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QUEEN ERNA LYNN WINCHESTER

Erna Winchester Chosen Queen

Erna Lynn Winchester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester, has been elected as queen of the 1966 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo by the rodeo committee. Selection was made at the regular meeting last Wednesday with chairman E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., presiding.

It is doubtful if the county has ever had a queen with more enthusiasm. She has been a lover of horses all of her life and has ridden since she was able to stay in the saddle.

With a vivacious personality and a contagious smile, she is known for her friendly disposition.

Titian-haired and brown-eyed, Queen-elect Erna is a senior in Heppner High school and served as a princess on the court for 1965. She is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in many school activities.

Erna, member of a family keenly interested in riding and in the rodeo, appeared in her first rodeo parade at the age of one year, held in the saddle in front of her mother. She has been in each ensuing parade but one.

As a lifelong member of the Wranglers club, she has been an ardent competitor and frequent winner in play day events. She has been a strong competitor in Oregon Barrel racing association contests, and is active in the women's riding organization, the Marshales.

The queen-elect has one brother, Lt. Lowell Turner, now serving with the Air Force on duty in Turkey. Her father was not present Tuesday night when Director Don Greenup of the rodeo board brought the news of her choice as queen since he is on a trip to the east, but both the new queen and her mother were delighted.

Four princesses in the court will be chosen later, their selection being made by the organizations they will represent in the county.

Phill Emert, Jr. Tells of Work At Blind School

Work being done by the Oregon School for the Blind in Salem was described by Phill (Skip) Emert, Jr., a teacher at the school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Phill Emert of Ione, at the meeting of the Ione Lions club Monday night. The Lions have as a national project their work with the blind.

Emert said that there are 120 students at the school. In addition to the blind there are 17 cases of youngsters with brain damage and similar handicaps.

He said it isn't necessary for a child to be totally blind to attend the school and pointed out that there are some 34,000 children in the state who suffer from varying degrees of blindness.

The speaker described field trips during which the students "see" animals or growing things by the feel.

Cost of the school is about \$3000 per student per school year, paid by the state with the exception of medication and clothing which are paid by parents. Children of ages 5 1/2 through junior high age attend.

Emert, who has been at the school for 3 1/2 years, showed slides of his work and the students. He said that special projects conducted by such groups as the Lions club are a great help and particularly cited the Salem Lions who furnished funds to build a room with different types of floor surfaces—rugs, cement, linoleum and others—so the blind could learn to adjust to walking under varying conditions.

Bob Henry of Heppner also spoke at the meeting, telling of the Arbuckle Mountain ski bus and plans for the ski operation this winter.

Zoning Hearing Set At Boardman Monday

Hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance for Morrow county will be Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m. in Riverside High school. Boardman, Marion Green, secretary for the county zoning commission, announces.

An interim zoning ordinance for the area north of the Willamette base line to cover the vicinity of the embryo "space age" industrial complex was adopted in the spring of 1962.

Since state law provides that such an interim ordinance can remain in effect no longer than three years, the interim ordinance is no longer effective.

More than a year ago, the planning commission began to consider adoption of permanent zoning regulations for north of the base line based on a comprehensive plan of development, according to Chairman Clarence Rosewall.

The proposed ordinance covers some 19 typewritten pages and provides for agricultural, agricultural-residential, commercial and industrial zones. It would set up requirements for use of the property in the various zones, establish size of lots or parcels of property that could be sold, designate maximum building heights and make other provisions designed to promote orderly development of the area.

Zoning would include areas outside city limits only. While that being considered at the present time is the area north of the base line only, it is contemplated that eventually zoning will be extended to cover the rest of the county as well.

The commission is holding this hearing to determine reaction of the public to the proposals, prior to any further action. It is expected that considerable interest will be shown at the meeting and that the provisions may invoke considerable discussion.

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained for review from County Judge Paul Jones, Chairman Rosewall or Green.

School Board Meet Scheduled Tonight

January meeting of the board of directors of Morrow County School district R-1 will be tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Lexington school administration building.

The meeting was postponed from the regular Tuesday meeting night because of conflicts.

Work Started On Road Link

County road crews have started construction of a road that will give access to lands east of the Bomb Range road and south of Highway 80N, County Judge Paul Jones said Wednesday. The road will extend north and south for five miles and will open the lands to a frontage road that the county has asked the State Highway Department and the Bureau of Public Roads to construct.

For some time the county court has been urging the state and federal agencies to construct the frontage road of some six miles to parallel 80N in order to give property owners access without the necessity of going all the way back to the bomb range to reach the highway interchange.

Until recently the highway groups have turned down the county's request. However, at a recent meeting in Pendleton, the judge said that he was given assurance that the frontage road will be constructed to tie in with an overpass connecting with the Patterson Ferry road provided the county would construct the five-mile strip.

It is estimated that the frontage road will cost approximately \$20,000 per mile and the overpass structure will be \$150,000.

The county road will be constructed at minimum cost, the judge said. It will connect with an east-west road that already extends to the bomb range road.

He said that he had expected definite confirmation of the federal and state commitment Wednesday on the frontage road, but at a late hour had not received it.

If the frontage road were not constructed, the judge said, there would be no access to the new highway on the south side from the bomb range road east to the county line.

100 Skiers Out At Arbuckle Mt.

Arbuckle Mountain ski course set new records Saturday and Sunday with an even 100 skiers enjoying the sport there, Bob Henry said. Thirty-eight came Saturday, most of them on the bus being operated each Saturday from Condon via Ione and Heppner, and 62 were on hand Sunday. In addition, there were about 10 spectators Sunday, he said.

The road to the course had been cleared by county crews. "It was the best clearing job I've ever seen," Henry said.

He reported the bus as being extremely successful on its maiden run. Ten more skiers can be accommodated before capacity is reached on the bus, he said.

Willow Project Hearing Called For February 8

A public meeting to answer questions and furnish specific information on the proposed Willow Creek project has been set for Tuesday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m., County Judge Paul Jones announced this week.

Meeting place was tentatively announced as the county court room, but if it appears that a larger crowd will come than the room will hold, another meeting place will be chosen. This will be announced at a later date.

Among agencies to be represented at the meeting are the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State Water Resources Board and the Bureau of Reclamation. The district watermaster is also expected to be present.

Every person with questions on the project is asked to be present at the meeting. The judge said that ensuing meetings will probably be necessary to consider specific matters in connection with the irrigation feature, but questions on irrigation will be discussed at the February 8 meeting also.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of January 6-12 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	54	43	.03
Friday	59	40	—
Saturday	47	29	—
Sunday	43	30	—
Monday	49	35	.03
Tuesday	46	36	—
Wednesday	49	41	.06



OFFICERS WHO will be in charge of the Northwest Rodeo association convention here Saturday and Sunday are (from left) Bill Ward of Athena, president; Jean Stanton of Redmond, treasurer; Dick Powers of Ellensburg, Wn., calf roping director and vice president in 1964; and Joann Griffith of Spray, secretary.

NRA Convention To Crown Champs

Champions in seven events will be awarded trophies by the Northwest Rodeo association at its annual convention to be held in Heppner this week-end with an estimated 100 expected. These trophies will be presented at the association's banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday following the opening business sessions in the dormitory building at the fairgrounds Saturday afternoon, starting at 1 p.m.

This is the first year that Heppner has been host to the convention, which was held last year in Yakima, Wn. Roce Juleton has been in charge of local arrangements and said that all appears to be in readiness for the two-day meeting.

Bill Ward of Athena, president, will be in charge of local business sessions which will continue until 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon and from 10 to 12 Sunday morning.

Miss Delene Johnson of Condon, "Miss NRA" for 1965, will participate in ceremonies and "Miss NRA" for 1966 will be chosen.

Saddles will be given to those who have accumulated enough points at rodeos through the year to become champions in the various events. These saddles were made by Gray's Saddlery in Heppner.

Among the winners announced: Bill Herrera, Toppensish, Wn., bareback riding; Bill Ward, calf roping; Gene Jordan, Mitchell, saddle bronc riding; Chuck Johns, Eugene, bulldogging; Dick Powers, Ellensburg, Wn., wild cow milking; Bob Conforth, Hermiston, bull riding; and Bill Ward, all-around. Brad Botta of Ellensburg will not be present to receive his saddle for team roping because he is now in armed service.

Bareback horse of the year will be chosen by vote of the NRA members, and they will also select the bull of the year and the saddle bronc of the year.

NRA Rookie of the Year will be chosen, and officers of the association will be elected.

Mrs. Ernie (Lois) Winchester is assisting with drawings for decorations at the convention, and the Heppner Grill will cater the banquet.

Fuleton said that he had received calls from several local residents offering to rent rooms to those attending if motels and the hotel run out of accommodations. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starks at the Northwestern Motel will act as clearing agents on housing and will assist in placing the visitors. Starks and Jack VanWinkle of VanWinkle's Motel said Tuesday, however, that not too many reservations had been made by that date. It was expected that they would be forthcoming later in the week.

Any others who have housing available are invited to call Starks in case more is needed.

Irrigon Boy Scout Acts Fast to Save Life of Brother

IRRIGON—Prompt action by Boy Scout Charles McKenzie, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie, Irrigon, was instrumental in saving the life of his 4-year old brother, Danny, last Tuesday morning.

Charles was home from school with the flu and was assisting his mother in carrying some trash to burning barrels near the house. They had been away from the house only a few minutes when they heard little Danny scream.

Both ran back to the house, but Charles reached his brother first, and discovered him in flames from the waist up. Charles quickly rolled his brother in a puddle of rain water beside the door, extinguishing the flame. A kettle of hot cereal was cooking on the gas range, and it is believed the youngster's clothing caught on fire from this flame.

A nearby neighbor, Mrs. Kenneth Lamb, drove the McKenzies to Umatilla, where Danny was hospitalized overnight. Wednesday morning he was transferred to Doernbecher Hospital in Portland.

Dr. Marvin John stated the youngster had first and second degree burns on his neck, hands, arms and chest.

When Mrs. Lamb asked Charles how he knew what to do so quickly, he replied, "From reading 'Boys Life,' a Boy Scout publication. Mrs. Lamb is the wife of Irrigon Scoutmaster Kenneth Lamb.

Scoutmaster Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamb of Heppner, said that he will nominate Charles for a Boy Scout life-saving award, one of the highest honors given by the organization.

Letters supporting the nomination will be written by the doctor, Mrs. McKenzie and others.

Judge Appoints Economic Group

Judge Paul Jones said Wednesday that he has nine residents to serve on a committee to study and implement provisions of the Economic Opportunity act for Morrow county.

In the group contacted by letter are W. S. (Sam) Miller, the Rev. Earl Soward, James Barnett, Gene Winters, Jack Grossnickle, Lowell Chally Mrs. Grace Drake, the Rev. Al Boschee and James Farley.

The judge said that he expects this group to act as a steering committee to check on how the act may be of benefit to the county and to explore possible joint action with Umatilla county.

Team Takes Road To Start League

With only one loss in 10 pre-league games—and that by a single point—Heppner High's basketball team jumps into counting action this week when it plays the Madras White Buffaloes at Madras Friday night.

Madras last year was in the A-1 ranks but dropped down to the A-2 class this year. The school has a highly regarded team and the Mustangs are expected to have their hands full in the game.

This will be the only action for the home five this week. On the ensuing week-end they face their longest road trip when they go to Burns and John Day to face the Hilanders and Prospectors on consecutive nights.

The Mustang jayvees will seek to protect their undefeated record in the games.

Ione's Cardinals, meanwhile, have a single home game this week-end, entertaining Echo Friday night. After losing their first four league starts, the Cards suddenly climbed nearer their potential and took a pair last week-end. They hope to make it three in a row against Echo.



SHERRI LYNEE HOWARD, first baby of 1966 in Morrow county, was most interested in sleeping than in getting publicity when this picture was taken with her mother, Mrs. William G. Howard, Friday at Pioneer Memorial hospital. Sherri was just two days old at the time, having been born January 5. Her daddy is serving with the Air Force at Indian Mountain base, Alaska. (G-T Photo).

Council Passes Sewer Fee Hike.

Sewer charges in the City of Heppner will increase \$1 per month for commercial and residential users alike with the February bills. The city council passed an ordinance, containing the emergency clause, that provides for the increase when it met in special session for the purpose Monday night.

Residential rate will go to \$2 per month. The commercial rates vary according to the amount of use, but the increase will be \$1 per user.

The action was taken when it was found that the revenues coming to the sewer department of the city were not sufficient to cover operation costs and amortization of bonds.

Peterson Leaves On Southern Tour

Oscar E. Peterson left Tuesday on the 1966 Oregon Wheat Growers league tour to South America and expects to return to Morrow county in about a month.

Going by air, the touring wheat growers will go to Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil before their return to California and then Oregon.