

Queen, these tickets were then tallied and the totals announced. The competition grew from week to week until it became almost a frenzy from grange to grange. The final night at the Old Fair Pavilion was nearly a riot as each group became bound to select their girl as queen. It was great money maker for the Rodeo Dance Committee, but after 1937 the Rodeo Association chose a different method for the selection for the Queen. Candidates were chosen from each grange by popular vote of the Rodeo Committee. This calmed

down the rivalry between granges, but the Rodeo Dance Committee nearly went in the red.

After her reign as Queen and as a special guest of the Pendleton Round-up, Ilene entered the St. Anthony Hospital School for Nursing in Pendleton and graduated as an R.N. She then attended the University of Oregon Medical School and specialized in Public Health Nursing. While living in Portland, Ilene met and married Bill Richards, a flight instructor for the Royal Canadian Airforce. In June of

1950 Ilene returned to Heppner and became the first Nursing Supervisor for Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Ilene and Bill were blessed with four children: twins, Joann Ricci, Olympia Washington and Jennifer Simpson, Redmond, Oregon; Kenny Richards of Arcata, California; and Nancy Bettendorf of Arcata, California. There were seven grandchildren all of whom are planning to be in attendance at the 1985 Fair and Rodeo to root their grandmother on as one of the greatest Grand Marshals ever chosen.

Bill and Ilene move to Arcata, California 30 years ago. After retiring they moved to McKenleyville, California where Ilene still resides. Bill died in 1981.

In the past 50 years, and even before that, we have had many

gracious and beautiful Queens, but let us all welcome back Queen Ilene Kenny Richards as this year's Grand Marshal. She is truly an honor to Morrow County.



Ilene Richards

4-H displays & activities attract many to fair

An action-packed week of Fair and Rodeo will be kicked into an animated gallop on August 10 and 11, when the best of Morrow County's equines and riders step-off a lively pace.

Saturday, August 10, 4-H Horse Members will put forth their best efforts, reflecting the months of horse training devoted to individual mounts. From basic skills such as colt ground training, riders vie for all-around honors in each age bracket, which includes scores from showmanship, western equitation and the choice of English equitation or trail class. Further skills are shown in the advanced equitation divisions as well as the exciting high-flying hunt seat equitation over fences. A new addition to this year's show is the inclusion of pole bending and barrel racing for 4-H horse enthusiasts.

Skills acquired through the 4-H horse program include judging, horse care and training to enrich and encourage individuality in the many facets of the horse world.

Some ec events begin prior to fair with judging of the Fashion Revue on Tuesday, August 13. Young models both girls and boys will show their handmade fashions as well as their most favorite outfits for the judges comments. A public fashion

revue will be staged on Thursday evening. One of the crowd pleasers the public fashion show always attracts a large crowd who come to admire the expertise of models as well as their sewing skills.

The public is invited and encouraged to visit all the 4-H exhibits, both in the 4-H Annex and the barns. Fair is the one time that all 4-H shows the accomplishments and new skills of the members, (a full schedule of 4-H events is listed elsewhere in this special fair edition).

Three full days of home ec activity occur in "the Annex." Food club members especially enjoy an audience as they prepare their specialties on Thursday and Friday. Presentations or demonstrations will take center stage on Thursday while the livestock auction on Friday night tops off the excitement for livestock members. There's also a lot to see in that area as the experts parade their carefully groomed stock before the judge, or test their skills in showmanship competing for special awards. They are there to show you their best. They'd like you to be there to see it all happen.

Don't miss a minute of this action. It makes you so proud of the Morrow County youth, concludes Tullis.

Blue Mt. Fiddlers to entertain

The Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers Asso is just one of the many fiddling organizations throughout the United States. They perform at various functions throughout Eastern Oregon, such as local festivals and celebrations, fairs, benefit shows, jam sessions, contests, and nursing homes. There are over 100 members from the Northwest.

The objectives of old time fiddling organizations are:

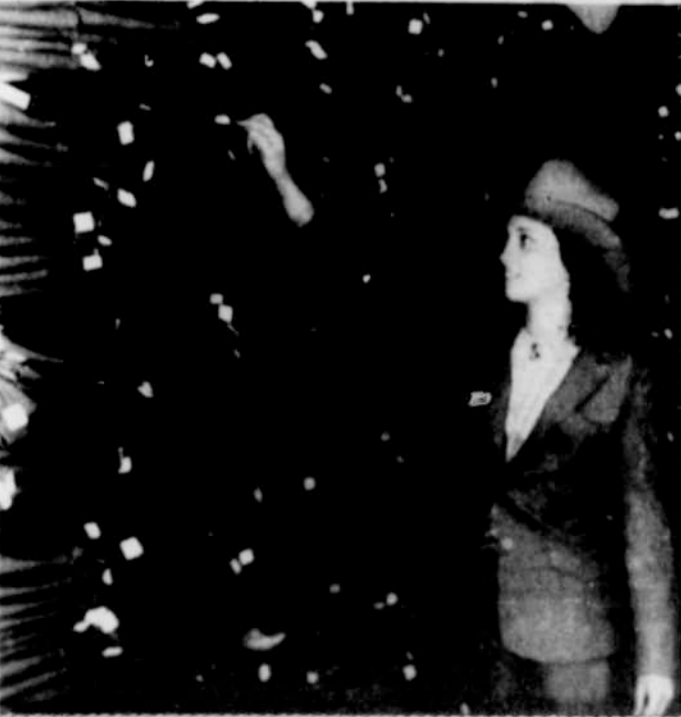
To promote and perpetuate old-time fiddling and folk music.

To encourage young people to develop their musical talents and afford them opportunities to perform in public.

To help brighten the lives of 'shut-ins'.

To hold jam sessions for members' own enjoyment as well as education the public to the value of this type of entertainment.

Members aren't only fiddlers - some play guitar, bass, mandolin, banjo, saws, piano, jews harp, or accordion.



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