



QUEEN SHERRY KEMP

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# Love, understanding in training animals

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Five animals consider Queen Sherry Kemp the best friend they ever had.

Three horses and two dogs are in constant competition with each other for the affections of this year's Queen of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

When Sherry comes out of the house with a carrot in her hand, horses Taco and Glenco race to the fence, more for her attention than for the treat in her hand. The other horse, Spot, in another field acknowledges her presence. Taco and Glenco nuzzle their friend as if they know she is something special in Morrow County this summer.

Across the lawn, Troubles and another dog are putting on a show with hopes their mistress will play with them instead. Troubles vigorously shakes an old plastic container until Sherry leaves the horses and plays a game of fetch with the dog. Taco and Glenco take their turn at being jealous. They hang their heads over the fence, anxious for Sherry to return and give them attention.

Sherry's fondness and

understanding of animals shows. She rides at least an hour a day and often longer. The open fields of the Stan Kemp wheat ranch, 13 miles north of Lexington, provide ample space for long rides. Sherry says that Troubles usually goes along and when he gets tired he gets to ride on the horse too.

Sherry is in her 10th year of her 4-H project. She trained her rodeo horse, Glenco, in 4-H. She is training Taco on her own now. She is so dedicated to the training of Taco that she will continue studies at Blue Mountain College in Pendleton, so she can take the horse with her and continue to train the horse ever day.

Queen Sherry, a 1973 graduate of Heppner High School, attended Oregon State University in Corvallis for two terms last year. She transferred to BMCC this spring to participate more fully in court activities. After next year she will return to OSU.

She is majoring in business education and wants to teach high school in a small community. Several youngsters remember her as their teacher's aide in Mrs. Dick's room,

when in high school. Sherry has also been a counselor at 4-H camp at Cutsforth Park in past years.

The youngest of Stan and Billie Kemp's three children, she is their only daughter. Her older brother, Gary, is 23 and works for Bill Healy. Twenty-one-year-old brother Steve works for Max Barclay. Sherry works at home for her father during the summer. She drives wheat truck, runs errands, cooks and keeps the household running. If horses and animals rate first as a hobby, then she thinks cooking might be second.

Sherry is not one to talk about herself. She prefers to talk about this year's court and their experiences. She has high praise for the princesses on her court and for the people of Morrow County. She feels that Morrow County people are showing increased interest in the activities of the court this year. She reports that every time she comes into Heppner she is asked about the court, and that makes her very happy.

Neither does she talk about her high school activities much. She feels that is past history and people wouldn't be

too interested in reading about what she did in high school. But she will admit to having been editor of the 1973 Heppner High School yearbook and the fact she graduated a member of the National Honor Society. She likes to point out that for her first three years of schooling she attended the Lexington School.

Sherry looks to the future. Her immediate aim is to graduate from college. Then she says she would like to travel, especially to Hawaii. And when she settles down she wants to live on a ranch, or at least out in the country.

Being Queen of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo marks the climax to Queen Sherry's career with the court. Last year she was a princess. For three years previous to 1973 she was a permanent pennant bearer with the court.

Queen Sherry Kemp invites everyone to come to the dance Saturday night and have a good time dancing to the music of the Country Revue. She issues a great big welcome to this year's fair and rodeo which begins Monday, Aug. 19, and runs for an action-packed week.

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### Mathew Doherty

## Changes in school system explained

"After a sustained absence of 22 years I can notice a lot of changes in Morrow County," Mathew Doherty, Morrow County's new school superintendent, told the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

"I never dreamed that one day agriculture would be responsible for linking the northern and southern parts of the county, and one of the biggest surprises came today when I saw a truck load of logs coming down Little Butter

Creek," he said. Doherty announced the opening day of school as Sept. 3, but was unable to determine what the enrollment would be in the county. What he was sure of is that the present school budget is out of hand due to constant price increases in supplies and materials due to the inflation.

He announced some changes in the school system, such as the addition of the early childhood program and

a career program. He explained the early childhood program by stating that before a youngster is 9 or 10 years old and has reached the 3rd grade he has accumulated 80 per cent of this basic attitudes. He said this factor has been overlooked in the past, and that there are now statistics to prove the point.

Doherty said there are about 100 new career jobs created every week and the school system should keep up with them because there is no way students will know of the job changes unless the schools are able to teach the basics for the new jobs, especially at the high school and community college levels.

He had this to say about the new graduation requirements: "In the past all a student had to do was attend school and earn credits for graduation. The new law requires that a student must also have competency in some skills. Once this is established in the school system it will move into the curriculum."

Students have dropped out of high school in their junior year, he said, and then been denied jobs for not having completed high school. Today, however, the same student can tell their future employers that they have attained competency in various skills, and their years of study will not have been wasted as in previous years.

All students now enrolled in the 9th grade will come under the new law for graduation requirements, and the first graduates will be the class of 1978.

Jerry Eyestone, government coordinator for the Willow Creek Dam Project, will be guest speaker at the next Monday meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Re-appraisal of city property for taxes

The Morrow County assessor's office will re-appraise the City of Heppner for the 1975-76 tax year. It is required by law (ORS 308234) that each parcel of real property be appraised at least once every six years, according to Assessor Joyce Bergstrom.

The county has been divided into six appraisal maintenance districts. Heppner, District 2, will be appraised now.

Citizens are asked to cooperate with appraisers, Charles Patching and Dick Mitchell, as they ask questions and look at property to determine its fair market value.

Mrs. Bergstrom, has requested that citizens contact the Morrow County assessor's office with any questions concerning appraisal methods.

## Harold Cohn hospitalized

Harold A. Cohn, 80, pioneer resident and livestock operator, suffered a series of strokes Friday morning and was hospitalized at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Cohn has been in a coma since the attacks, and is not receiving visitors. His son, Phil, arrived here from his home in Ellensburg, Wa., Friday afternoon to be with his father and will remain several days. His daughter, Sally Cohn of Portland, was here over the weekend.

Cohn's condition was not improved at press time, and no medical prognosis was given by the attending physician, Dr. Wallace Wolff.

Cohn is the last relative of Henry Heppner living in Heppner. Aside from having been born in San Francisco, Cohn has lived all his life in Heppner. He has a living brother, Henry Cohn of Las Vegas, Nev., and a sister, Mrs. E.A. Shank of West Lynn, Ore. The brother suffered a stroke two years ago and has been in a coma since that time.

Cohn started in the livestock business in Heppner about 1928, although he has spent most of his life in the sheep, wool and cattle business. His father, Phil Cohn, a nephew of Henry Heppner, operated a wool warehouse for Heppner at one time. He was also in the automobile business here in the late 1920s. His agency was located in the burned out building adjacent to the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Phil Cohn assisted in the organization of the C & B Livestock Company, Hermiston, and Harold Cohn was active in its management. He was also active, until two years ago, in the Superior Packing Company of Ellensburg, Wa., which Phil is now operating. This business is one of three of its kind in the Northwest, an integrated livestock processing plant that slaughters and processes meat for restaurants and wholesale commercial accounts.

Harold Cohn retired about a year ago and has been living at his home at 265 W. Baltimore Street in Heppner.



Tom Simonton, Pendleton postal employee for the past 25 years, displays some of his art work in Heppner in preparations for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Simonton began cartooning in grade school and has followed the profession through the years. He has decorated the windows in Pendleton prior to the Round-up in past years, and was invited to Heppner for the first time this year.

## Flood warning devices installed

National Weather Service personnel have completed installation of flash flood alarm systems on Shobe Canyon and Balm Fork.

Only two of these systems have been allocated to the Columbia Basin, and both are at Heppner, according to Dave Bauman, National Weather Service, River Forecast Center at Portland, who assisted in the installation that began last Wednesday.

The sensing devices are located about two and a half miles outside the city limits on both creeks that are prone to flash floods. A flash flood at either point will provide Heppner residents with 15 or 20 minutes warning before the waters hit the city.

The devices are located at bridges. When water rises it lifts a float which breaks a circuit. A monitoring panel located at Pioneer Memorial Hospital is visually and audibly activated, and the flood

alarm siren is tripped to alert the city. In case of power failure, the units automatically switch to battery power. Should the sensing devices be disturbed by vandals, or if a cable is cut, the nature of the malfunction can be determined at the monitoring station in the hospital.

Leonard Sabin, area extension technician who installed the units, said there will be a formal testing of the system within the next few days, but that it is operational at this moment.

The system required telephone lines, which were installed by Pacific Northwest Telephone Company, and power lines erected by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. The monthly phone and power bills will be paid by the Heppner Water Control District. Cost and installation of the equipment, estimated at (Continued on page 2)

# Morrow County Fair opens Aug. 19