

Queen Rosella Lindsay to reign over St. Pat's weekend

Visiting and refreshments order of hour



Rosella Lindsay

located across from the North Lexington Elevator, and later were able to purchase their present home just off Baseline Road. Their farming operation involved wheat, sheep, and later cattle when they bought extensive desert land in north Sand Hollow. Alex built the first fences in the desert and Rosella says he called it, "land that nobody else wanted." Sand blows and long treks to pump water made it anything but easy, she recalls, "but when the neighbors gathered at the old Blacksmith Shop corrals for spring branding, food was waiting for them, and a good time was had by all."

Alex and Rosella had one son, Lawrence (Larry) who came home from Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C. to take over the operation of the ranch following the sudden death of his father in 1960. He married Corrine Remily in 1962 whom he had met when they both

attended the University of Portland. They built a new home on the ranch and have a family of seven: Ann (Murray) and Cathy attending Oregon State University, Alex, Theresa, Barney, Dan and Joe at home.

Rosella still lives at her home on the ranch. The Lindsays have continued their wheat and cattle operation, also drilling wells to hold the light desert soil. Irrigation and circle machines followed, where alfalfa, corn and feed grains were grown to replace the sagebrush and sand dunes and to turn the desert green.

Of the Doherty family, only Rosella and her sister Dorothy survive. Dorothy, a registered nurse and past Queen of the Heppner Rodeo and a Pendleton Round-Up Princess, resides in Pendleton. Other members of the family now deceased are Mary (Doherty), Frances (Curran), Bernard (Barney), Katherine (Mon-

agle), William, John and Lawrence. Rosella is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and is active in parish activities. Her son and his family have entertained for many years during the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the parish hall. She is also a charter member of the Morrow County CowBelles.

Already thinking about next year

A hoped for event which didn't quite make it for this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration was a sheep shearing contest. William Rill who was trying to organize the event said that one of the problems was that now is the busiest time for the shearers and it was unreasonable to expect them to take time from their work for a contest here. With a little more advance preparation, though, he is hopeful that the contest can be arranged for next year's celebration

Plan to stop by either Farley Motors or Ron McDonald Chevrolet showrooms Saturday at 4 p.m. for a social hour, and a chance to meet with old acquaintances. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

with at least 8-10 professional shearers competing. Shearing, he says, requires skill and speed and a procedure must be followed. Rill says that the average shearer will handle 100-125 sheep per day and some of the good ones will shear as many as 180-200 per day. Special clippers with wide tooth spacing are used for the thick wool. The shearer must be careful not to cut the sheep's tender skin, but must cut close enough not to damage the wool.

Sue Doherty to lead Irish parade

Dinner boasts entertainment

Honored this year by the Doherty family and reigning Queen of St. Patrick's weekend, Rosella Lindsay is representing the Doherty families as indeed she might: her mother was a Doherty, both her paternal and maternal grandparents were Dohertys (not related). County Donegal, Ireland, is often called the "land of the Dohertys and McLaughlins. She rightly and proudly claims to be a descendant to almost all of the Morrow and Umatilla county descendants of the Green Isle.

Rosella was born in Pendleton September 11, 1910, the daughter of Bernard and Catherine Doherty, early Irish pioneers of Morrow and Umatilla counties. Her father emigrated from County Donegal and spent some time in Boston, Mass., before continuing west. He arrived at Pendleton in 1886, where he found employment in the sheep industry until he was able to purchase some sheep himself and homestead land in north Morrow County in the Sand Hollow area. Her mother, also from County Donegal arrived with her uncle and family in Pendleton in 1890.

Her parents were married in 1895 and, she says, from meager beginnings, put together a large sheep and farming operation stretching from what is now part of the Navy Bombing Range to the Sand Hollow-Alpine area.

Rosella, one of a family of nine, grew up in an era of great change, from the so-called "horse and buggy" days to the present, mechanical, and modern world.

As a child, she grew up in both Morrow and Umatilla counties. Some of her earliest recollections are of her home in Sand Hollow where her parents' sheep operation entailed a busy and exciting life: lambing, shearing, farming, getting to know the fun-loving Irish herders, and attending the Saturday night country dances at the homes of the many Irish settlers scattered throughout the "Sand Country," a name given to the sprawling acres of sagebrush land in north Morrow County reaching to the Columbia River. The land, vital to the early sheep industry, is now replaced largely by irrigation.

Rosella's parents, called "Little Barney" and "Katie," were well-known for their kindness and concern for the incoming Irish immigrants looking for work. The names of many whom are now included in the colorful pioneer history of Morrow County.

A large grove of trees surrounded a home the family acquired later near Pendleton and provided a name for the Doherty home, "The Grove," where Rosella and her siblings attended St. Joseph Academy. Cousins also stayed with the family

Grand Marshall for this year's St. Patrick's Weekend parade in Heppner is Susan E. Doherty. Born in Pendleton to Pat and Mary (McLaughlin) Doherty December 7, 1908, she started to travel early in life. When she was six months old, she, her parents, brother Joe and sister Mary sailed on the "Lusitania" for Ireland in 1908. They spent three months visiting relatives and friends there.

Sue attended grade school in the country school on Big Butter Creek (above Vinson) and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy. In 1925, she entered Behnke Walker Business School in Portland. She worked there until 1929 when she went to New York to work for five years. She returned home in 1943.

In 1944, she married Bernard P. Doherty, son of Barney and Katie Doherty, Sand Hollow. Barney had property in both Morrow and Umatilla counties and ran sheep for years. During lambing season, they lived in a trailer camp on the Sloan Thomson Ranch. She recalls that it was "a very busy time, but a lot of fun."

They did a lot of traveling, taking in all of the football and basketball games they could.

In 1966, they took a four month tour through Germany, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, England, Scotland, and Ireland where they visited many relatives.

Barney and Sue did not have any children but enjoyed watching many nieces and nephews grow up.

Barney died in 1972, but Sue keeps busy with her many activities. She belongs to St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary, St. Mary's Parish and the Umatilla County Historical Society. She is a member of the University of Portland President's Club and Gonzaga Prep Associates in Spokane, Washington.

She has accumulated a great deal of family history, having put together a Family Tree that goes back on the paternal side to her Great Grandfather John (Newman) who left the Isle of Dough in 1785 and settled at Ballyloskey, County Donegal, Ireland. Her great grandfather Philip and Nancy McLaughlin Doherty had six children: Mary (Sand Hollow descendants and many others), Sue's grandfather Shan, Big Paddy (Blackhorse), Rose (Hirl families), and Kate (Mullaly). Other descendants of John are Tutuilla Dan Doherty, Susie Doherty French and Catherine Doherty Nelson. Many descendants from these families settled in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Sue's father, Pat Doherty, came to this country in 1888 where he worked until his return to Ireland in 1901 to marry Mary McLaughlin. When

they returned to America, they brought Mary's brother Cor and Pat's cousins Paul and Nora (Newman) Doherty with them.

Sue is the third of six children: Joe, Mary Doherty Reimer, Dan, Con and Pat who died young, Joe, Dan and Mary Reimer are deceased. Mary Doherty Reimer's sons, Carl and Dan daughter Carla Reimer Colclessor and family live in Pendleton. Linda Reimer Colla lives in Walla Walla, Washington.

Joe and Fanny McCauley Doherty raised a family of nine, two deceased, Joe, Eileen, Peggy, Pat, Jerry, Nancy, John, Michael, and Leo. Most of whom live with their families in Umatilla county. Eileen lives in Portland and Nancy lives in Vermont.

Dan's wife, Peggy Doherty, and daughter Mary Alice Green and her family live in Pendleton. They have retained the family home at Vinson built by Pat Doherty about 1925.

Con, his wife Agnes Doherty, and son Charlie raise hay and cattle on property at Gurdane. Daughters Sharon Wahl, Mary Theresa Michael and families live in Pendleton and son Pat and family live in Pasco.

On the maternal side, Mary McLaughlin Doherty and her brother Cor McLaughlin's father Daniel McLaughlin (Big Denny) came from a long line of McLaughlins, known as the "Crocker Behg" (Gaelic) McLaughlins. The first son in each family was named Cornelius. They had considerable property in Ireland and it's a "loss-up," Sue says, whether there are more McLaughlins than Dohertys both here and in Ireland. "It would be a difficult task to count them." Mary and Cor were the only ones in their family to migrate to America. Cor McLaughlin married Mary Doherty (Blackhorse) and they raised a family of 13 children on their ranch in Morrow County. Cousins Michael and John



Sue Doherty

McLaughlin worked in this country for many years.

Sue's paternal grandfather, Shan Doherty and his wife, Susanna McLaughlin Doherty, five of their children and Shan's niece, Katie Doherty and Bridgett Stone came from Ireland in 1890 and joined the rest of the family who had migrated several years before. The family settled at Hog Hollow in Morrow and Umatilla counties, and acquired land and sheep. At the present time, Sue's brother Joe's family is carrying on in the sheep and cattle business on some of these properties.

Sue's mother died in 1917 and in 1920, her father married Mary Ann (Glennely) Doherty. They had three sons: Fr. Jack Doherty, C.S.C. at Notre Dame, Ind., Emmet who worked many years as an FBI agent and is now semi-retired and lives with his family in California, and Vincent in Arizona and Patricia at Portland.

Sheep dog compete for prizes



Thirty-five entries, including one from Canada, have been received so far for the Sheep dog trials to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday during the Heppner St. Patrick's Day celebration.

More entries have been received than last year, mostly in the novice and pro-novice classes, says a spokesperson for the trials. The open class entries are running about the same as last year. A \$500 purse is offered in open class. Dogs will also compete for three bags of dog food and three ink drawings donated by Gary Erickson of Salmon, Idaho.

This is only the second year for the contest in Heppner. Previous years, instead of the trials, a demonstration of dogs working sheep was included in the St. Patrick's Day

celebration. It takes a lot of skill, time and patience to train the dogs, says William Rill who has been taking entries for the contest, but they are interesting to watch. "We don't drive sheep as much now as raisers used to but dogs are still a necessary part of a sheep operation."

The trials begin Saturday following the parade at 2 p.m. and continue at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Entries were tentatively closed March 1, but some are still being taken with a \$10 fee for novice and pro-novice and \$20 for open class. Those who would still like to enter their dog should contact William Rill for further information.

Krebs ranches will provide the sheep to be used for the trials.

Beds ready to roll up Main

If you have trouble getting out of your bed in the mornings, you might want to consider riding it up Main Street on Saturday. That is, if you can find four people to push.

For the new St. Patrick's weekend event this year, five person teams will race their beds up Main Street, "from bank to bank (Eastern Oregon to First Interstate)," said race chairman Ray Banka.

Six entries: Bucknum's, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Foley Roads,

Paul Hansens, Evergreen, and Pettyjohn Builders Supply, have said that they'll still be racing although a couple of teams have pulled out in order to attend the state basketball tournament. Entries officially closed March 10, but because of the withdrawals, late entries may be considered, Banka continued.

Small cash prizes will be awarded first and second place winners and the "Best of Show."

State of Eastern Oregon to hold meeting

Old western dress will be the fun, and a chance to help promote Eastern Oregon the business, as The State of Eastern Oregon holds its first Heppner legislative session this Saturday starting at 10 a.m. upstairs at the Elks.

Started to draw attention to Eastern Oregon and help promote the area to tourists, the State of Eastern Oregon has a governor, a legislative body and conducts regular meetings.

As part of the fun in their work,

because nearly that many were served at the parish hall last year.

Cost for the meal is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under, and \$12.50 for an entire family. Little ones under age three will be served free of charge.

The Lindsay family will entertain with musical selections again this year during the dinner.

members dress up in old western clothes, and it is reported that the governor, "Doc" Worner, will be escorted by the notorious "out laws."

Some of the work the session will be discussing at the Saturday meeting will be completion of the information packet on Eastern Oregon now being prepared, says Ann Spicer, local representative to the legislative body.

The meeting will be open to the public.

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