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**NEW ALL-STEEL GRANDSTAND** at the Rodeo Grounds was going up fast this week, and all indications are that it will be in readiness for the Queen's Coronation program Saturday night. The sturdy structure will give the Morrow county event the most modern and attractive grandstand in the state. Seat brackets were being put in place when photos were taken Tuesday. In the top photo Rich Vinson of Lott's Electric is at the end of the hoist boom installing wiring under the roof. Photo at left, taken from the hill above, shows the grandstand as it appears from the highway. The structure will cost \$34,389, plus engineer's fees. (G-T Photos).



## Advance Interest Keen For 1968 County Fair

It's just 12 days before the Morrow county Fair opens at the fairgrounds here, and there are many reasons to believe that it will be a dandy!

Harvest is earlier this year, and this may mean greater participation from those who are through toiling in the fields for the time being. While the grain yield is down, the quality is good, and it is almost a certainty that the fair will have some fine grains to exhibit.

Advance entry of community booths is probably the greatest in recent years, according to Mrs. Lenna Smith, fair secretary. Twenty-two reservations are in at the present time. All booth space is taken, but it may be possible to provide tables for others who wish displays of this type.

Some new features have been added to the fair this year to go along with the popular annual attractions. There will be a Collectors' Corner for those who have collection hobbies. A new home canning contest is offered under the sponsorship of Ball Brothers Company, and Mrs. Smith said that she has received 12 dozen jars to be given as prizes, together with the premiums offered for the best canning exhibits.

Details of the canning contest, with divisions for adults and for 4-H or Future Homemakers of America, may be found on page 30 of the premium book.

**Dinner to Be Served**  
Another happy note for the forthcoming fair comes with the announcement that the Rhea Creek Grange will again serve dinner on Thursday night, August 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner is almost a traditional event at the fair but was not served last year—and was missed.

The public is invited to come to the dinner and obtain delicious food at nominal price. Throughout the course of the fair again, the Snack Shack will also be operating with its good things to eat and its many refreshments for the public.

Among the popular attractions back again will be the 4-H Dress Revue on Wednesday night, August 21; the pig scramble and the livestock auction on Thursday night, August 22; the pet show during the day of August 22; and the annual cake baking contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat League. The county winner will compete against other county winners later for state honors.

First event of the fair program will actually be held nine days before opening day of the fair itself—the 4-H Horse Show which will be Sunday, August 11, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the grounds. Information on this has gone out through the county extension office to the 4-H participants.

Organizations and others who have reserved space for booths at the fair include the following: State Game Commission, American Legion Auxiliary, Degree of Honor, Wranglers club, CowBelles, Rhea Creek Grange, Willows Grange, Lexington Grange, Senator Wayne Morse, Republican Party, LDS church, Assembly of God, United Youth Fellowship, Rockhounds, TB and Health association, Neighbor-

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## Interest Mounts In Rodeo Events

Interest in events of the 1968 Morrow county Rodeo is mounting at an early date, and a number of entries have already been received, according to Charley Daly, vice chairman of the rodeo committee.

Six have already entered novice bronc riding, a new event this year, he said. Indications are that the number may reach as many as 15 or 16 contestants. If this occurs, some will appear on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon programs, as well as on the Saturday night program where the event is scheduled.

A silver trophy buckle will go to the winner, donated by The Gazette-Times.

Daly also said that arrangements have been made with the Tygh Valley rodeo, which will be held at the same time, so that saddle bronc riders may compete in both rodeos.

On Saturday, the bronc riders will start the program at Tygh Valley, and at Heppner they will be the last on the program. On Sunday, the reverse will be true. They will start the program here, then go to Tygh Valley to catch the end of the program there.

Many trophies have been donated for the rodeo here, and Daly said these will be placed on display at Gardner's Men's Wear beginning Monday.

## Ullman Presses For Top Priority On Willow Project

"In my judgment, Willow Creek ranks number one in priority for funding in next fiscal year. You may be sure of my strongest efforts to get Congressional approval."

So said Congressman Al Ullman in a telegram last Wednesday, July 31, in reply to one from County Judge Paul Jones.

The judge asked for clarification of a \$27,000 appropriation for investigation and study on the Willow Project, approved by House and Senate conferees, which was announced in the daily press recently.

In reply, Cong. Ullman said, "House and Senate have both approved \$27,000 for continued Bureau of Reclamation studies of irrigation features of Willow Creek project. Administration budget request did not include funds for Corps of Engineers construction. As expected, no unbudgeted new starts were added by Congress because of national fiscal crisis."

Judge Jones said that the \$27,000 apparently is in addition to a previous appropriation for the Bureau of Reclamation study which has been in progress this summer.

Since the news item, from a wire service and carried in the daily press, referred to Army Corps of Engineers appropriations, the local interpretation was that the \$27,000 for Willow Creek might be other than that for the Bureau of Reclamation study.

Judge Jones said that the comment by Congressman Ullman that Willow Creek rates No. 1 priority in the congressman's opinion is encouraging.

## Variety Store's Future Announced

Van's Variety will close for one week, beginning Monday, August 12, while rearranging and painting are being done, Mrs. Mary Van Blokland announces.

The store will reopen on August 19 for sale of merchandise that was not sold in the liquidation sale. Opening of the new store will take place by September 15 with new stock if merchandise arrives without delay, she said.

Announcement of the type of store and services to be offered will follow in a subsequent issue of the Gazette-Times, Mrs. Van Blokland said.



AL BOSCHEE

## Boschee Accepts Union County Post

Al Boschee, pastor of the Heppner and Lexington Christian churches for the past three years, announced his resignation to the two churches Sunday. He has accepted the position of director of the juvenile department of Union county with headquarters in La Grande and expects to start his new duties on September 3.

The pastor also announced his resignation to the Unity Council, administrative organization of the two churches here, and said that it will be effective as of August 31.

Boschee currently is juvenile counsellor for Morrow county, a position he has held for the past year. He said that he has become very much interested in youth and juvenile work and is looking forward to devoting full time to it.

During the time he has been in Heppner, Boschee has been very active in community and lodge affairs as well as in church work. He served as secretary of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, was secretary of the South Morrow Ministerial association, served as president of the Heppner Booster club, and was active in the Masonic lodge.

The Boschees came here from Trafalgar, Ind., 25 miles south of Indianapolis. In La Grande, Boschee will set up the juvenile department under the jurisdiction of circuit court as it makes a transition from the jurisdiction of the county court. At the onset, he and a secretary will staff the department but it is expected that others may be added later, he said.

# Queen Coronation, Dance Due Saturday

Queen Berniece Matthews and her princesses apparently will have the distinction of being the first royal court of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo to be honored at the new grandstand at the rodeo grounds.

Report was Tuesday that the new stands will be ready for use by Saturday night for the coronation program and workmen were rushing the job towards completion. Fair board members and others assisted over the week-end by painting the lumber that will be used for seats.

The coronation, in fact, will be the first time that the new stands will be used. If, indeed, they are ready on time.

Jaycees are sponsoring the program which will start at 7:30 p.m. at the grounds. There will be no parade nor observance in the downtown district.

Chaperone Dimple Munkers again will have the honor of placing the crown on the head of Queen Berniece and of formally acknowledging the princesses—Sheila Luciani of Lexington, Sue Ellen Greenup of Lena, Marcia Jones of Heppner and Kathy Hinton of Boardman.

Fun events of the night will follow after the coronation ceremonies. Jaycees will endeavor to wrest the tug-of-war trophy from the Chamber of Commerce in the event that will see the two organizations match their brawn—and with a dousing from the fire hose for the losers.

Jaycees will put their officers in the front lines on their end of the tug-of-war rope but the C of C members have not announced their strategy. Randall Peterson has been appointed as field general for the Chamber and he has kept mum on plans.

Some eight boxing bouts are scheduled in a smoker that will conclude the program on the field. The boxers will range in ages up through high school. Some have been in training at the summer recreational program.

Bruce Rigby is scheduled to be master of ceremonies for the Jaycees at the coronation.

Following the program on the field, the Queen's Dance will be held in the fair pavilion.



QUEEN BERNIECE MATTHEWS

## Events to Pay Homage To Berniece I, Court

Queen Berniece Matthews will take center stage Saturday evening, August 10, for official coronation ceremonies, proclaiming her reign over events of the 1968 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

Following entertainment and coronation program, Queen Berniece and her four princesses will greet their guests at the annual Queen's Dance in the fair pavilion, the last in the series of pre-rodeo dances. Providing music for all ages will be The Western Gentlemen of Condon. On rodeo week-end, dances are planned for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Although slight in stature, Queen Berniece rides tall in the saddle, and displays true royalty in her appearances with this year's court. She possesses a radiant personality that immediately makes friends with everyone and is always ready with a warm smile of friendliness.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace (Mike) Matthews of Ione is a good-will ambassador for her community and for the county, and has full backing and cooperation of her community-minded family which includes her devoted parents and her twin sister, Deniece.

Queen Berniece will enter her sophomore year this fall at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. Encouraged by receiving a state teacher education scholarship from the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, she is majoring in the field of elementary education. She plans to cut down, somewhat, on campus activities this year to devote additional time to studies. In her freshman year she was junior varsity rally queen, and also spent considerable outside time performing with the college marching band. During the coming year she will serve as treasurer of Arbuthnot dormitory, where she and her sister will reside.

Berniece graduated from the Ione High school with the class of 1967, sharing top scholastic and leadership honors with her twin sister. They received several scholarship awards upon graduation, and held enviable records as outstanding school citizens, participating in many school and community achievements. They attended all 12 years of school in Ione.

Outside sports, especially riding, are favorite interests for

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## Sen. Wayne Morse Plans Heppner Visit August 19

Senator Wayne Morse will visit Heppner on Monday, August 19, unless unexpected developments make it impossible for him to be here, his office has advised County Judge Paul Jones.

The senator is expected to arrive sometime during the morning and is slated to speak at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at noon.

It is planned that he will spend about an hour with the county court on projects contemplated for Morrow county. Members of the court were in Portland Tuesday to see if something could be worked out to expedite the development of the Kelly Prairie fish impoundment, and they were working with Sen. Morse's office on this.

The Kelly Prairie project suffered a setback a few months ago when the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation denied federal funds for the project on the grounds that it would obligate another federal agency (the U. S. Forest Service) by doing so. Until that time it appeared that the project would be expedited and was high on the priority list of the Oregon State Game Commission for state funds.

At the meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday members discussed the forthcoming visit of Sen. Morse and hope was expressed that need for local projects requiring government aid, such as the Willow Creek project and the Kelly Prairie project, could be demonstrated to him.

Information from Sen. Morse's



SENATOR WAYNE MORSE

office was to the effect that he will be here August 19 unless some complication, such as business in connection with the forthcoming national Democratic convention, prevents him from coming. County Commissioner Jack Van Winkle said.

Also at the meeting Monday, Bob Abrams, newly-elected chairman of the Blue Mountain Community College education district, was congratulated on his election, and he gave a report on plans for construction of the third building at the college. He said bids were to be opened Wednesday night. The district, which includes Umatilla and Morrow counties, voted \$1,250,000 in bonds for the building and \$250,000 will be added by the state.

## Council Alters Curfew, Zoning Laws

Ordinances were passed at the regular meeting of the Heppner city council Monday night amending existing ordinances on the curfew and on zoning.

Ordinance 374, setting curfew hours for minors, repealed previous ordinance 288. The new city statute makes it unlawful for anyone under 18 years of age to be on the street between midnight and 5 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. any other night, except when accompanied by parents, legal guardian or going to or from work.

This brings the city ordinance into conformity with the county ordinance and state law. Anyone in violation or first offense will be placed in custody

and taken home. On second offense the parent or guardian shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$50 and/or a jail sentence of one day to 25 days.

The council discussed the matter of rodeo dances. It was pointed out that under terms of the ordinance a youngster would be in violation even if he were proceeding directly home from the dance at its normal closing time. Attorney Bob Abrams pointed out that the dance pavilion is out of the city limits and that those under 18 leaving the dances at closing hour are already in violation of the county ordinance and the state law.

In amending the zoning ordinance to permit a trailer pad in a commercial zone, as requested by Dick Robison, the council telescoped the usual procedure for passing an ordinance. Normally it requires a period of two months, encompassing three meetings, for three readings of the proposed ordinance. However, a provision in the city charter permits passage of an ordinance at one meeting provided two-thirds of those attending agree to voting for the second time and the full council votes unanimously for the presentation for third reading at the same meeting. The full council was present Monday

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