



## Ralph Beamer is 1978 Parade Grand Marshall

When Ralph Beamer steps into the saddle next month to perform grand marshal duties at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, it will not exactly be a new experience.

He has spent a good portion of the past 50 years viewing the Morrow County countryside from the back of a horse. In addition, Beamer has appeared in a number of rodeos in years past, hosted horsemanship playdays at his Balm Fork ranch, and continues to take part in Northwest cow cutting competition.

The Balm Fork rancher has led a life that he had not dreamed possible as a boy growing up on a scrabble farm in rural Virginia.

"I came out here in the spring of '27," he recollected, "after I'd pretty well starved out back there. I'd been working in a furniture factory for \$2.75 a day, so there wasn't much to look forward to."

Beamer had a cousin living in Heppner, and apparently figuring that things couldn't be much worse out here, moved to Morrow County.

"I started out working on the Justus Ranch (now the Dick Wilkinson property), doing a little bit of everything. Everything out here was entirely different," he said. He later went on to work on the Bruce Kelley place.

His duties as a ranch hand included being a camp tender for sheep operations, and running pack strings. Beamer later moved to Heppner, working as a deliveryman for oil and milk.

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## Work stoppage at Boardman

Cont. from page one partially blocked the road leading into the plant with their cars and trucks, and urged workmen reporting to work to stay off their jobs, a company official said.

Less than 100 workers out of a construction force of 700 were working Tuesday afternoon.

On Monday, a PGE official stated that contractors had agreed to comply with protesting workers' requests for installing radios in construction company ambulances that would provide direct broadcast links to area hospitals, and to allow injured workers to be taken directly to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, bypassing Hermiston's Good Shepherd facility. Last week, PGE offi-

wheat ranch which he worked for a few years then sold, before buying his current Balm Fork spread. He also works a cattle ranch near Ukiah.

Over the years, Beamer participated in roping events at area rodeos, and hosted playdays and impromptu rodeos at his ranch. "I wasn't so much interested in money as something to do for a good time," Beamer has been a volunteer worker for a number of local rodeos since he dropped out of active competition.

## HHS class of '68 meets this weekend

The Heppner High School Class of 1968 will be getting together here this weekend to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their graduation.

A dinner and dance will be held Saturday at the Heppner Elks Club and Sunday a family picnic will be held at Cuisforth Park.

## Planning board slot needs to be filled

The Morrow County Court announced this week that a vacant position now exists on the county planning commission.

Persons interested in serving on the commission should contact the Court at 676-9233. The vacancy will be filled no later than Aug. 8.

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On Tuesday, the PGE spokesman said company officials denied another request that a helicopter ambulance be leased for use at the Boardman area site. Protesting workers were continuing demands for the air ambulance.

No talks were being held between the striking workers and management on Tuesday afternoon, and none had been scheduled for a future date.

"I don't know when they'll be back," said Tom Kingston of PGE. "The project will be open for work, and we're hoping they'll come...I think the majority of them want to come back."

He has not exactly discouraged his children from taking part in rodeo action. His son, Neil, continues to rope on the regional rodeo circuit, and a daughter, Janice, now of Pendleton was an avid barrel racer who was named Miss Rodeo of Oregon and Miss Northwest Rodeo.

Beamer expressed pleasure in being named this year's grand marshal. "It's something that helps build up your ego a little," he said.

This year's parade will take place Saturday, Aug. 26.

## Community group fair booths open

Those community organizations throughout Morrow County wishing to participate in the community booth competition at the 1978 Morrow County Fair, who have not as yet registered, are urged to contact Fair Secretary, Liz Curtis, at 676-9454, immediately. Registration deadline for community booths is August 7.

Anyone wishing to park a trailer on the fairgrounds during the fair is also asked to contact the fair secretary.

By putting in a booth, organizations in the county have an opportunity to let everyone know what they do and they add a great deal of

interest and color to the fair.

Those booths already registered are All Saints Episcopal Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Morrow County Cowbells, VFW, American Legion Auxiliary, NFO, Ione Grand Squares, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner Garden Club and the 4-H Rock Crushers.

The booth divisions this year are church organizations, community service and social organizations, farm organizations, garden clubs and youth organizations. Each participating organization is awarded \$10 for entering the competition. Prizes are paid in addition to the \$10.

## Dance for Princess Laurie

Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Princess Laurie Childers will be honored at a dance Saturday, July 22 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Princess Laurie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childers of Ione, will be a sophomore at Blue Mountain Community College majoring in secretarial science. A horsewoman since the age of four, the pert princess has been traveling the countryside with Queen Donna Palmer and Princess Kim Pettyjohn this summer as ambassadors of goodwill for Morrow County.

The dance will start at 9 p.m. with live music by Country Revue.



Princess Laurie Childers

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