

Real love for horses

Princess 'mainstreet cowgirl'



Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess Cassy Chapel displays some of her art work.

"I have wanted to be on the rodeo court for as long as I can remember," maintains Princess Cassy Chapel. Her dream is evidenced in a picture taken when she was no more than three or four and she was the "best-dressed cowgirl" in the rodeo parade and proudly informed her folks she had the "best cow pony in the whole county." "This summer," she says, "is one I'll always remember."

"I'm the only 'main street cowboy' on the court," Cassy admits with a grin. She and her mother, Delsie Chapel, live in Lone. Their trailer house is on the edge of town, so Cassy can have pasture for her horse Iona El-Jazz-Bar. The horse was the last gift her father, the late Blaine Chapel, gave to his horse loving daughter.

She and her horse are close friends. Says Cassy, "My horse is a good listener, she can't talk back. When I want to get away we have a special hill to ride to."

Horses seem destined to always play a part in Cassy's life but they will take a back seat for four years while she attends Eastern Oregon College at La Grande. She

plans to major in elementary education, minoring in music. Then she dreams of raising horses on the ranch owned by she and her mother four miles from Hardman on Rood Canyon. In there someplace she hopes to stick in a year of rodeoing.

The Rood Canyon ranch is presently rented by William Rill, whom Cassy fondly nicknames her "big brother" because he has helped her out so much this summer in her travels with the court. Another traveler in the group is her thirteen year old brother Frank Engleman, who must be very proud of his sister.

When Princess Cassy leaves Lone this fall, she will be missed by many. She has been very active in her community sharing her talents and leadership abilities. Many people feel that she is, in some way, their girl and they are justly proud of the outstanding young woman she is.

Outstanding among her achievements was the Odd Fellows sponsored United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth trip to the United Nations in New York, won last year. This year she was awarded the Soroptimist's citizenship

award, Cardinal Club scholarship and the "I Dare You Award" both in high school and 4-H.

Music is big with Princess Cassy. She plays the piano and the alto saxophone. She has played in the school band ever since fifth grade. When she participated in "Music in May" at Pacific University in Forest Grove last year, she was chosen to play in the saxophone quartet. Cassy has sung in the high school chorus as well as her church's choir. Her junior year she helped direct the Junior High band. She was awarded the outstanding band member this year.

Cassy graduated as a member of National Honor Society. She was editor of the year book this year. She lettered all four years in volleyball and was an active member of G.A.A. Her junior year she was class secretary.

She has been active in 4-H clubs for nine years. Her projects are horse, sewing, skiing and Empire Builders. Her outstanding projects have been sewing and of course horse, winning county medals in both. Mrs. Chapel says Cassy is a perfectionist when

she sews and the fact comes to light at fair time. She has to her record a championship in intermediate style revue and overall reserve grand championship in that competition. Her horse Fuzz Button has won her a trophy.

Cassy's leadership abilities and fondness for working with children have been practiced in 4-H. She started out as a camper at 4-H camp and for the last three years has been a counselor. She attended 4-H Summer School at Oregon State University for two years and would like to go one more time. For the past three years she has been a Jr. Leader for Linda LaRue's horse club.

She has other activities in the community too. A past worthy advisor of Rainbow Girls, she has been a member since she was 12 years old. She holds the Grand Cross of Colors degree for her assembly.

Princess Cassy is a member of Willows Grange in Lone. She has taught first through the third grades of Sunday school at the United Church of Christ in Lone. In her free moments she finds time of help with the senior citizens dinner in Lone, square dance, swim and

collect cups and saucers.

Cassy's love for horses stands out. She began showing in the Wrangler's Horse show when she was four or five. Last year she won overall reserve champion with her mare, Rodeus and horses are in her blood. Two years ago she was queen of the Spray rodeo. Her real mother, the late Ida Lee Engleman, was on the Spray court in 1953 and on the Heppner court in 1951. Cassy has been a penant bearer on the Heppner Court for three years.

Mrs. Chapel says that what Cassy has done she has done by herself because she has had too. Cassy is one young woman willing to dream dreams and has the determination to make them come true.

Her immediate dream is that lots of people will turn out for her dance Saturday night and dance to the music of the Muddy Creekers from Condon. "I'm inviting everyone and their dog, or horse," exclaims Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess Cassy Chapel.

Health care team being studied

The possibility of a health care team to serve Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties was the outcome of a meeting held with National Health Service Corps personnel, Thursday, in Heppner. Representatives of the medical profession, county judges and citizens gave approval of exploring the possibility of having a team of two doctors and three nurse practitioners would be located in Fossil, Condon and Heppner. The two doctors with the Corps, would then visit Fossil and Condon on a weekly basis.

Coy Gainey, regional program director, with the Corps in Seattle, told the 25 people present that the Heppner area as well as Gilliam and Wheeler counties qualify as areas of "acute need." Qualification is based on one

doctor per 2,000 people. Dr. Roger Rosenblatt from the Seattle office, Dr. Buhl, Corps doctor in Fossil and James Kronenberg, representing the Oregon Medical Assn., stressed the figure of three doctors for 6,000 people was a more realistic figure. "Doctors now are afraid to work alone," stated Kronenberg. Thus, those present felt that a three county approach to obtaining a team of medical people was the direction to follow.

Margaret Ross, Oregon State Health Division representative, explained the nurse practitioner to the group. She said a nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with additional training in dealing more directly with the public. The nurse practitioner works under a doctor, although that doctor may be based in another county or town. The nurse practitioner plans and institutes health care programs in the community, provides pre-

ventative care and health maintenance services, manages acute and chronic illnesses, referring patients to other health personnel or agencies. In general, this professional coordinates health care in the community. Nurse practitioners are also available through the National Health Service Corps.

Requests to the Corps for medical personnel are made by the community or area wishing help. Gainey stated it would be at least a year, at the earliest, before doctors might be available for the three county area. Persons serving with the Corps serve for a two year period. It is hoped that they would remain in the area, although in the case of Condon and Fossil, both Corps doctors have indicated they will be leaving at the end of their tour duty. Gainey further stressed that obtaining doctors through the Corps is not the only answer but obtaining doctors through the program could act

as a catalyst to interest other doctors to come to the area. When asked, Dr. Wolff of Heppner, said he felt the Heppner area could support three or four doctors.

Dr. William Fisher, from the Family Practice Department of the University of Oregon Medical School, stated every means of obtaining a doctor should be explored. He said that a recruiter from the community would be welcomed to talk to the students in the Family Practice program at the school.

Judge Andrew Leckie from Wheeler county and Judge James Burns from Gilliam County came for the meeting. The citizens' committee working to recruit doctors will be joined by representatives from Condon and Fossil at a meeting Wednesday, July 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the Judge's office to further study the procedure for drawing up a plan for the three counties.

Chamber told of agriculture progress

Farmers using our feed pellets here and abroad, could possibly start a new trend in the farming industry in Morrow County, according to Frank Lamb, president of Eastern Oregon Farms, guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

"There is a market for the pellets in the Orient and other countries and the people of the Orient are willing to sign commitment papers now, but we are reluctant to do so at the present time because of fluctuations in market prices," said Lamb.

"Freshly cut corn or alfalfa can be made into pellets after being put through our dehydrator. The end product can be easily stored until needed by the farmer, usually in the late fall or winter months, and the space required to store the pellets is relatively small when compared with bales of hay," stated Lamb.

Although Eastern Oregon Farms is new to Morrow County, having started in 1971, the name 'lamb' has been connected with agriculture since 1950.

Frank Lamb was speaking

of his father and uncle.

Recently, Frank and his cousin Robert Lamb started farming in Eastern Oregon near Boardman, forming Eastern Oregon Farms.

As a result the Lamb family is proud to be involved in the agri-business in the Northern part of the county, as "We are happy to be farming in Eastern Oregon," said Lamb.

At present we are striving toward four goals, namely to gain experience, to build a name for ourselves, and to establish markets for our products in various countries of the world. "Only after these three goals have been achieved will we strive to gain our niche in farming," he said.

Eastern Oregon Farms is owned by the Lamb family with a few stockholders, and they recently purchased 12,000 acres of land from the Shell Oil Company. "The plans for Shell changed, the land was just sitting there, so we purchased it," said Lamb.

Presently they are irrigating 54 circles, each containing 130 acres.

Most of the land under irrigation is planted in alfalfa, corn, potatoes, with a cover crop on the remaining acreage. Some of the acreage will be planted later this year for next years harvest.

"Many people are under the impression that we are in a joint venture with Sabre Farms, however, all we own jointly is the pier, which provides water from the Columbia River," remarked Lamb.

Once the water is pumped from the Columbia, we use our own pumps and Sabre Farms have theirs. The water is pumped from the river at low

pressure and it becomes pressurized after passing through three pumping stations making it usable for irrigation. The water is carried through 54 inch pipes and then reduced at the pumping stations to smaller pipes.

The overhead sprinklers are controlled in clusters rather than individually and we presently have 19 control points controlling the 54 circles with all but 9 or 10 in productive operation at this time.

"Some of the alfalfa will not be harvested until next year, and will serve as a cover crop for this year," said Lamb.

Presently 100 per cent of the alfalfa used in making pellets is being purchased from farmers in the area, "In the future we plan to produce 60-80 percent of our own crop and as soon as the market steadies, we can expand the present mill," said Lamb.

A few years ago much of the land in the area could have been purchased for dry land farming from \$4 to \$10 per acre, now with water on the land the current market is from \$150 to \$200 per acre, a high price for specialty crops.

Joyce Bergstrom, Morrow County assessor, confirmed the statement by saying, "The market value of land in the county has increased by 31 million dollars, most of it due to farming in the northern part of the county."

Guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's next meeting will be the 1974 Harvest Queen and her court from Boardman. The court is comprised of Queen Denise Henkle, and Princesses Debbie and Etta Lou Christianson.

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Further action needed

Senate committee approves dam

A full Senate sub-committee on Public Works approved construction of Willow Creek Dam, last Thursday, according to reports from Senator Mark Hatfield's office.

The measure will now go to the Senate floor, where Senator Hatfield expects passage of the measure by unanimous consent of the full Senate, as a roll call vote will not be needed.

Final decision could possibly be reached within a few weeks by the Senate and the

measure would then go to the House for their approval. Once approved by the House, construction can be authorized.

"This should be good news for the people of Heppner," said the Senator's office, "as they have been behind this project for a long time, only to be faced with one obstacle after another during the past years."

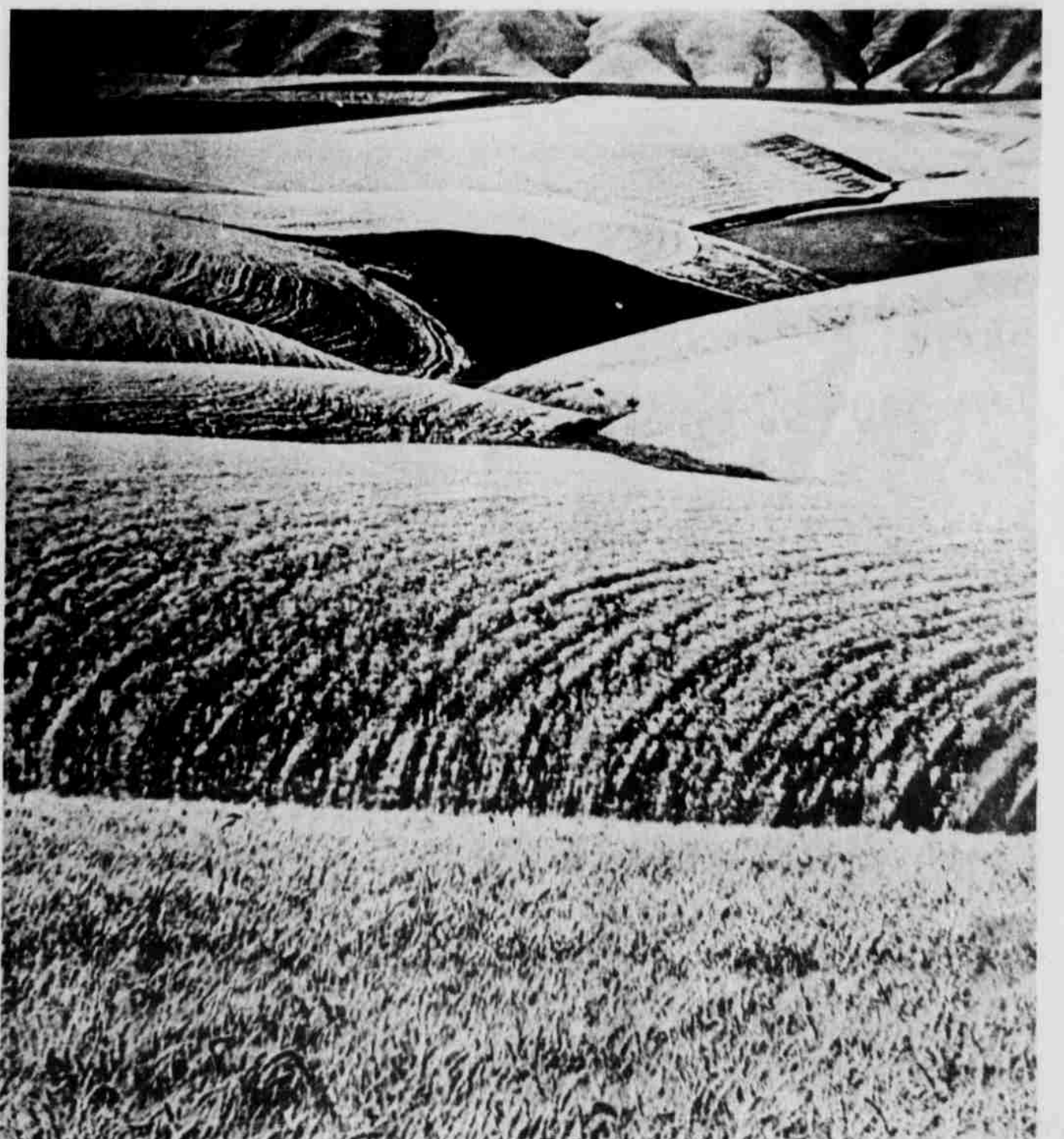
During the engineering and design studies, the Corp. of Engineers had to modify the

project, changing the dimensions of the dam. Once the dimensions were changed reauthorization of the project by Congress became necessary.

"Hatfield, the ranking Republican on the Senate Public Works appropriations Committee, had given the construction of the Willow Creek Dam, a high priority ever since he has taken office, and he has been instrumental in gaining much of the pre-construction funding in the past," his office said.

Hatfield introduced the bill and it was referred to the Senate sub-committee last May. At that time City Engineer, Steve Anderson and Orville Cutforth, appeared in Washington D.C. to testify in favor of constructing the dam.

The Corp. of Engineers were also present at the hearing and they testified as to why the dam had been changed, making re-authorization necessary.



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