



1933 Dorothy Doherty



1934 Dimple Crabtree Munkers



1935 Ilene Kenny Richards



1938 Maxine McCurdy Gilman



1939 Cecilla Healy



1941 Kathryn Thompson Webb



1945 Colleen Kilkenny Greeney



1968 Bernice Mathews Thornton



1969 Sheila Luciani Cozad



1970 Sheri Lynn O'Brien



1971 Michelle Miller Burns



1946 Darlene Biddle Hoskins

A white shirt was to be found for Queen Darlene, but no pants and a very scarce selection of white materials, due to the post-war shortage, Mrs. Gorfle of the New York Store, had saved two pieces: one of heavy weight and one of light weight. The selection for the light weight. The Pendleton Round-up Queen was the recipient of the other material. After sending this to Nudelmanns in Los Angeles, the pants sent back were too sheer, so Mrs. Clyde Nutting proceeded to line them, an unheard of thing then.

In May of that year, the board met and selected Merlyn Kirk daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, long time ranchers of Morrow County, as Queen. Both of her grandparents were early settlers of this county. Her sister, Evelyn, was princess on the court of Queen Maxine McCurdy in 1938.

The Court for that year was Shirley Wilkinson, Lexington Grange; Laurel Palmateer, Willows Grange; Francine Hisler, Lena; and Corabelle

day and Saturday of the Rodeo, Nels Anderson was County Agent.

During the Rodeo Parade Harry Dinges carried the flag, Lennie Lowden rode side saddle, one of the judges of the Parade was Ralph Jackson, the best-dressed cowgirl was Mary Beamer, the best-dressed cowboys were Mac and Don Criffith, sons of former Rodeo Queen Eva Padberg; there were trick riders and ropers during the Rodeo. Joe Stenson of Yakima was all-around cowboy.

Merlyn now resides with her family on the Kirk and Robinson Ranch near Heppner.

1948. Betty Smethurst Siegler was chosen Queen of the Rodeo in 1948. The princesses were Lillian Hubbard, Willows Grange; Vesta Cutsforth, Lexington Grange; Lorraine Swaggart, Lena Grange; and Constance Ruggles, Rhea Creek Grange. The chaperone was Mrs. Raymond (Cora May) Ferguson.

de, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler, ranchers on Butter Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Hisler have been active throughout the years at the Heppner Rodeo and Fair. Paul is now chairman of the Fair Board, Joan, an active ranch girl, started her years in the Rodeo world at the age of five when she was queen of the 1935 Cow-boy Convention at Ukiah. In 1945 she was princess in the Court of Queen Colleen. Her

The chaperone was Mrs. Juanita Melena. Ingrid, (Mrs. Harlan Crawford), now lives in La Grande.

1952. The Rodeo Board selected the Queen of the 1952 Rodeo, Kathryn Campbell Van Schoiach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell of Lone-rock. She was a princess on the court of Queen Joat Hisler. Her princesses were Grace Miller, Boardman, Wilma Dezell, Lexington, Rita Graves, Rhea Creek; and Shirley Meyers, Lena. Chaperone was the Queen's sister, Martha Campbell.

A dress-up Parade preceded the Rodeo followed by the Queen's Coronation. Judge Garnet Barratt bestowed the Crown. The Court made many appearances to neighboring Fairs, Rodeos, and Parades. The Court and all guests were given a luncheon by the Soroptimists and Chamber of Commerce at the Elaine George home.

The Rodeo that year was an R.C.A. event and featured many exciting horse races. Archie Marchison won the saddle for Morrow County Ropers. In the juvenile section Bob Steagall won a silver bit. Harold Erwin was arena director. A new attraction that year was the horse show sponsored by the Wranglers Riding Club under the supervision of Fred Mankin. This event replaced a regular round of Rodeo which had previously taken place on Friday afternoon. The 4-H Fat Livestock Auction was held with 12 steers, 16 lambs and 12 pigs sold. Top bid was on all steers was 34 1/2 cents per pound.

Katy now resides with her family on a cattle ranch near Heppner.

1953. In 1953 Elsie Bauernfeind Paisley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauernfeind of Morgan, was chosen Queen. Elsie's parents had a large pony ranch and she was brought up on the back of horses, riding and training.

The Court was Carol Ann Wiglesworth, Lena; Beth Ball, Rhea Creek; Wilma Hug, Boardman, Patricia McMillan, Lexington. The chaperone was the Queen's mother, Mrs. Martin Bauernfeind. They enjoyed the usual participation in the nearby Parades, Dances, preceeding & during the Rodeo, a visit to the hospital and the happenings of the Fair and Rodeo itself. Miss Austria, Lore Felger of Vienna, was present at one of the dances. She had just competed in the Miss Universe contest and she had stopped in Heppner for a 5-day visit with the Gontys before going back to Austria.

Elsie now resides in Rogue River, Oregon, with her husband and family where she teaches school.

1954. Queen Grace Miller of Boardman was the first Queen to be chosen from the north end of the County. She was a princess on the Court of Queen Kathryn of 1952.

Princesses chosen for her Court were Janet Howton, Ione; Deanna Steagall, Lexington; Patsy Wright, Rhea Creek; and Christine Swaggart, Lena.

Grace is now married to Vern Carpenter and lives in La Grande. They have two sons.

1955. Carol Ann Wiglesworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wiglesworth, Butter Creek ranchers, was chosen to be the Queen of the 1955 Heppner Fair and Rodeo. Her princesses that



1947 Merlyn Kirk Robinson

IN RETROSPECT

Darlene said she would never forget the time she first met the Queen of the Round-up, she in the too heavy material made into pants and herself in lined ones so comfortable!

The court this year appeared for the first time at Elgin and also went to Pendleton, Lexington's July 4th Parade, and John Day.

Directors that year were Lee Beckner, president; Harry Dinges, secretary; Eb Hughes, Jim Valentine, Cliff Dougherty, Harlan McCurdy and Claude Buschke.

Darlene and her husband, Robert, have a daughter,

Nutting, Rhea Creek Grange. The Queen wore the white pants, shirt, hat and boots and the princesses were attired in pearl gray pants and shirts accented with black yokes, white piping and ties and black hats, boots and belts.

This group traveled to many shows. Frank Turner and Harlan McCurdy trucked the horses many times. The Court was represented at Hermiston, Pendleton, Elgin, John Day and Arlington. Numerous lunches at different places involved this group with Courts of other places.

The 4-H and Farmers' Fair was held Sept. 5 and 6, Fri-

The color of the princesses' outfits were green and tan. Betty's outfit was black with white accessories.

The court appeared at several rodeos: John Day, Condon, Arlington, Hermiston, Pendleton Dress-up Parade, Pendleton Round-up and Arena Parade. They also attended several luncheons.

Heppner had the honor of entertaining the All Indian Court of the Pendleton Round-up on Saturday, Parade day. This was an honor to have been the first to entertain an all Indian Court, 1948 was the first time in the history of the Pendleton Round-up it has had an all Indian court, although twice before Indian maidens had ruled as Queen.

1949. Shirley Wilkinson Rugg was crowned Queen of the Morrow County Rodeo on Main St. Her princesses that year were Ingrid Hermann Crawford, Betty Walker Gentry, Faye Cutsforth Olsen and Dorothy Wiglesworth Meredith.

Shirley, a born horse-woman, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, ranchers of long standing on Willow Creek. She broke and rode most of the horses on the ranch and she rode her favorite, Penny, a colt from the famous Swaggart ranch. Shirley was a princess of the Court of Queen Merlyn and has ridden in parades since she was three years old. Shirley now has several ranches in Morrow County, and with her daughter, Jill, raises cattle, sheep and horses.

1950. Joan Hisler Sumner, Queen of the 1950 ro-

princesses for 1950 were Betty Graves Carlson, Lexington; Katie Campbell Van Schoiach, Rhea Creek; Jane Seehaffer Tye, Ione; and Evelyn Miller, Boardman. The Queen was attired in white and the Court wore gold shirts, brown pants, hats and boots. They participated in the opening ceremonies of the Heppner Hospital. That year Governor McKay of Oregon rode in the Parade and was their guest at the luncheon on the Court House lawn. Joan was not the only one in her family involved with Royal duties that year. Her sister, Francine, was princess on the Pendleton Round-up Court of Queen Lazinka, Joan and her family now reside in The Dalles.

1951. Queen Ingrid Hermann of Ione was selected as Queen of the 1951 Fair and Rodeo. An unusual feature about the Court was that it was the only year that there were five princesses: Nancy Rands, Boardman; Joan Renninger Hughes, Lexington; Eileen Ball Stieger, Rhea Creek; Elsie Bauernfeind, Morgan; and Lee Chapel, Ione. Ingrid wore the traditional white outfit of that time and the girls wore light blue hats, shirts, pants and burgandy ties and boots.

Harry Dinges led the parade. A luncheon followed on the Courthouse lawn for all Royal visitors, dignitaries & Heppner band members. Parade awards were given to Greg Jones for the youngest mounted cowboy and to Erna Lynn Winchester as the youngest Cowgirl.

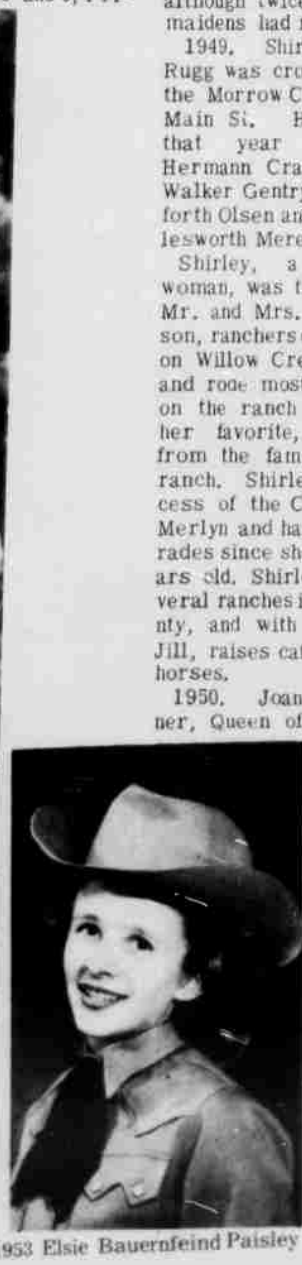
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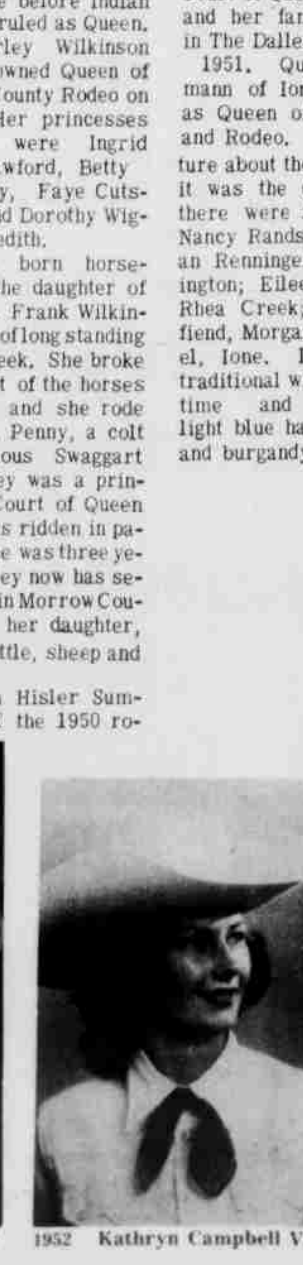
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