

# Queen Susie is Outdoor Girl, Inside is for Eating and Sleeping

Two daughters, each a princess and then queen has been the exciting experience of Raymond and Norma French from out on Butter Creek. This Saturday their youngest daughter, Susie, is to be crowned as Queen of the Heppner Fair and Rodeo at festivities befitting Heppner's Centennial year.

the office of Walton and Yokom this summer. This fall she plans to return to BMCC to continue her business courses but filling in with as many as courses as

of her learning to drive. "When I started to drive the pick-up, I was so short I could just see over the dash. You couldn't see my

black horse with a white blaze down his face. Mrs. Rose Francis of Irrigon and Nettie Denton of Salem are the grand mothers.



CODY JO and Susie are always ready to go.



TWO NOBLE SADDLES and a noble Queen! The stirrups couldn't be shortened enough for Queen Susie when she first started riding in the saddle on the right. The saddle and chaps were worn by her Dad before he started to school. The other Noble saddle is an old Association saddle used 50 years ago by her grandfather at the first Heppner Rodeo.



WEEKENDING AT THE RANCH will find Queen Susie on the outside. The house is only for sleeping and eating.

This year is special in another way to the French family because just 30 years ago at the first rodeo Susie's grandfather, Herbert French, rode in the bronc riding. He served as a director and a contestant for years. He was vice president of the Heppner Rodeo Association at the time of his death in 1936. Henry Aiken was president at the time.

Queen Susie's dad, was a member of the board 1962-1970. Her sister, Verina French, was princess in 1966 and queen in 1967. Susie was princess two years ago in 1970.

They are related to Pete French, the cattle king of

Frenchglen country. Dillard French, Queen Susie's great grandfather was his cousin. It was Dillard who homesteaded the ranch just above the Frenchs which Raymond later acquired. They lived in a comfortable ranch home built in 1914 where Raymond grew up. They have modernized their kitchen with birch cabinets, dishwasher and disposal. They have plans for a carport and new patio.... after harvest!

While two of the French girls are for the great outdoors, Norma had help in Karen who preferred cooking and sewing. She graduated from Oregon State in Home Ec and is employed at Lipmans in Corvallis. She was recently married to Joe Wood.

Verina attended BMCC for two years and is employed at Credits Inc. in Pendleton. She and Susie share an apartment as Susie is employed in

she can. No matter where she is, her heart is out on Butter Creek.

A little wheat, a little hay but mostly cattle are run on the ranch. The whole family goes to camp in the mountains to move cattle. Norma cooks and the rest ride. Their brand the Garlock F is the same as that of Herbert French.

One saddle out at the ranch serves to recall many happy memories. The junior size saddle was made by Gene Noble for Raymond French before he started to school. Each one of the girls learned to ride on that saddle. French is toolled on the cantle. They treasure the half-pint sized chaps that Ray wore when the saddle was new.

They have a keen interest in another Noble saddle. This one is an old Heppner Rodeo Association saddle with HRA on the cantle. Susie's grandfather used this saddle in the bronc riding in the early 1920's. It was traded to Charlie McDevitt by Herbert French when the saddle no longer met the bronc-riding specifications for one that did. Con Doherty of Gurdane now owns the saddle. Interestingly enough it's only 5 or 6 miles by 4-wheel drive from French's on up to Gurdane.

Susie could very well have been nicknamed "Tag-a-long" which is usually then shortened to Tag because she has followed her dad around the ranch since she was very small. She said, "My legs were so short and Dad's walk so fast, I developed a trot-like run that exactly matched his pace."

Susie tells another story

head over the steering wheel. My dog used to sit beside me and it looked like she was driving down the road alone."

Susie and her Dad have had some wonderful fun together. When she used to ride the school bus and people asked her where she lived her Dad taught her to say: "I live on Butter Creek. The further out you go, the tougher they get. And you better watch out because I live at the end of the line." Which must have been pretty funny because she couldn't have been very big 'cause she isn't very big yet!

Susie isn't all horsey, she was an honor student at BMCC as well as in high school. She received the OSU Dad's Club Award at high school graduation. She was a cheerleader, member of the Homecoming Court and student council.

Two grandmothers are looking forward to being here to watch Susie come in on her Grand Entry on Cody Jo, her



QUEEN SUSIE adds decoration and efficiency to the offices of Walton and Yokom in Pendleton during the week.

## Umatilla Co. Fair

August 9 marks the opening date of the 1972 Umatilla County Fair which will run through four big days this year. Several feature attractions will be unveiled for the first time to delight fair visitors.

Fair manager Bob Cooper has acquired three huge open-air pavilions to house exhibits and displays as well as to hold judging contests. No more sweltering in the hot August sun to view the machinery display. It will be in one of the tents. And in the third, the Umatilla Cattlemen in conjunction with the County Fair will hold a carcass contest.

In addition to the three open-air pavilions, the swine will be housed in a new ultra-modern swine barn. Bill Wright, livestock department head, is in charge of building the new barn with most of the work done by volunteer labor. Wright works for

the First National Bank of Oregon in Pendleton.

The usual 4-H and FFA exhibits and contests will be held along with open classes in most categories.

## Mid-day Heat Discourages Golfers

Extremely hot days make for poor golfing enthusiasm, and that must have been the case Aug. 6 as only a small group from the Willow Creek Country Club turned out to enjoy the Family Play Day and the barbecue that followed.

Winners for the women were Vi Lanham, low gross; and Bev Gunderson, low net. Two high school students, Gary Hunt and Doug Gunderson, took the honors for the men, Gary low gross; and Doug, low net. Hosts for the afternoon

were Mr. and Mrs. Conley Lanham, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daggett and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson.

Winners at the Men's Golf earlier in the day were Mike Mills, low gross; R.B. Cogburn, low net; Dale Hedman, high net; and La Verne Van Marter, Sr., least putts.

Harry O'Donnell will be host at Men's Morning Sunday. Tee-off is at 9:00 a.m. The next play day will be Aug. 20.

MAJ. AND MRS. KARL BEACH were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers last week.

They are being transferred from Ft. Hood, Tex. to Leavenworth, Kans. The Major attended grade schools in Lexington. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach, former residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Harris, Sheila, Troy and Desiree of Martin, S.D. are here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Edan Bailey.

# Fair to be Action-packed Week

An action packed week awaits Morrow County 4-H'ers as Fair week arrives. "Here's a preview of events," says Birdine Tullis, Extension Aide, and they want every one to come out and see what the 4-H kids are doing.

Square dance exhibit and Favorite Food Show will be the highlight events Tuesday, night, August 22. The Favorite Food Show will be open p.m. The square dancers will exhibit at 8:00 p.m. on the Little League field just outside the main exhibit hall.

Livestock judging and agricultural demonstrations will be daytime events Tuesday, as well as judging of all 4-H Home Ec exhibits.

Style Revue will be presented to the public Wednesday evening, August 23, at 8:00 p.m. in front of the main arena. This event, popular

## Superintendents Reminder

Final preparations and decorations of the 4-H Annex for County Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16. Don and Birdine will be at the Annex all that day to assist superintendents in their preparations for exhibits in the 4-H Annex.

READ YOUR FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS Times for entry, and judging of many 4-H and open class classes and events are changed this year, so be sure to read the Premium Book! 4-H'ers with questions may call Birdine Tullis or Don Stangel at 676-9642.

Don't forget to send in your snack shack work schedule sheet. Thanks in advance for your help from the 4-H Office.

Mrs. Bergen Ledbetter recently broke bones in her shoulder.

## Boardman riders place in Rodeo

By Mary Lee Marlow

Kathy Case of Hermiston received the All around Cowgirl championship at the recent rodeo held at Washougal, Wa. She received a bridle from the Double J Tack Shack. She won first in Calf Riding, first in Pony Bucking, fifth in Pole Bending and 3th in the Goat Tying events. She rides in the junior division-six through ten. Also in the juniors, Jay Sullivan of Irrigon won fifth in Calf Riding and fifth in Pony Bucking. In the senior division-11 through 13-Donald Leighton of Boardman won first in Pony Bucking, Keri Case of Hermiston fifth in Calf Riding and fifth in Pony Bucking. Kurt

Case of Hermiston won third in Pole Bending and fourth in Goat Tying. Valerie Sullivan of Irrigon won fourth in pole bending. Others riding were: Jeff Hoffman of Hermiston who rode in the Pee Wee Special; Deeno Leighton of Boardman, Vicki Keith and Wayne Huwe of Irrigon; Debbie, David and Gregg Hoffman of Hermiston; riding in the Grand Entry were Princess Debbie Hoffman and Princess Kathy Case of the 1972 court for the Irrigon Lions Pee Wee Rodeo held in Hermiston in May. Also riding were Queen Kerri Case and Princess Vicki Keith of the 1971 Court. Mrs. Kent Case is court chaperone. Wayne Huwe Sr. acted as ring steward and Don Leigh-

ton assisted all the riders at the chutes in the Calf Riding and Pony Bucking events.

## Ordained

Mrs. Lena Kelly went to Portland this week to attend the ordination ceremony of the Episcopal Church of her grandson, Rene Harris. He graduated in June from seminary in Berkeley. Mrs. Kelly went down with her daughter, Mrs. Mike Saling, who is Rene's mother.

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