



QUEEN VERINA FRENCH  
AND HER OFFICIAL MOUNT, "DUCHESS"

## Coronation Saturday For Queen Verina; Dance Due to Follow

A busy and exciting summer will come to a climax for Queen Verina French and her court with the official coronation ceremonies Saturday evening, August 12, at the rodeo grounds. Festivities are scheduled to start under the direction of the Morrow County Jaycees, at 7:30 p.m., with a variety of entertainment planned.

Coronation ceremonies will follow the entertainment, and Queen Verina and her four princesses will greet their guests at a public dance in the fair pavilion, the last in the series of pre-rodeo dances. Each of the dances for the four princesses have been very successful, attracting large crowds of young people.

Furnishing the music for this week's dance will be The Good Vibrations of Portland, starting at 9:30 p.m. There will be no dance next week, because of the East-West Shrine football game in Pendleton, and the following week will be rodeo week-end, with dances planned for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Placing the crown on our attractive 18-year-old queen will truly climax her accomplishments, bestowing an honor which almost every Morrow county girl would hope for.

Queen Verina, the vivacious 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French, represents the Lena Community, where she has been raised and developed her excellent horsemanship abilities on their large ranch on Butter Creek.

Born in Pendleton on July 24, 1949, Verina has shared in the family responsibilities with an older sister, Karen, 19, who will enroll for her second year at Oregon State University this fall, and a younger sister, Susan, who will enter Heppner High school as a freshman. Making her home with them is her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nettie Denton. The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rose Francis, resides in Pendleton.

Verina graduated from Heppner High last spring, where she was very popular in student activities. This summer she has been working at the Experiment Station in Hermiston, operated under the Oregon State University extension system. She will register at OSU in September, with plans to major in elementary education. At graduation, Verina was honored to receive the American Legion award for the outstanding senior girl, accompanied by a \$25 savings bond.

Her radiating personality added much in promoting pep and enthusiasm among her fellow students through her three years of cheerleading. She served as student body treasurer, was a member of the National Honor Society, of Future Homemakers of America, has held offices in Girls League and student council. She was a Girls' State delegate of the Legion Auxiliary at the end of her junior year. She was on the Homecoming Court both of her junior and senior years.

The active queen has been riding since she was four years of age, and as a member of the Saddle-Hits 4-H riding club for three years, won ribbons and three trophies in the 4-H horse shows. She was a popular princess in the 1966 fair and rodeo court.

was a familiar contestant in bronc riding at the Heppner rodeos years ago, and her great-uncle, Jack French, won the all-around honors in a Heppner rodeo in the mid-20's. Her father, Raymond, has served on several of the rodeo boards, and still helps with handling horses during rodeo events.

On Friday evening they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tate at dinner at the Dodge City Restaurant in Boardman. The court will be overnight guests of the Tateons at their motel and will ride Saturday in the Umatilla County Fair parade in Hermiston, at 10:00 a.m. The court has been invited to be radio guests in Hermiston and Pendleton on Thursday, August 17, and to be luncheon guests of the Pendleton Lions club at the Tapadera that day.

## Jaycees Challenge Chamber; Contest Due at Coronation

Ordinarily, a queen's coronation is a placid and lovely affair, but battles will be waged Saturday night at the crowning of her majesty, Queen Verina I, for the entertainment of her royal highness, her princesses and her subjects.

This will be at the rodeo grounds at 7:30. The program is free and the public is invited.

Jerry Samples, master of ceremonies, announces that 10 or 12 short boxing bouts will be on the entertainment program, but the main attraction—except for the actual coronation—will be the annual Tug-of-War between the Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce.

Jaycees, waxing poetical again, have hurled a taunting challenge at the Chamber, and if not necessary for Chief of Police Glen Kolkhorst to have extra help on duty to see that the proceedings do not get out of hand, President Herman Winter of the Chamber took the challenge calmly and said that, like the Minute Men, his members will respond as volunteers when the call comes Saturday night.

Samples announced four of the 3-round bouts (2-minute rounds) that will be on the boxing card. Included are Carter (Speed) Hart vs. Sonny (Wolf Man) Hurd, two 19-year-olds of Pendleton; Mike Alsop vs. Rick Johnston, Heppner 18-year-olds; Carl Bauman vs. Dennis O'Donnell, also both of Heppner; and Roger Leonnig vs. Carey Davis, here's the Jaycees' challenge to the Chamber:

Chamber Gentlemen of old You are about to be told About a Cup the Jaycees hold. It's the Tug-of-War cup We're talking about. You are hereby challenged to a duel With come what may and the Gentlemen's Rule. For that rusty little Cup We Jaycees are putting up You can be sure we don't Want to give up. But come what may, and what may be, We're going to keep that Cup You'll see. We're going to OWN it all next year. We're telling you now for all to hear You had better come and make a showing With your tired bottoms pulling and your bald heads glowing. Queen coronation is the date.

## Rep. Mann Hopes Session Will Bring 'Realistic' Tax Program

"I'm glad the governor has taken the leadership to call a special session, and I am in hopes that he comes forth with a realistic tax program that we can pass."

So said Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield in a talk before the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday. He made the statement after reviewing the 1967 session of legislature which failed to provide property tax relief. At the same time he pointed out other "failures" of the session and enumerated a number of "successes."

"The legislature knew that the people wanted property tax relief," he said, and, in analyzing the "stalemate" that occurred, suggested that it was due to differing opinions: 1. A sizeable group doesn't believe that

property tax is too high at present. 2. Those who think there must be a sales tax. 3. Those who are strongly against a sales tax.

Others feel that there must be property relief, and they don't really care what method is used to get it, he said, whether by income tax or sales tax. He classified himself in this category.

Rep. Mann reviewed the House passage of a sales tax plan and later the "amorgasbord" bill. The sales tax was defeated by the Senate and the "amorgasbord" bill never came to a vote. Blames None

ing a home owners' limitation bill for the ballot in 1963. It would provide a variable ratio, would take property tax relief funds from the general fund and distribute among home owners with only token farm property tax relief.

"If this is on the ballot, it will be a decided disservice to the people of this state," he said. However, it would probably pass, as would either the 1% or 1 1/2% property tax limitation plans, he indicated.

Other failures of the legislature included: Its failure to pass the single member subdistrict bill, which he felt would have increased the quality of the legislators coming from the cities. It "failed miserably" on farm relief. It failed to pass the Clack-

amas - Washington - Multnomah tri-county stadium bill, which Mann thought would be of benefit to the metropolitan area.

Successes, as he viewed them, included: 1. Passage of pollution control measures, "far beyond the hopes anyone had." This success was partly due because of the cooperation of industry. "They were very helpful," he said, and contrasted industry's cooperation on this legislation with the "inflexible" position of the commercial fishermen in opposing a bill that would make an impartial study on fish to report to the 1969 legislature. "The bill was killed because it offended the commercial fishing interests," he said. When another fisheries bill came up, Mann said it brought the most "mas-

sive lobby against it that I have ever seen." These were commercial fishermen. Mann said he was for neither sports nor commercial fishermen against the other but said that their stories are "diametrically opposed, and I for one would like to know the truth."

College Funds Up  
2. Community College appropriations raised 42%. The legislature raised the base per pupil and the aid for capital construction.  
3. Higher education bill will receive 19 1/2% more money.  
4. Increased basic school support 4.8%.  
5. The budget passed was more than \$30 million below the budget of former Governor Mark Hatfield. In view of the  
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84th Year Number 24 WEATHER  
By DON GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of August 2-8 is as follows:  
Wednesday Hi 91 Low 51 Prec. ---  
Thursday 93 54 ---  
Friday 90 59 ---  
Saturday 87 54 ---  
Sunday 81 52 ---  
Monday 78 52 ---  
Tuesday 85 48 ---  
Heppner, Oregon 97836, Thursday, August 10, 1967 THE GAZETTE-TIMES 10 Cents

## Council Issues Call For Swim Pool Bids

Call for bids on reconstruction of the Heppner municipal swimming pool and building of a new bathhouse has been issued following the regular city council meeting Monday night. Bids will be received until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30.

In a short special meeting Tuesday, the council passed a resolution approving specifications on the pool. The legal notice seeking the bids is printed on page 7 of this paper. Four parts of the work are listed as alternates. They will be included in the project if funds from the sale of bonds are sufficient. The alternates include: 1. underwater lights, 2. mechanical room renovation, 3. high diving board, 4. bleachers.

Voters of the city approved a charter amendment that permits sale of bonds up to \$110,000 for the project. The bonds will be offered for sale after legal steps are completed. The four items are listed as alternates so that any or all of them may be deleted if bids come in too high for them to be included.

The swimming pool took a major part of the time at the Monday night meeting. Campbell Steketee of Clark and Groff, Salem, engineers, was there to present preliminary sketches and to go over details of the pool with the council.

It was decided that a plaster finish over the gunite surface of the pool was preferred to that of painting, even though Steketee pointed out that some problem may be encountered with the plaster within five or 10 years if a severe winter hits and causes deterioration from freezing. However, he pointed out that there would be maintenance expense of perhaps an equal amount if the pool is painted, because it must be repainted periodically.

Depth Studied  
He was asked to check with the State to determine if the 8'6" depth at the deep end of the pool will be sufficient for the types of diving boards planned. If not, the depth may be increased by adding six inches at the top. This, in turn, would make the shallow end six inches deeper. The council was concerned about this because of the smaller children and asked the engineer to consider the possibility of adding six inches more of gunite to the floor at the shallow end if the overall depth is increased.

## State to Impose Forest Closure

State forest lands in the East Central Oregon district will be closed to entry as of midnight Thursday night, August 17, Knox Pipkin of Fossil, district warden, said Tuesday.

Included are state forest lands in Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties. Pipkin said that no permits would be issued for pleasure, recreation, nor for such things as wood cutting. Those seeking permits may apply at the stations at Chapin Creek, Mitchell, Camp 5 (Kinza), and the Fossil headquarters, he said.

To date there have been 47 fires in the district this summer, the largest being about seven or eight acres. All but two or three have been caused by lightning. Pipkin thanked the public for the cooperation given so far. He said that public's help in preventing fires has been excellent and asked for continued vigilance in this very dry season.

mayor to sign an agreement with the engineers after it had been read by Mayor Rosewall and had been reviewed previously by Attorney Bob Abrams. The engineers' fee is 8 per cent, less \$500 to be deducted that has already been paid by the city for a preliminary study on the costs of rebuilding the pool. It was made clear in the

## All Escape Hurts In 4 Accidents Saturday Night

Four separate one-car accidents occurred in the area Saturday night. Two of the cars were rather badly damaged, but none of the drivers nor occupants was injured.

Steve Pettyjohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, went off the road about halfway between Lexington and Heppner about 8:30 Saturday night. His parents' car ended up in a grotesque position with the rear end high on an embankment and the front end in the barrow pit, pointed towards the road. The car was hardly scratched and Pettyjohn, who will be a Heppner High senior next year, was unscathed. Steve apparently fell asleep to cause the accident. He had been working hard all week and was tired. He was en route to pick up his girl friend to go to the dance in Heppner. They later went to the dance.

Sheron Brenner, driving a new Mustang that she had just purchased, had the misfortune of hitting a deer on the highway in the area of the North Lexington elevator Saturday night. She had just taken delivery on the car Friday. Damage was estimated at \$500. Mrs. Brenner was unhurt in the accident.

Don Munkers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers, apparently fell asleep en route home from home early Sunday morning. His car left the road near the Marion Palmer place. The car was badly damaged but Munkers was unhurt.

A car that Bill McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McLeod, was driving about 12:15 a.m. Sunday went into the ditch on the Condon hill near the Roice Fulton place. It was a new 1967 Camaro. Lloyd Smith of Condon was the owner and was with McLeod at the time. A car coming from the opposite direction forced them off the road, the youths said. Neither was hurt and damage to the auto was light.

## Merchants Meeting Set for August 18

Meeting of Heppner merchants is called for Friday, August 18, by Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants' committee of the Chamber of Commerce. It will be in the Wagon Wheel for luncheon at noon (Dutch treat).

At that time plans will be considered for the Moonlight Sale which will be held probably in September. Hust emphasizes that all merchants, not only members of the merchants' committee, are urged to attend. It is not necessary to be a member of the Chamber to attend either, he points out.



ON THE CORNER where the Fair building once stood is this new service station. Grand opening event starts today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday. (G-T Photo).

## Fair Flags Flying; Opening August 22

Fair and rodeo flags are flying in downtown Heppner, pointing up the fact that the Morrow county fair is only 12 days away, starting August 22, and the rodeo follows four days later, starting August 26.

Through the ranks of the 4-H and FFA, as well as other exhibitors, preparations are going on behind the scenes for the fair. Entries for 4-H and FFA will be open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, and close at 10:30 a.m. that day. Open class entries open at 8 a.m. Wednesday, August 23, and close at 9 o'clock the same morning.

Popular features are on the program again, including the 4-H and FFA livestock auction, followed by the pig scramble on Thursday night of the fair; the 4-H dress revue on the evening of August 23; the pet show starting at 10 a.m. on August 24, followed by the Parade of Pets; the Wheat League's cake baking contest; and other events.

Any who have not received premium books for the fair may obtain them at the county 4-H office.

4-H Home Ec Plans Made  
Mrs. Marjorie Wilcoxon, county extension agent, says that the 4-H home economics schedule of events at the fair promises to be a busy one, starting with the judging of exhibits at 10:30 a.m. on August 22. Judging contests for food, home improvement, clothing and knitting members will follow in the afternoon. Demonstrations will be held starting at 3:30 following the judging contests.

Style Revue judging takes the spotlight Wednesday night, August 23. A clothing or knitting member participating in the event is judged not only on the workmanship of the garment but on her selection of fabric and accessories, and last but not least, the girl herself, her posture, poise, grooming and attitude.

"We appreciate the response of all the people involved in planning the 4-H activities, including members and leaders, in seeing that registration forms were returned to the extension office," Mrs. Wilcoxon said. "Having the names of participants will save much time and confusion during the fair."

Revue Theme Set  
"Trade Winds of Fashion" is the theme of the 1967 Style Revue selected by the committee—Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Mrs. Ralph Crum and Mrs. Joe Tate. The Style Revue, to which the public is invited, is scheduled to be the concluding event for the 4-H home economics activities at the fair. A fine new stage has been provided by the fair board for the event, which will start at 8 p.m. on the Wednesday night.

About 50 girls will model dresses, suits, sweaters and other garments. Sheridan Wyman (Continued on page 8)

## Cason is Chosen As Parade Marshal

Lewis Cason, Heppner resident for many years, will be the grand marshal of the 1967 Rodeo Parade on August 26, Randall Peterson, parade chairman, announces. Cason, who has returned to Heppner after living in Portland for a time, will ride at the head of the parade.

## Service Station Grand Opening Slated 3 Days

Grand opening event of West Richfield Service Station which now brightens the corner of Main and Center streets starts today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday. Wes Marlatt, operator, announces.

The new station, erected in a short time by a contractor after the old Fair building was removed, has been opened for business for about two weeks, but the gala event will be this week-end.

Marlatt, who has been in business here as a service station operator for 10 years, had only to move across the street to continue in the new station which has two islands and four gasoline pumps. He has lived in Heppner most of his life.

Door prizes totaling \$134 will be given in drawings as a result of the grand opening. To be given are an electric blanket, hair dryer, electric fry pan, an electric iron, and a coffee percolator.

Free balloons and candy suckers will be given to the children, and a 6-bottle carton of Pepsi-Cola will be given to those who fill their vehicles there with gasoline. Drinking glasses are also being given with purchases.

Those wishing to take advantage of the Pepsi-Cola offer are to use the coupon in the advertisement elsewhere in this paper or from the handbills circulated by the station.

## 4 Entries Signed For County Derby

Four horses have been entered in the Morrow county derby at the 1967 Rodeo, Tom Curran, publicity chairman, announces. Three of the entries are owned by George Steagall and one by John Eubanks. Entries are now closed for the derby. According to the rules, August 1 was the deadline to enter.