

Lex Grange Names Sheila Luciani Princess

Sheila Luciani, who has lived all of her 17 active years in Morrow county, was notified this week that she had been selected by the Lexington Grange to be its princess on the 1968 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court.

The new princess was selected at the last meeting of the grange on Friday, February 9, by vote of the grange membership. Candidates are not restricted to daughters of grange members, and the Lucianis are not members of the grange, although their large ranch operation on Butter Creek has kept them in touch with progressive farm organizations.

The stately, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luciani is a senior at Heppner High school. She transferred to the Heppner schools when she was in the 6th grade, after attending the earlier grades in the Echo grade school.

Sheila has grown up on the large grain and cattle ranch of her parents and has had much riding experience. She has been riding since she was six years of age and has been active in horse and livestock 4-H clubs for eight years. She enjoys the outdoor sports and has helped her father with driving wheat trucks during harvest the past two summers.

For her official appearances through the summer, Princess Sheila will ride her favorite quarter horse "Honey." She will add grace and dignity to the court of Queen Berniece Matthews of Ione and recently elected Princess Marcia Jones of the Heppner Wranglers.

During her four years at Heppner High school, Sheila has been very active in school activities, and at the same time has maintained a high scholastic rating. This year she holds three responsible offices, which include treasurer of the student body, president of Future Homemakers of America club, and captain of the pep club's drill team. She is a member of the National Honor Society, of the Girls' League, of the Pep Club, and of the student council.



PRINCESS SHEILA LUCIANI

Ball of FHA and FFA on February 3, Sheila was crowned queen and, with King Alfred Drake reigned over the court of the other princesses and their attendants.

Besides her parents, she has an older sister, Karla, in beauty training in Portland; a younger sister, Patty, and a 10-year-old brother, John Henry.



MONTE EVANS, seated on his horse, herds some of the 22 head of registered Angus cows with calves which comprise his FFA project. In Future Farmer Week, February 17-24, special observance will be placed here on FFA activities. Monte is a member of the Heppner High chapter. (See also page 5).

Two Home Games Loom Important For Mustangs Five

Basketball Standings

GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

WESTERN DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Pilot Rock	4	1	.800
Heppner	3	2	.600
Wahntonka	3	2	.600
Sherman	1	3	.333
Madras	1	4	.200

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
Vale	5	1	.833
Grant Union	3	2	.600
Burns	3	2	.600
Enterprise	2	4	.333
Nyssa	2	4	.333

By BOB DOBBS

Three basketball games are left on the league schedule for the Mustangs. At home this week-end, the Horsemen play host to the Pilot Rock Rockets, the next evening it is time for their hands at the Mustangs on the Heppner floor.

The Friday night clash with Pilot Rock could be the most important game in a series of important games. Mustang power will be greatly taxed and tested in this league meeting. At the close of the first tilt, Pilot Rock had pulled out a victory by a slim 73-70 margin.

This week-end's play may be the deciding factor on the tournament berths from the western division. Heppner could pull into the number one spot if the Rockets fall both nights. (The Rockets meet Wahntonka on Saturday night.)

The Friday night encounter is a "must win" situation for both teams. The Rockets must win if they want to stay on top, and the Horsemen must win if they want to stay in the running for the district championship.

Saturday will be the second squaring-off for Madras and Heppner this year. Not quite two weeks ago the Horsemen invaded Madras; their fired-up defense and powerhouse offense set the Mustangs in the winner's circle with an 81-51 margin.

Tipsy Driver Conviction Rate Low, Speaker Says

Conviction rate on drunken driving in Oregon is only 2.8%, one of the lowest of any states in the nation, Andrew Hanners, executive director of the Oregon Council on Alcohol Problems, told members of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday at their regular luncheon meeting.

This was one of nine addresses made by Hanners in two days in the area. He spoke to church groups Sunday and at schools in Heppner and Ione Monday.

In Oregon, traffic accidents cost \$122,000,000 per year, Hanners declared. Drinking was involved in 57% of the fatal accidents.

He pointed out that while

there is no legal definition of drunkenness in Oregon, most courts consider .15 of 1% of alcohol in fluids of the body as intoxication. States or countries which have denied intoxication at lower points have cut their traffic death tolls sharply, he said, in some cases as much as half.

Throughout the nation, drinking costs industry \$2 billion per year, the speaker said.

Hanners outlined how alcohol dulls the brain, reaching its highest functions first and with succeeding intoxication dropping into the area of muscular coordination. He pointed out that accidents caused by drinking are due more to a loss of judgment rather than from impairment of muscular coordination and chided the legislature for its unwillingness to recognize this fact in considering laws on drinking and driving.

The fluent and affable speaker, who held the rapt attention of his audience with his polished presentation, traced the stages of intoxication from that of a drink or two (.05 of 1% alcohol in fluids of the body) to the point of lethal drunkenness (.50 of 1% of alcohol).

A drink or two was described as entering a "silly" stage where the person is not intoxicated, but at a party he may

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Benge Believed Held by Viet Cong

Latest word on Mike Benge, 32, who last week was reported to be missing after a Viet Cong attack on Ban Me Thuot, Vietnam, is that he is believed to be a captive of the Viet Cong.

Following the first report to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hughes in a telephone call from Washington, D. C., February 2, stating that he was missing, Mrs. Hughes received another call Thursday, February 8, from the AID office in Washington stating that Hanoi Radio had reported that Mike was captured.

Since Thursday, there has been no further information, and nothing has been learned on succeeding calls to Washington. Benge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Benge of Ione, has worked with the Montagnards in the Central Highlands of Vietnam for the past six years. He has been honored by the Montagnards many times and is the adopted son of Ama Heo, Montagnard chief.

The capture is believed to have taken place when Viet Cong overran Ban Me Thuot early this month.



TAXI, MISTER? Roy Shaw of Toronto, Canada, stands with Herb Hynd (right) by Shaw's "Kingsway" taxi. The Canadian picked up passengers in Toronto, took them to Los Angeles and has stopped to visit in Morrow county on the homeward trip. (G-T Photo).

Taxi Driver Hauls Fare 3550 Miles; Visits Here

Roy Shaw of Toronto, Canada, must have set some kind of record when he used his taxi to carry three persons on a 3552-mile trip from his home city to Los Angeles, Calif. It could be one of the longest passenger-paying trips in history.

He was hired to transport a couple and their 6 1/2-year-old daughter to the California metropolis, and he made the trip in nine days with the trunk full of luggage and more piled on the front seat beside him. The couple had often been his customers in Toronto, and never having owned a car, when they decided to move to California, they asked if he would take them there.

Shaw agreed, making a special rate for the trip. They went via New Orleans, leaving Toronto on January 7, and they

found time for considerable sightseeing, although they averaged about 400 miles per day.

But for some in Morrow county, the happy party came when Shaw stopped off here for a visit on his homeward trip. He is a first cousin of Herb Hynd of Cecil and he is an uncle of Mrs. Gus Peterson of Top (just above Monument) and Mrs. George Stubblefield, also of Monument.

When the taxicab drove unexpectedly into the yard at the Hynd place the other day, Herb told his wife, Beth, "It looks like another one of those sheep-herders."

He explained that in the old days, one of their sheep herders might go to town on a day off and come back the best way he could, which sometimes was by hiring a taxi.

Shaw and Hynd had not seen each other for 60 years, and the Toronto man tried to represent himself as a cattle buyer to fool his cousin. But Herb declared, "He didn't look like a cattle buyer to me."

Some 60 years ago, Herb went back to Canada on a visit with

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Heppner Chapter, FFA, to Observe National Week

By JOHN HARRIS

National Future Farmers of America Week is February 17-24. Activities observed during the week include some of the high points of the year for the Heppner High school chapter.

One of these high points is the annual parent-son banquet and presentation of awards, to be held the evening of February 22 in the high school cafeteria. At the banquet Jeff Wallace, State Sentinel from Umapine, will be the guest speaker. Honored at the banquet will be Ken Wright, Heppner's first American Farmer. Dave Hall, applicant for State Farmer and candidate for a state office, will be the master of ceremonies.

On Monday, February 19, Hall, who is chapter president, will speak to the Chamber of Commerce on some of the aims and purposes of FFA and the work of the local chapter.

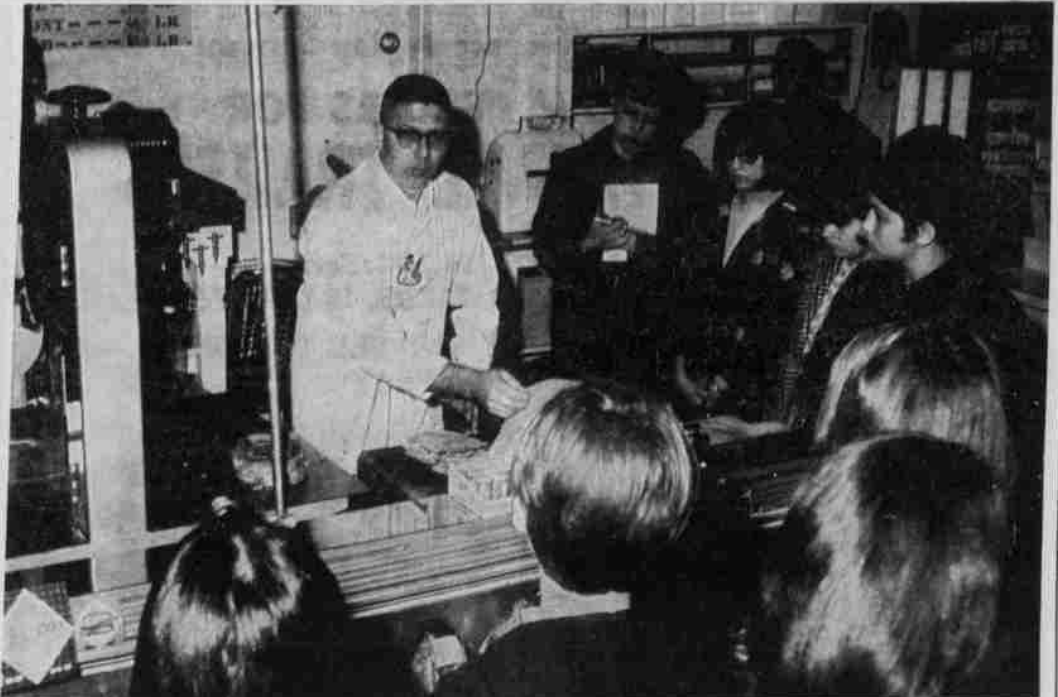
The FFA was organized in 1928 in Kansas City, Mo. From this start the organization has grown steadily. The first national convention had 33 delegates, while the 1967 convention had over 11,000 from all the states in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The Heppner chapter presently has 21 active members and has been growing steadily in the past two years. Its goal, presently, is to achieve a higher agricultural enrollment and initiate more members into the organization. Hal Whitaker is advisor of the chapter.

HOW DRY WE ARE

Official weather report for the two weeks period of January 31-February 13, as compiled by Don Gilliam, weather observer, is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
January 31	45	28	—
February 1	54	37	—
2	62	41	.01
3	54	42	.01
4	60	41	.03
5	44	35	—
6	42	31	—
7	40	29	—
8	36	24	—
9	33	30	—
10	33	29	—
11	32	21	—
12	32	26	—
13	38	20	—



HEPPNER HIGH STUDENTS in sophomore Home Economics class of Mrs. Eugene Winters get a "first hand" look at cuts of meat demonstrated by Ernie McCabe, manager of the meat department at Central Market. The girls are making use of a \$10 beef gift certificate presented them by Morrow County CowBelles. (G-T Photo).

Beef Promoted In School Use By Certificates

One of the projects of the Morrow County CowBelles is to promote beef consumption in homes and restaurants.

To encourage young girls who are enrolled in Home Economics classes in the county to become better educated in knowing the various grades and cuts of beef, the CowBelles have issued \$10 beef certificates to each of the homemaking departments in Heppner, Ione and Boardman, to be used in purchasing beef for their own classroom studies.

Sophomore girls in Heppner High school, under direction of Mrs. Eugene Winters, visited the meat department at Central Market last week and saw a demonstration by Ernie McCabe as he cut up one-half of beef and explained the various cuts which were made. Part of the foods and nutrition program at the sophomore level includes learning the cuts of meat, types of meat cookery, which cuts to use for moist heat, and which are used for dry heat, such as

broiling, oven roasting and pan broiling.

The presentation of the gift certificate was made by Mrs. Frank Anderson, president of the Morrow County CowBelles. She urges the giving of the certificates throughout the year, which are available locally at First National Bank in a variety of amounts.

The CowBelles organization also supplies the homemaking departments with film strips on selection of meat cuts and cookery, to supplement their study.

Heart Fund Drive Starts Next Week

Plans have been completed for the annual campaign for the Heart Fund during Heart Week of February 19-26, Jim Wishart, Morrow county chairman, said Tuesday.

In Heppner, Rainbow Girls will conduct a house-to-house drive for donations to the fund. Rural areas will be contacted through mailers to be sent from Wishart's office at the Heppner branch, First National Bank.

Chairmen in Heppner are Mrs. Jim Lovgren and Mrs. Pat Wanser. Organizing the campaign in other parts of the county are the following local chairmen: Boardman, Mrs. J. M. Phillips; Hardman, Mrs. Adrian Bechdoit; Ione, Mrs. Wayne Ball; Irrigon, Mrs. Fay Eppenbach; Lexington, Mrs. John Ledbetter.

Mrs. Lovgren, besides being Heppner co-chairman, is treasurer for the Heart Fund in Morrow county.

There is no established goal for the drive, but last year's total was \$336,78.

"We're hopeful of exceeding that amount this year," Wishart said. He pointed out that in Morrow county, 48% of the deaths are from heart ailments. This is somewhat below the national average of 54%.

During the past year, a number of prominent citizens of Morrow county had died from heart ailments.

Wishart asked that Heppner residents be prepared with their contributions when Rainbow Girls call, and he asked that those in rural areas send in their mailed donations promptly. A similar response is requested in other communities throughout the county.

Merchants Offer 1000 Cherry Pies In Coming Event

Heppner merchants expect to give away 1000 small cherry pies from Thursday, February 22 through 24, in a Washington's Birthday promotion, Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants committee, announces.

Pies will be given by participating merchants with purchases made by customers during the Washington's Birthday Sale, Hust said. The sale will begin on Thursday, February 22, and will continue through February 24. The pies will be given by the stores on a "first come—first served" basis for as long as they last.

The Washington's Birthday promotion is an annual event here, but this is the first time that the merchants have given the pies as a feature of the occasion.

Sale merchants will be offered by most of Heppner's retail businesses and the bargains will be announced in advertisements in next week's Gazette-Times.

"We expect this to be the biggest and best Washington's Birthday event in Heppner history," Hust said.

A meeting of the merchants committee will be held at noon Friday in the Wagon Wheel Cafe to complete plans for the event. All merchants, whether members of the Chamber of Commerce or not, are urged to attend.

There will be free parking on Friday, February 23, for the convenience of shoppers.

P. O., Courthouse To Close Feb. 22

There will be no postal service on George Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22, and the county courthouse will also be closed on that day. There will be no incoming or outgoing mail, and mail will not be distributed to the postal boxes.

Banks, the city hall and virtually all other business establishments here will be open as usual. Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, says that there will be no municipal court on the holiday.

The Gazette-Times, which will carry George Washington's Birthday promotional advertising, will be in the post office boxes late Wednesday afternoon.

Twin Boys Arrive On Birthday of Great Grandfather

February 5 was a red letter day in the life of Sam McDaniel of Hardman. It not only was his birthday, but the day that his first great grandchildren were born. Adding to the significance was the fact that they are twin great grandsons, children of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stubblefield of Walla Walla, Wash.

The twins are Douglas Joseph and Jeffrey Aaron Stubblefield, each of whom weighed four pounds at birth. Mrs. Maxine Mahons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, is maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stubblefield of Walla Walla are paternal grandparents. Mrs. Nellie Mahons of Heppner is also a great grandmother.