



1922 Marjorie Clark Riding



1924 Alice Rietman Peterson



1925 Mae Kilkenny Lillivend



1927 Katherine Bisbee

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1928 Inez Hayes



1929 Rita Neal Bibby



1930 Arleta Farrens Deane



1932 Shannon Mahoney Smith



1934 Judy Sherer Ritka



1936 Erna Lynn Winchester



1937 Verina French

Lena, Edna Lindstrom of Ione and Ruth Dinges of Lexington, Mae Doherty of Rhea Creek,

The crowning ceremonies were held on the opening of rodeo, when Queen Dorothy was lifted to the throne. Queen Jean Frazier of the Pendleton Round-up was officially welcomed as an honored guest. Banners were displayed on Main Street and the Heppner Band held a concert in the street that morning. When Queen Jean arrived, the white-uniformed band swung around the corner and in their wake, Mayor Anderson and Rodeo vice-presidents Herb French, D.A. Wilson and Henry Aiken, formed a mounted escort to the brightly decorated open automobile which rode C.W. McNamer, honorary president of Rodeo, the Queenly Court and the Round-up Queen. After the parade, the court and members of the band were served a buffet luncheon at the Elks. That evening, the dance held at the pavilion saw Queen Dorothy receive the golden crown and those of her court, crown of silver. Queen Dorothy also became the attendant of Queen Jean Frazier of the Round-up that year.

1934. By this time girls were selected to represent different communities to be on the court. The girls selected in 1934 were Dimple Crabtree from Willows Grange in Ione, Erna Lane from Lexington Grange, Lillian Carter from Spray, Beth Wright from Rhea Creek Grange and Mary Cunniff from the Lena Grange. The summer dances were held at the big Pavilion in Heppner and admission to each dance was good for one vote for one of the girls to be Queen. After the last dance about two weeks before the rodeo, the tickets were counted and the Queen announced.

Queen Dimple wore her leather skirt trimmed in black fringe with a white satin blouse. The princesses wore black pants and hats with white shirts. Activities then were centered only about the Heppner Rodeo. Top rider was Kenneth Depew. Dimple and her husband Archie Munkers live on a ranch between Heppner and Lexington.

1935. Irene Kenny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny of Heppner, and a candidate from Lexington won the Queen Contest for 1935. Her attendants were Eileen Farley, Willows Grange; Maxine McCurdy, Rhea Creek Grange; and Camille Stanley, Lena Grange. As a leading contestant Miss Kenny was a guest of honor at the Ukiah July 4th celebration and was honored at the Queen's Dance prior to the rodeo. The Queen and her court were guests at several luncheons of various groups in the area. An invitation was extended to Queen Irene to ride in the Pendleton Round-up parade as a guest of Queen Helen Hansen of Pendleton. Henry Aiken as Rodeo Association President acted as chaperone for the group.

1936. Genevieve Hanna Corbin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna, was chosen Queen of 1936. Hannas were early ranchers on Hinton Creek, and the ranch is still operated by Genevieve's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett. Queen Genevieve brought up on the ranch, rode horses from an early age. As Queen, she was attired in a white leather riding skirt, white blouse, hat and black boots. The Princesses were Frances Rugg, Harriet Heliker and Betty Doherty. These girls wore black Jodpur riding pants with white blouses, black hats and boots. Gen resides in Heppner now.

1937. This was the year for Betty Bergevin Garbey's reign. Mrs. Garbey now lives in San Jose, Calif.

1938. Maxine McCurdy Gilman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Sr., was winner of the dance votes to be the 1938 Queen. The Court of Queen Maxine was Florene Becket, Cecilia Healy, Joyce Carlson and Evelyn Kirk.

1941. Kathryn Thompson Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson was Queen of the 1941 Heppner Fair and Rodeo. Princesses were Colleen Kilkenny Greenup, Frances Wilkinson Oslund, Pat Emert Pettyjohn and Rita Robinson Caverhill. Lee Beckner was president of the Rodeo that year. Kathryn was a beautiful Queen dressed in the white riding outfit and the court was an exceptionally outstanding bunch of riders. Winners of events during this Rodeo were George Nelson, Sonny Tureman, Cecil Bedford, Guy Cast, Shorty Rutledge, Loy Depew, Jew Talbot, Jack Hillier, Lloyd Lowe, D. Bergevin, Pat Fisk, Ivan Applegate, Curtis Tarwater and Walt McKittrick. Interestingly, many of these winners have children competing in today's shows. Kathryn and her husband, Paul Webb, Jr., reside at Walla Walla, Wa.

1945. World War II intervened and the Heppner Rodeo was not held for three years.

1946. Earlene Biddle was chosen Queen late in the spring of 1946. The Court was taken to Pendleton to select outfits by chaperones Mrs. Clyde Nutting and Mrs. Lee Beckner. This year it was deemed that a change be made in riding attire from skirts to riding pants. Outfits were soon found for the court, consisting of Jean Hanna Bennett, Betty Smethurst Zeagler, Betty Lovgren Way and Gwen Coleman Healy.

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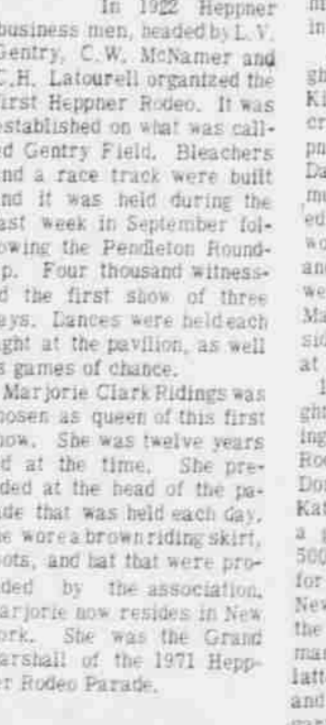
1939 Joan Moe Hudson



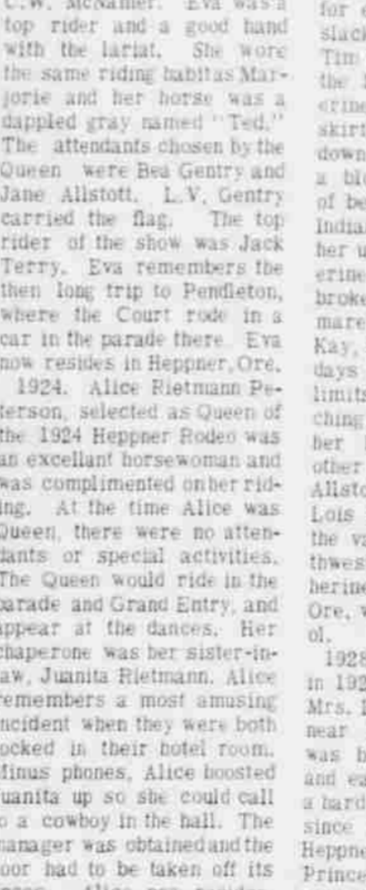
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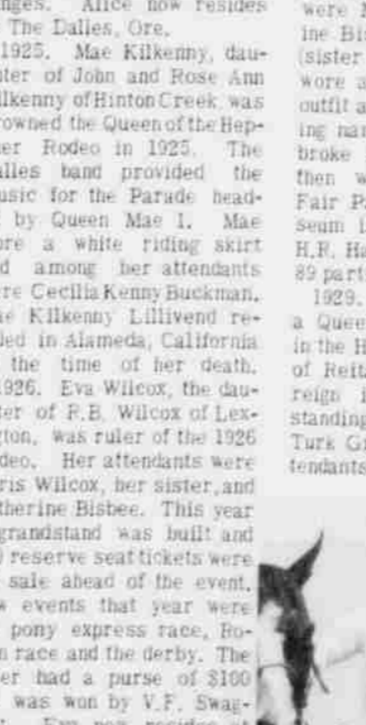
1942 Marlene Fetsch Longgood



1943 Sharon Cutsforth Gorman



1944 Pat Steagall Dougherty



1945 Christene Swaggart Norden



1946 Carrol Ann Wigglesworth Meredith

Fryer, Len Gilman and Jack French. Lloyd Madison was a local talent who rode bucking bulls, cows and ponies for exhibition if there were slack moments in the show. Tim Derry was top rider of the 1927 show. Queen Katherine I also wore the brown skirt, boots and hat handed down by the association with a blouse, scarf and a pair of beautifully beaded fringed Indian gloves given to her by her uncle, Bill Beymer. Katherine I was a good rider and broke and trained her own mare, Red Imp. To quote Kay, she said Queens in those days didn't get past the city limits. She remembers watching Rodeos from the back of her horse accompanied by other riders including Jane Allstott, Edna Lovgren and Lois Reid Winchester, from the vantage point of the southwest part of the arena. Katherine is now in Waldport, Ore., where she teaches school.

1928. The Queen selected in 1928 was Inez Hayes, now Mrs. Larry Gentry, who lives near Heppner, Ore. Inez was brought up on a ranch and easily filled the role of a hard riding Queen. She has since participated in many Heppner Rodeo Parades. The Princesses selected by her were Mae Grosheens, Katherine Bisbee and Roxy Sperry (sister of the Queen). Inez wore a light buckskin riding outfit and rode a sorrel gelding named Beldy, who Inez broke and trained. Dances then were held in the old Fair Pavilion where the museum is now. Top rider was H.P. Hayworth and there were 89 participants.

1929. The first time that a Queen's picture appeared in the Heppner paper was that of Rita Neal Bibby. Her reign in 1929 was an outstanding year. Top rider was Turk Greenough. Rita's attendants that year were Ruth

Peterson, Cecilia Kenny and Inez Hayes, Queen the previous year. Rita was a beautiful rider. In her white buckskin outfit on her white horse, Apps, she presented an outstanding picture when her horse reared as she was introduced in the middle of the arena. 1929 was the first year that an amplifying system was installed and used. Rita and Luke Bibby resided on a ranch near Heppner for many years prior to her death.

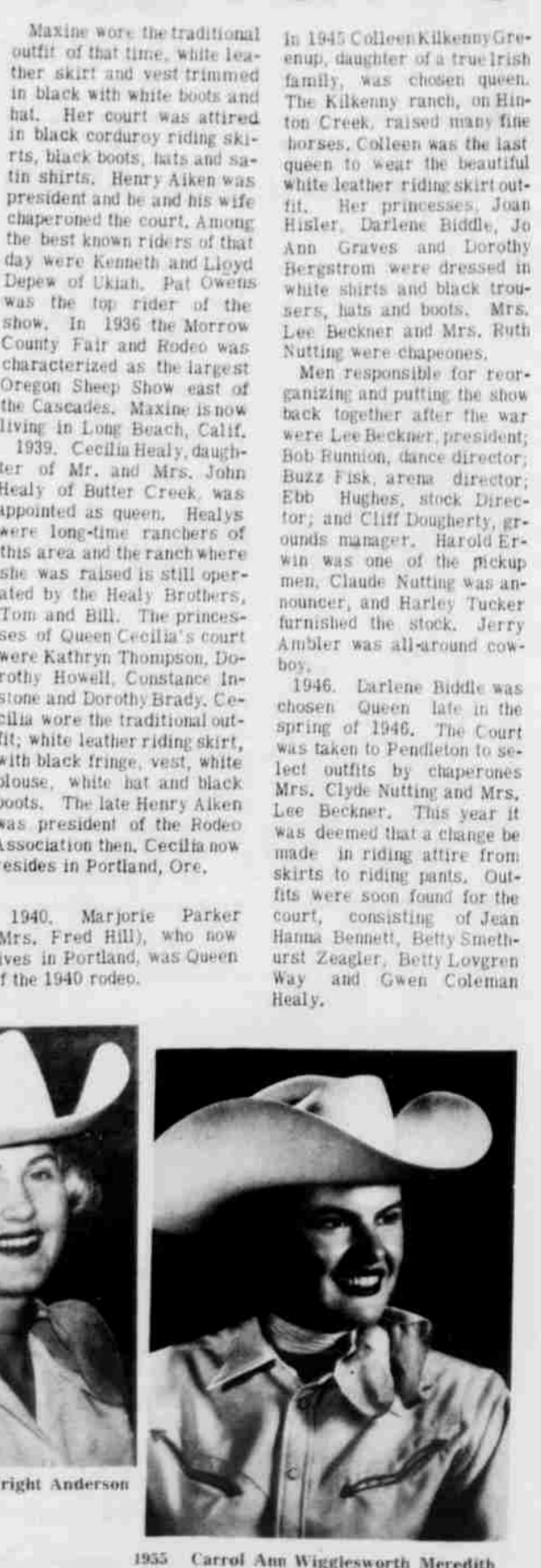
1930. Azleta Farrens Deane, daughter of Helen T. Farrens, of Lexington, was selected by the Rodeo board. The Princesses chosen by her were Mae Gentry and Mary Mollahan. Walter Bonifer was top rider. Arleta presently resides in San Jose, Ca.

1931. Margaret Becket Buschke was Queen of the Heppner Rodeo in 1931. Her princesses were Pat Monahan and Mae Doherty. Buel High was top rider. She and her husband Claude lived on ranches near Heppner; in later years managed a hardware store before her death.

1932. Mae Gentry was Queen of the 1932 Rodeo. Her attendants were Gwen Evans, Katherine Bisbee and Katherine Cleveland. Bud Calvin was top rider. She lived in Larkspur, Ca. before her death.

1933. Dorothy Doherty, 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.P. Doherty of Sand Hollow, Margaret Brosnan of

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