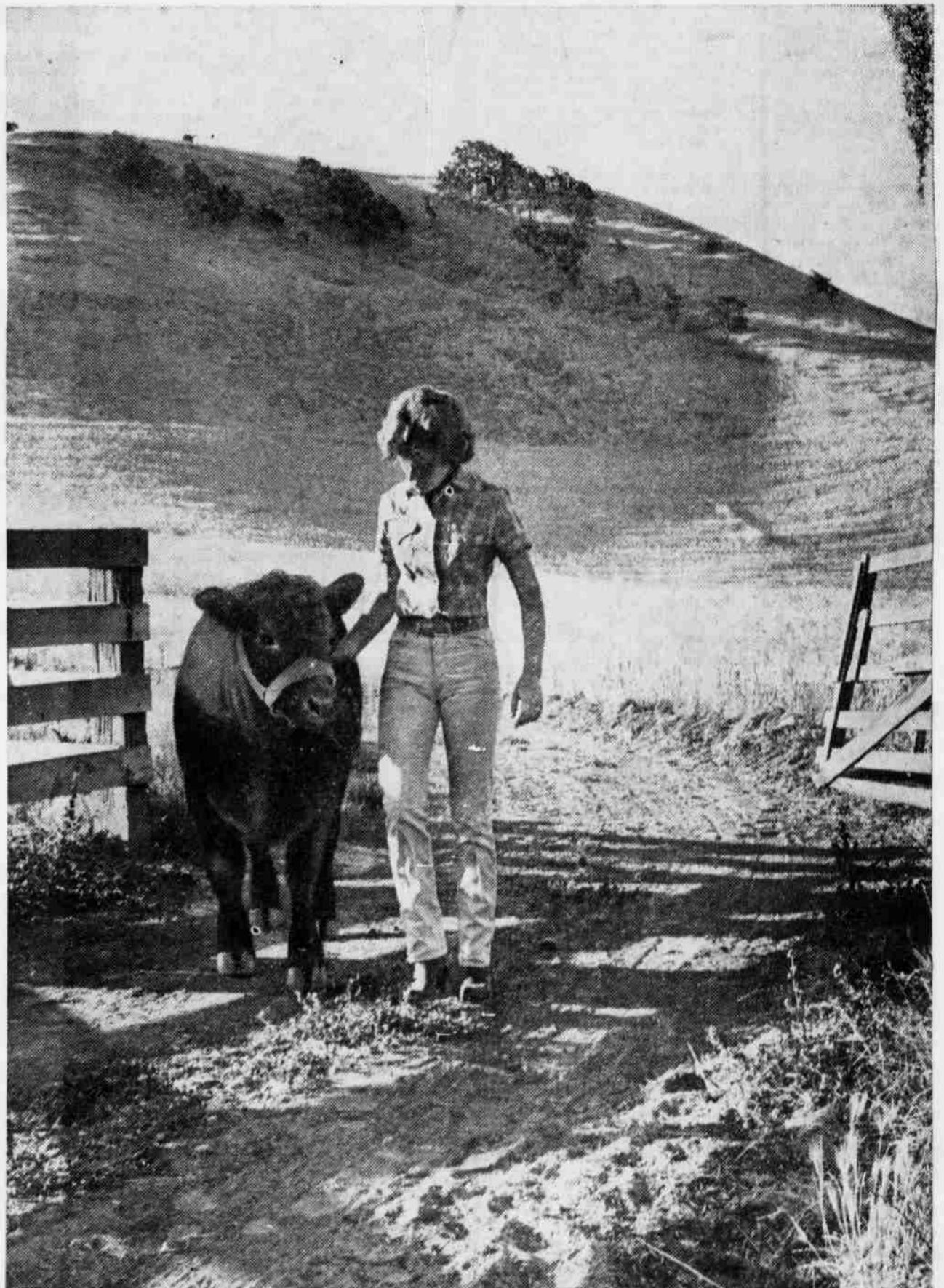
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