

Federal Bureau Stalls Kelly Prairie Project

Sue Greenup Chosen Lena Area Princess

Royal court for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo was completed last week with the announcement of its fourth princess. Sue Ellen Greenup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup, was selected by the Lena Community to serve on the 1968 court. She completes the court of Queen Bernice Matthews, Princess Marcia Jones, Princess Sheila Luciani and Princess Kathy Hinton. Princess Sue is the fourth member of her family to be chosen for the honor. Her aunt Mae Kilkenny served as queen of the 1925 court; her mother, the former Colleen Kilkenny was a princess in 1941 and a queen in 1945, and her sister, Terry Ann, was a princess on the 1964 court. Her family has had prominent interests in riding and promoting the rodeos during the years, with her father an active member of the rodeo committee.



PRINCESS SUE GREENUP

Wallace Brothers United in Vietnam

News that her two sons are stationed just five miles apart at Chu-Lai, Vietnam, was received in a letter last week by the boys' mother, Mrs. Colleen Padberg of Lexington. Air Force Staff Sgt. John Wallace has been transferred from Osan Air Base, Korea, on a three-month temporary duty tour to Chu-Lai, where his younger brother, EON3 Gene Wallace, has been stationed with the Navy Seabees. On discovering that they were stationed close to one another, the two got together and wrote a letter home telling their mother of their reunion. John Wallace will complete seven years of service with the Air Force in August, while Gene Wallace, third class petty officer, has just finished two years service with the Navy.



DAVID HALL



MERRI LEE JACOBS

Seniors Receive Awards For Leadership

Two Heppner High school seniors, Merri Lee Jacobs and David Hall, were announced as recipients of the annual Elks youth leadership awards at afternoon ceremonies of the 71st anniversary celebration of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 on Saturday afternoon, February 24. Making the presentation was R. R. (Whitey) Schroth, Hermiton, 1st vice president of Oregon State Elks Association. The recipients will receive U. S. Savings Bonds in recognition of the honor. Merri Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs of Lone and has attended the Heppner High school all of her four years. She has achieved an enviable record of leadership in her class and in school organizations. During her freshmen and sophomore years she played in the pep band, has been a drill team member for three years and has participated in pep club, GAA, speech club, chorus, Girls' League and various class projects. This year Merri Lee holds the office of secretary for the student body. She was class representative for five semesters and thereby served on the student council most of her high school career. Other duties have been secretary of her class and of the National Honor Society. Last year she was local winner of the U. N. Pilgrimage for Youth speaking contest, and was

a delegate to Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Dave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall, has displayed outstanding leadership in an unusually wide variety of interests through his years as a student at Heppner High school. A good background of leadership has developed through the years by working with livestock 4-H clubs, continuing on into outstanding work in the Future Farmers of America chapter. He has held many responsible offices in the FFA, has served as chapter president this year, and achieved the Chapter Star Farmer honor. Outstanding in sports, Dave has been a varsity letterman in football, basketball, track and baseball. He has represented his class on the student council both freshman and senior years, has served as president of the National Honor Society, and has been active on various class and H-Club committees. His 4-H livestock projects have won many awards at county fairs and livestock shows. Future judging standards for the awards include: leadership, citizenship appreciation, perseverance, resourcefulness, sense of humor, integrity, sportsmanship, general character and reputation. Neatness and arrangement of a brochure prepared for the award is also considered in the judging.

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Mustangs in District 4th Straight Year



KATHY KEENE
Lone High Valedictorian



JANICE SNIDER
Lone High Salutatorian

Lone First to Announce 1968 Honor Students

"Lone High School is proud to announce its valedictorian and salutatorian from the graduating class of 1968," Principal Harold Beggs said Monday. Kathy Keene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Keene, is valedictorian for the class of 1968 with a grade point average of 3.82 for her four years of high school. Janice Snider is salutatorian with a grade point average of 3.81. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snider. "Kathy and Janice are proof that a person can be a top student and still participate in other phases of school life," the principal said.

Miss Keene has been active in the Girls Athletic association, on the high school annual, the school newspaper, on the student council, and is currently president of the National Honor Society chapter. She has also been a 4-H member and has served as vice-president and president of her 4-H club. Last year she was a delegate to Girls' State. Miss Snider is editor of the school newspaper, "The Cardinal," and she has been active in Girls' Athletic association, on the student council, and in musical groups. She, too, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of the annual staff. "Both of these girls are highly respected by their peers and adults as well," the principal added. "The lone school and community are proud of these two fine students."

Bureau Starting Soil Survey Work On Willow Project

Walt Draper, Spokane, soil scientist for the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Columbia River development office, this week is starting work in the field on the Bureau's survey for the irrigation feature of the proposed Willow Creek project. He has spent several days in the county courthouse in preparation for the work. "It is now necessary to get on the land to make the soil survey to determine what the farmers' gains will be under full water right," he said. This is the first work on the lands that may be irrigated by the proposed project and is financed by a \$29,000 appropriation authorized through Congress this year. Draper made it clear that farmers are not bound by any work that he does on their lands. He said that he will be checking soils and drainage, infiltration, percolation, and water holding capacity. "I would like to have permission to go on all lands affected whether the owners approve of the proposed project or not," he said. "I will be more than happy to cooperate in every way." Information available from the survey may be of value to the land owners whether they wish to come under the proposed project or not, he said. Draper said that he will respect fences, property lines, and all property on the farms. He said that he will not drive over any growing crops. In taking his soil samples, he will make borings five feet deep. He expects that his work will be done and his report will be ready on soils by May 15. On Monday, March 4, a group of economists and drainage specialists from the regional office in Denver will be here to appraise drainage needs under full water right, he said. Future of the Willow Creek project depends to considerable extent on the outcome of the Bureau's study, since the irrigation feature must be included to maintain a favorable benefit-cost ratio on the project. If sufficient gains can be determined for the farmers to make the irrigation feasible, this will contribute to the favorable ratio.

Farmers Urged To Attend Meet On Land Appraisal

Ranchers of Morrow county are urged to attend a meeting Monday evening, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the Heppner High school cafeteria on the new method of valuing farm property. County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday. "Purpose is to explain to Morrow county taxpayers the meaning and purpose of the new law regarding the method of valuation of farm lands in the county," the judge said. The new method is based on an income approach instead of a sales approach and was passed by the last session of the legislature. Bill Townsend of the State Tax Commission and W. H. (Bill) Johnson, state appraiser, will conduct the meeting. The judge said he feels it "most imperative" that farmers attend the meeting, and other interested persons are invited to come. Morrow County Livestock Growers Association is helping to sponsor the meeting.

Services to Observe World Day of Prayer

Local observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held with a service of meditation to be held at the Methodist church on Friday, March 1, from 12-1 p.m. The World Day of Prayer community service is being introduced in the area for the first time. It is sponsored nationally by the National Council of Churches, and locally by the South Morrow Ministerial Association. Another event in keeping with the national observance will be a mayor's prayer breakfast, to be held from 7-8 a.m. on Friday. This event will be co-sponsored by the Morrow county Jaycees, Mayor Clarence Rosewall, and the South Morrow county Ministerial Association, and attended by invitation.

Vale Vikings First Foe At La Grande Friday

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For the fourth time in four years the Heppner High hoopers are off to the district tournament in La Grande, March 1 and 2. The Mustang crew won the right to enter by defeating Sherman County Saturday night, 68-52, at Moro.

This left the Mustangs in a first place deadlock with Wahtonka, which had walked on Pilot Rock Friday, 75-65, and thumped Madras, 66-50, Saturday night. A drawing conducted by telephone Monday morning gave Heppner first place seeding, although the Eagles and Mustangs will each receive a sub-district championship trophy.

Last week-end threw Pilot Rock out of the running for a tournament berth. This came after the Rockets had led the league for most of the season. The Rockets ended in third place in the western division.

Grant Union topped the eastern division of the Greater Oregon League. The Prospectors emerged the champs by dumping Vale in the last league clash, 52-50. Vale had previously led the league, and had posted a close win over Grant Union in their first meeting in Vale.

It has been a tradition, in the District A-2 playoff, for the leader of each division to meet the second place club of the other division in the first round. So this year the first round pairings will be Grant Union and Wahtonka in the first tilt at 7:30 p.m. The second clash brings Heppner and Vale together at 9:15 p.m. The winners of these contests will play for the league crown at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday night. Losers play at 7:30 Saturday for consolation honors.

Vale knocked the Horsemen out last year. The Vikings went on to take third place honors in the state tournament. Wahtonka represented Greater Oregon at Coos Bay in 1966.

Principal Dick Carpenter announced at a Monday assembly, held to inform students of tournament plans, that all students who wish to attend the game may ride spectator buses without charge.

The Pep Band will play for Heppner's games both nights. The Drill Team will perform at halftime Friday night.

The Horsemen have come a long way since the season started. In the first six games they were dumped four times; in the last six they swept to victory.

Last game the Mustangs have gone into, in the last three weeks, has been more important than the one before. This week-end's games are more crucial than ever, with the state tournament berth as the reward for the tournament winner.

Hoopers to Leave For Tournament At 4 p.m. Friday

Heppner High's basketball team will leave for the district tournament at La Grande at 4 p.m. Friday and will stop en route to eat at Pendleton, Principal Dick Carpenter said Tuesday.

The spectator buses will leave at 3:30 p.m., allowing time to eat in La Grande before the evening's first game in the EOC gym between Grant Union and Wahtonka. Heppner plays Vale at 9:15 in the second contest of the opening round.

The tournament this year is sponsored by the Optimist club in La Grande. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults each night and \$1 for students.

Heppner High was determined the "first place" winner for the west for the purposes of pairings only when a flip of coin was accomplished via a 3-way telephone hookup. Joe De Marsh of Sherman County did the flipping at Moro while the Heppner and Wahtonka principals were connected by phone from their respective schools.

Construction Started On City Water Tank

BOARDMAN — Construction of a 125,000 gallon overhead storage water tank has begun for the city of Boardman with foundation and plumbing work underway now. It is being constructed by Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. with a low contract bid of \$69,470, and is expected to take about three months to complete it.

The tank will be located just west of the city hall and south of the grange hall.

Unexpected Decision Stuns County Court

Optimistic hopes for fish impoundments at Kelly Prairie and Penland Prairie in Morrow county took a severe setback this week with the announcement that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the U. S. Department of Interior will not participate in the projects with matching funds.

The Morrow county court has not received the notice from the Seattle office of the Bureau directly but received the information from Forrest Cooper, State Highway Engineer, who was notified that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation would not participate in the project that had been approved by the State Game Commission. Copy of the letter to Cooper was forwarded to the Morrow county court.

Written by Fred J. Overly, regional director of the Bureau, the letter states that approximately 85% of the shoreline of the Kelly Prairie project would be on Forest Service land.

Forest Service Obligation Cited "It seems clear that the resulting public use would then obligate the Forest Service to provide recreational facilities and services," he wrote. "The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act provides a distinct separation between State and Federal programs, with the Federal program being limited entirely to land acquisition."

He continued later in the letter, "The Bureau policy in the administration of the Grants-in-Aid program is not to assist any non-Federal project which obligates a Federal agency to develop or maintain and operate outdoor recreation facilities. For these reasons, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation cannot participate in either acquisition or development projects with States or their political subdivisions on inholdings within the boundaries of National Forests."

Overly concluded his letter by saying, "The projects appear to have merit, and we are hopeful that the State Game Commission may find some other method of financing them."

County Judge Paul Jones said, however, that the Game Commission has stated it cannot proceed without the Federal funds. It had hoped to receive \$200,000 in the matching money of which \$22,500 would be for acquisition of the land and \$175,000 for building the dam. Although much of Kelly Prairie is on private land, the shoreline, as Overly stated, would be about 85% on Forest Service land.

Would Be Second Largest If a 100 ft. dam were constructed at the site, the Kelly Prairie impoundment could reach as much as 519 surface acres. This, then, would be the second largest impoundment in the State of Oregon and nearly 18 times the size of Bull Prairie, which is 29 surface acres.

Both Judge Jones and County Commissioner Jack VanWinkle expressed keen disappointment when they made the announcement Tuesday. They had been very hopeful that the projects—at least the Kelly Prairie project—could be culminated soon and to this time, nothing had appeared to block the project after consent had been received by the private owners to part with the land involved.

"To say that the Court as well as other agencies and individuals concerned are bitterly disappointed at this decision is putting it mildly," a prepared statement from the Morrow county court said.

"We had not dreamed that any construction of this nature could be placed on the applica-

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JEFF WALLACE of Umapine chapter, Future Farmers of America, state sentinel of the organization, congratulates David Hall (second from right) following annual banquet of Heppner FFA chapter here last Thursday night. Gene Hall, father of David, who was chosen an honorary member, is at right. At far left is Principal Dick Carpenter, who also was named an honorary member, and Hal Whitaker, chapter advisor, is second from left. Wallace was speaker at the banquet, and David Hall was toastmaster, being president of the chapter. He also won many awards, including the chapter Star Farmer trophy, which he holds. Riley Munkers (not pictured) was also awarded a plaque for outstanding service to FFA by the Morrow County GAA (G-T Photo). (Story on page 8)