

Harold Erwin To Be G.M. of Westward Ho! Parade

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The 1971 Pendleton Round-Up is almost turning into a Morrow County event with the appointment of Heppner's Harold Erwin as grand marshal of the Westward Ho! Parade. Patti Healy of Butter Creek is the ruling queen; Jeri Krebs of Cecil is a royal princess, and quite a few Morrow families are involved in the Round-Up in one way or another.

Now it appears that Thursday of Round-Up Week, the day before the big Westward Ho! Parade will be designated as Morrow County Day and will bring special treatment for Morrowites and special fine publicity to this county. Last year, Thursday was called Elgin Day and over 100 persons attending from Elgin community were especially honored. Morrow County Day will be a bigger event than that,

for sure. Harold Erwin was dubbed "Mr. Rodeo" quite a few years back by Mr. Bob Penland, a former publisher of this paper. Many of Harold's friends and admirers find that he still answers to this title. A possession in which Harold takes greatest pride is his gold lifetime membership card from the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

On Sunday, March 21 (Harold's "past-fiftieth" birthday) a large get-acquainted party at the Pendleton Country Club was arranged by the Round-Up board of directors to honor the Round-Up Queen and her court, the Happy Canyon Princess, and their parents. It was at this gathering that Mr. Jack Howard of Pendleton, the Round-Up parade director announced Harold's selection as grand marshal for 1971. This honor was first made known to Harold early this year,

and he has had to try to keep it a secret until the public announcement. The selection of Harold will bring much publicity to Heppner and to Morrow County.

Harold Erwin is an experienced grand marshal having held that position at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade here in 1968 (and there really aren't too many fellows available with experience as grand marshals). For several years Harold was chairman of the rodeo committee and arena director for Heppner's annual late-August Fair and Rodeo. During those years he started the 4-H and FFA livestock sales at the County Fairgrounds which have continued each year.

The Harold Erwin family has become well-established, well-known, and well-liked in Heppner. Mrs. Inez Erwin has taught the sixth grade at Heppner Ele-

mentary School for many years. Inez has been active in several social clubs and connected with many community projects. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

The Erwin's daughter, Shirley Erwin Clark, a graduate of Heppner Schools, was involved in many activities at school and in the community, including 4-H groups and serving as Worship Advisor of the Heppner Rainbow Assembly. Shirley and her husband, Dick Clark, also a graduate of Heppner schools, have a wonderful young son, David, who really makes Grandmother Inez's and Grandpa's Harold's eyes shine. The Clark threesome is now in La Grande where Dick attends EOC.

Newly designated Grand Marshal Erwin worked with rodeos for nearly 35 years—doing many different jobs. Inez often assisted her husband with rodeo

chores. Harold also worked as a cattle buyer during years past. Presently he owns a wheat-treating outfit and has an elevator just north of Heppner's city limits. He also has two portable wheat treating outfits that go out to ranches.

One well-known story about colorful Harold tells of his setting the producers of a certain western TV commercial straight. Harold wrote to the producers pointing out that a cowboy character shown on the commercial had his spurs on upside down. The TV producer wrote back that they appreciated his expert help—and the next week that commercial showed the error had been corrected.

In mentioning Morrow County families being very involved with the Pendleton Round-Up, it must be pointed out that this year's Queen Patti Healy has much royal blood. Her mother,

Mrs. Bill Healy, ruled as Round-Up Queen, Kathryn Lazinka in 1958. (Two other aunts of Patti's were Round-Up royalty, but are not residents of this county). The Healy and Currin families live on adjoining cattle ranches on Little Butter Creek, and both families still work with and strongly support the Round-Up.

In the picture on this page Harold is shown wearing a special hand painted rodeo necktie

which his sister, Gladys, sent him from Texas years ago. He says "I saved it for that big Sunday party at which my latest honor was announced and where this picture of Jack Howard and me was taken."

All-of-Morrow County hails with pride its three honored citizens, Round-Up Queen Patti Healy, Round-Up Princess Jeri Krebs, and Westward Ho! Parade's Grand Marshal, Harold Erwin.



HAROLD ERWIN of Heppner, left, who will be the grand marshal for the Westward Ho! Parade in Pendleton in September, visits with Jack Howard of Pendleton, Round-Up parade director.

FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS
Absentee ballots may be obtained at the district office at Lexington until 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 2. Voters who will not be able to vote at their regular precincts on Monday, April 5 may use these absentee ballots up to the 4:00 Friday afternoon deadline.

88th Year Price 10 Cents
THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

GRAIN PRICES
(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat	1.65
Red wheat	1.65
Barley	48.00

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Long Range Speaker Drops Ag Bomb Shell

Those at the Long Range luncheon Tuesday noon were stunned with the information given by Dr. Lee Kolmer, Associate Dean and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Oregon State.

The guest speaker outlined the proposed changes in the agricultural program as it pertains to Extension. Technical in scope, the Extension would be removed from formulae funding under the Smith Lever Act for Federal funding. It would be part of a revenue sharing package under "Rural Development". He quoted from the President's message to congress as saying, "No state would receive less than they are receiving now". These funds would be channeled through the Governor's office.

There is no assurance that the programs now functioning would be continued. Dr. Kolmer said a letter had been prepared and was to have been sent out from his office on Monday.

Checking with the Extension office Wednesday morning the letter had not yet arrived. The Gazette-Times will pass on the information in the letter as soon as it arrives.

Dr. Kolmer recently from Iowa said that as he had listened to the reports of the several long range committees that morning that "Oregon is different and also the same". He felt it was important to provide quality living in the rural areas. People and rural problems were the same concern for economic development, medical services, educational facilities and living situations.

Economic and non-economic choices in Extension are important because there aren't enough resources for everything.

He felt the involvement of many people in solving problems on the rural level was important. He said the proposed program might eliminate the very successful and money saving volunteer program of extension and could remove the continuity in programming and planning.

He said, "The flexibility of the Oregon Extension program has been proclaimed world wide". He fears the proposed program would destroy the cooperative program now financed by the Federal government through the land grant schools.

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12th Wranglers Cow Cutting

The 12th annual Wranglers Spring Meet cow cutting will be in two go-rounds Saturday and Sunday here at the Fairgrounds covered arena.

Saturday contests start at 6 p.m. The Sunday contests start at 9 a.m. and the 1st point Wranglers Playday is to start at 1 p.m., Sunday. There will also be OBRA Barrel Racing at this time.

Everyone is cordially invited. There is no admission charge.

Blood is Needed



THE GOOD WORK of the Heppner Chapter of the American Red Cross is evident with this refrigeration unit used for blood storage at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The Chapter purchased the unit a number of years ago. Joan Gray, RN, is checking the supplies in the unit. Every effort is being made to reach quota at the Blood Drawing here next Monday, April 5, at the Elks Lodge from 2 until 6 p.m. Friends will be interested in knowing that Emile Groshens received 22 units of blood in April a year ago and Emmett Davis of Loneroek received 6 units in December. Anyone wishing to, may give blood in their names. Now as at the time of any war, blood is desperately needed.

TV Set Given for Rummage Sale

Mrs. Ginger Keithley announces that a console TV has been added to the growing collection of goods accumulating for the Heppner Civic League Rummage Sale set for April 2 and 3 at Heppner's old REA Building. The TV set will be sold to the highest bidder.

This year's rummage sale features some special attractions. Baked foods will be sold each morning. County artists and craftsmen have been invited to display their works during the sale.

Mrs. Keithley also states that the Civic League Rummage Sale will be open late on Friday, matching hours with the merchants' Moonlight Sale. The rummage sale will open at 8:00 a.m. both Friday and Saturday mornings and will end about 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The proceeds from this sale support the kindergarten program in Heppner. It is very im-

Two School Issues Before County Voters

Morrow County voters are reminded that the future operation of Morrow County School District No. R-1 depends on their votes on Monday, April 5, at the polling places listed below. Voting on the tax levy for the Blue

- General Election Precinct No. 1 Riverside High School, Boardman, Ore.
- General Election Precinct No. 2 Enea Creek Grange Hall, Ruggs, Ore.
- General Election Precinct No. 3 Ione High School, Ione, Oregon
- General Election Precinct No. 4 A. C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, Oregon
- General Election Precinct No. 5 School District Office, Lexington, Oregon
- General Election Precinct No. 6, 7, 8, 9 Heppner Elementary School, Heppner, Oregon

Morrow County voters wishing to vote by absentee ballot should apply at or write to the District School Office, Lexington, Oregon.

Local Merchants Offer Public Weekend Bargains

Heppner retailers have recklessly reduced prices for the big annual Moonlight Sale tomorrow night (Friday). Some prices are also good on Saturday.

Everyone is advised to carefully study the ads, come on down and look and see what's offered.

SEE SALE ADS IN THIS SECTION

Benefit Auction Set for April 10

Friends in the Heppner area announce that April 10 starting at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, there will be a big auction sale. This will be for the benefit of Bob Pierce who was injured in an auto accident Feb. 24. He remains in a critical condition.

As there is a cutting horse contest at the Fair barn April 3 and 4, it would be appreciated if contributors would wait until April 5 or after to bring in the items they have to offer.

Columbia Basin Electric Co., Inc. is assisting in the sale. Information or help in hauling donated items can be obtained by calling 676-9146.

Don Wink of Northwestern Livestock Commission Co. has volunteered to be auctioneer. This assures us it will be a well run sale.

Remember, folks, anything of value from a chicken to a horse or cow, furniture, appliances, antiques, machinery or whatever would be of value, even money, will be much appreciated.

For convenience of anyone wanting to contribute money, the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the First National Bank of Oregon will accept contributions for the benefit.

Forest Plans To Be Told

Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce President Gene Pierce has announced an interesting program for next Monday's luncheon at the Wag-on Wheel.

Sam Miller, U. S. Forest Service, will present an illustrated talk featuring the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest. This will include new wrinkles in forest management aimed at multiple use of the forest including recreation, timber sales and management.

These are interesting comprehensive plans being considered for this area called a "Resource Inventory Plan."

Car Wreck Claims Mildred Yarnell

Mildred Sibley Yarnell, 56, was killed Monday, March 29 in a single car accident on North Main Street in Heppner shortly after 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Yarnell was alone in the car which hit the railing on the right, then crossed the street and hit the end of Hinton Creek Bridge. Her head hit the dashboard and she was killed instantly.

The accident was discovered by Bert Corbin, Heppner City

night policeman. In the opinion of Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Morrow County medical examiner, "if she had been wearing seat belts, it would have saved her life."

Mrs. Sibley was born Nov. 26, 1914 in North Lexington, close to South Spring Elevator, daughter of Joseph Sibley and Jennie White.

Her parents were homesteaders of the early 1900's, however, she moved to Portland in her early teens and spent many

years on the East Coast. Her first husband died in a Japanese prison camp in 1945.

On Oct. 12, 1960 she was married to her present husband, Alton, in Reno, Nev. They resided in the lone area except for two and one-half years spent in Lewiston, Idaho.

Trap shooting, bowling, hunting and fishing were Mrs. Yarnell's interests.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Yarnell is survived by her father, Joseph Sibley of Wenatchee, Wn.; a sister Eleanor Craig, Pasco, Wn.; two brothers, Alfred Sibley of Cove, and Grover Sibley of Mtn. Home, Idaho.

Services were held Wednesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal church with Rev. Dan Thompson officiating. Sacred selections were offered by Gail Hughes, organist. Casket bearers were Larry Prock, Gene Cutsforth, Chuck Bailey, Bill Ashurst, Darrell Padberg, and Gene Doherty. Concluding services were held at Hermiston City Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Mental Health Research Foundation c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon. Sweeney Mortuary was in care of the arrangements.

County Supt., Ron Daniels Gives Facts at Chamber

Superintendent of Morrow County Schools Ron Daniels passed out fact sheets at this week's Chamber of Commerce meeting and then explained what the sheets showed.

The first sheet covers 1970 Morrow County Budgets and Tax Levies. It shows budget of various county institutions and gives their levies and their percentages of the total county levy. The R-1 budget or \$1,460,774 is 43.2 per cent of the total budgeted for county institutions and the R-1 tax levy of \$1,199,870 is 63.5 per cent of the total county tax levy of \$1,889,265.

On another fact page Mr. Daniels points out under the heading Budget Summary 1971-72 that the district budget requires \$1,520,472, an increase over the 1970-71 budget of \$59,698, or 4.08 per cent. Recently released figures have arrived from the Oregon State Department of Education showing that Morrow County will have \$18,000 more coming from The Basic School Support Fund than the budget figures show, but because the ballot has to contain the exact figures established by the county school board at its budget hearing, voters will actually vote Monday on a levy that is \$18,000 over the true levy. The budget shows taxes to be levied for the ensuing year total \$1,250,657, an increase of \$50,787 or 4.23 per cent. This increase is approximately 57c per \$1,000 of true cash value.

Mr. Daniels final page of figures compares the school tax levy in Morrow County with nearby school districts and indicates that the Morrow County District levy compares very favorably. Morrow County School taxes are 74.90 per cent of the total taxes collected. Umatilla County School taxes are 76.62 per cent of the total collected. Gilliam County School taxes are 74.90 per cent of the total. Here, however, remember that the percentages for Umatilla and Morrow Counties include EMCC and Bonded Indebtedness.

Other matters called to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce concerned the disappearance of Morrow County's stands of virgin forest which was presented by O. W. Cutsforth, commented on by Glen Ward, and held for further study at the suggestion of P. W. Mahoney. The Chamber was re-

mindful of the weekend's Moonlight Sale by Sharon Gorman, president of the merchants' association. Rev. Rudy Mensch called the attention of those present to the Good Friday Service on April 9, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Petitions Out for Vacancies on School Board and Council

Petitions to place names of candidates on the ballot for the vacancies on the Morrow County School District R-1 board and the Advisory committee are being circulated. They must be filed at the district office by April 2.

Petitions being circulated to fill the three vacancies on the Advisory Committee are for Jerry Sweeney, Harley Sager and Beatrice Luciani. A petition to place Pauline Winter's name on the ballot for the one-year vacancy on the District R-1 board is also being circulated.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

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Tuesday	52	37	.08

Churchmen List Schedule Of Holy Day Services

The Good Friday services on April 9 at the Assembly of God Church have been planned by the South Morrow County Ministerial Assn. The service to which everyone is invited will begin at 2 p.m. The afternoon will be a word portrayal of Christ's betrayal, trial and crucifixion. Each minister will talk. The program is so arranged that people can slip in for as much of the afternoon as they find it convenient to stay.

At 2:00 Rev. Dan Thompson of All Saints' Episcopal "By Moonlight"; at 2:20 Rev. Rudy Mensch of Hope and Valley Lutheran, "By Torchlight"; at 2:40 Rev. William Arthur of Ione United Church of Christ "By Lamplight and Firelight"; at 3:00 Rev. Ed Cutting of United Methodist "By Dawn Light"; at 3:20 Rev. Don Hall of Seventh-day Adventist "By Morninglight"; at 3:40 Rev. Don Burwell of Assembly of God "In the Darkness".

Elks Installation And Dinner Tonight

Tonight new officers are being installed by the Heppner Elks. This will be a three event evening featuring a ham dinner put on by the wives of Past Exalted Rulers (co-chairedman by Marge Gardner and Lib Daggett), the installation (to which ladies are invited), and then the lodge meeting for members, and bridge and pinochle for the ladies.

Officers to be installed include: Exalted Ruler Cal Sherman, Leading night, Dave McLeod, Loyal Knight, Bill Stewart, Lecturing Knight, Bob Mahoney, Esquire, Ralph Kincaid, Chaplain, Dean Naffziger, Inner Guard, Hal Whitaker, Tiler, Douglas Dubuque, Organist, Kenny Turner, Secretary, Glen Ward, and Trustee, Jerry Daggett.

Mr. Sherman says that the big event he looks forward to during his term of leadership will be the 75th Anniversary of the Heppner Lodge which will be celebrated in February, 1972.