

Pear Blossom King, Queen To Be Selected

17 Candidates to Compete for 1958 Festival Royalty

A king and queen of the 1958 Pear Blossom Festival will be selected starting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Lincoln school in Medford.

Seventeen contestants, 10 girls and seven boys, will compete for honors to reign over Festival activities the week end of April 12 and 13. Linda Estremado, Gold Hill, and Hal Ellis, Medford, queen and king of last year's festival will crown their successors.

Entertainment will include selections by the Medford High school string ensemble, and dances by the Thurston Dancing school and Colleen Hope's Dance Studio. James Dunlevy, manager of Rogue Valley Country club, will be master of ceremonies.

Participate in Judging

Those attending the ceremonies will be asked to participate in the preliminary selection of finalists, but final judging will be handled by representatives of all incorporated cities in Jackson county, according to Fred Beck, president of the Festival association.

Candidates, whose pictures are shown on this page, are (listed candidate's name, sponsor, and parents):

Queen — Marlies Gorden, Central Point Jayceettes, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gorden, Central Point; Kathy Nuich, Jackson County Cow Belles, Mr. and Mrs. John Nuich, Medford; La Donna Lull, The Flower Mart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lull, Medford; Sherry Lynn Giles, Omar's Steak House, Mrs. Bertha S. Giles, Medford; Judy Clark, Chuck's Market, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Medford; Nancy Tomjack, Medford Lady Lions, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tomjack, Medford; Dawn Selby, Modern Tile Company, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Selby, Medford; Alyce Gaynell Krambeal, Eagle Point Jayceettes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keith Krambeal, Eagle Point; Linda Ellis, Medford Lady Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Ellis, Medford; and Patricia Veal, Medford 20-30 club, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Veal.

King — Steven C. Morrison, individually sponsored, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morrison, Ashland; Michael Watkins, Medford 20-30 club, Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins, Medford; Scott Sundby, Medford Aerie Eagles, Mr. and Mrs. George Sundby, Central Point; Bobby McLean, Matlack's Super Market, Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLean, Medford; Clay Charley, Jackson County Cow Belles, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Charley, Medford; Ricky Shafer, Central Point Jayceettes, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Shafer, Central Point; and Craig Theodore Flury, Eagle Point Jayceettes, Mr. and Mrs. Pete W. Flury, Eagle Point.

Grants Pass Men Have Low Bids On Air Station

Seattle, Wash. — Grants Pass contractors were apparently low and second low bidders for construction of a gap filler facility to be known as Placer Air Force station near the village of Placer, some eight miles due east of Wolf Creek.

Bids were opened Thursday afternoon in the office of the U.S. Army Engineer District, Seattle, officials said.

Ausland Construction Co. bid \$40,465, and Clyde C. Hamilton offered \$46,554. John Kovtyukovich of Eugene were third with a figure of \$52,165. Twelve contractors were in competition. H. Barnhart of Medford topped the list with a bid of \$68,386. The government estimate was \$54,342 it was reported.

Other contractors of this region who bid were Donald W. Thompson, North Bend; John M. Steinmueller, Jr., Eugene; and Harold W. Salter, Rogue River.

The Army Engineers is the construction agency for most of the Air Force installations as well as for the Army. They presently are working on a number of gap filler stations in Oregon, to complete the defense warning and control system in the state officials said. A gap filler station is a small, unmanned unit which consists mainly of a concrete communications building and a radar tower. Work on the Placer job will start within 10 calendar days after the successful bidder has received notice to proceed, and is to be completed within 120 calendar days.



ALYCE KRAMBEAL
Eagle Point Jayceettes



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Medford Lady Lions



SHERRY LYNN GILES
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MARLIES GORDEN
Central Point Jayceettes



KATHY NUICH
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Central Point Jayceettes



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GRAIG FLURY
Eagle Point Jayceettes

Memorial Corner Honors Donation To Local Library

Honoring the many individuals of Medford and Jackson county to whose memories book donations have been placed in the public library collection, a memorial corner has been set up this week in the Medford Public Library headquarters.

A memorial gift ledger, in which are inscribed the names of persons who have been thus honored by their friends and admirers, lists the donors of the book memorials and the titles of the books selected in each case. Above the ledger bearing the memorial ledger there has been hung a plaque in tribute to the late Mrs. Ella J. Smith, whose generous bequest has made it possible for the library to build a substantial collection of books concerning the Pacific Northwest.

The inscription on the plaque reads as follows: "In grateful memory to Ella J. Smith, a long time resident of Jackson County, whose generous bequest to this library has made it possible to render fuller service to its patrons."

All books purchased by means of Mrs. Smith's bequest are listed in the memorial ledger, as are books purchased by Robertson E. Collins in memory of Floyd

Hart. Other pages name departed members of the American Legion to be memorialized by the American Legion Memorial Fund. During the past five years 32 persons have been honored in this way by the Legion.

Also included in the ledger is a sample of the memorial bookplate placed in each book which the library receives through such gifts and a leaflet explaining the procedure for honoring individuals in this way.

Largest Non-Atom Blast Eliminates Sailing Hazard

Campbell River, B. C. — Engineers set off the largest non-atomic blast in history Saturday in an effort to blow the top off of Ripple Rock, for almost 200 years the worst navigation hazard off the West Coast.

The waters of Seymour Narrows, just off the coast of British Columbia, billowed high into the air as the 2,700,000 pounds of high explosive were detonated at 9:31 a.m. (PST).

Tons of water spewed into the air in a stemless mushroom shape as the Nitramex-2-H tore its way through the heart of the rock.

In a job that took more than two years, a tunnel was drilled from nearby Quadra Island under the channel and up into the submerged peaks so that explosives could be packed into the rock.

The twin peaks have cost more than 150 lives and countless shipping losses since the narrows first were charted in 1792.

Observers in nearby bunkers could see little after the initial explosion as smoke obscured the channel. The ground trembled as the shock hit the watchers six seconds after the blast. A few seconds later waves to four to five feet high smashed against the shores of Quadra Island and Vancouver Island, on either side of the narrows.

Syracuse, N. Y. — Department of Water workers used a mine detector to locate a loaded revolver Frank Lombardo accidentally dropped in a snow drift at a busy intersection.

Ashland Woman Dies Of Wounds Early Saturday

Ashland — Mrs. Reta Aleta Champion, 52, of 130 Fourth st., died early Saturday morning of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

She was found by her husband in the attic of their home about 2 a.m., according to Ashland police. Mrs. Champion was born on July 5, 1905 in Weaverville, Calif. and married Joseph Champion on October 29, 1925 in Yreka, Calif. They had lived in Dunsuir before moving to Ashland 15 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; daughters, Mrs. Maxine Stringer and Miss Shirley Champion, both of

Ashland; and three grandchildren.

Survivors also include her mother, Mrs. Louise Brown, Eureka; brothers, Eugene Brown, Eureka; Floyd Brown, Eureka; Raymond Brown, Weaverville; Merle Brown, U. S. Army in Germany; sisters, Marion Brown, Eureka; Mrs. Armada Spencer, Portland; Mrs. Maxine McKnight, El-Certio, Calif.; Mrs. Francis Muldany, Loleta, Calif., and one sister and brother had died previously.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Litwillers' Funeral home in Ashland.

Dirty Yard Brings Jail Term for Man

Milwaukee, Ore. — Leo Fontana, 71, who lives on a \$78.75 monthly pension and who had 19 dogs, was serving a 90-day term in jail today for refusing to clean up his yard.

Authorities said the city Thursday completed the removal of 60 truckloads of junk, plus the dogs, from his place. Most of the junk was badly-weathered odds and ends of lumber and old machinery.

Dynamite Blast Kills Farmer

Creswell — A 66-year-old farmer, Floyd G. Miller, was killed Friday morning by a dynamite blast as he cleared stumps on his property near here.

Lane county coroner Fred Buell said apparently Miller was killed when he approached a stump to investigate a charge that did not explode, and the dynamite exploded just as he reached to adjust the fuse.

The body was found by Miller's wife about 1:00 p.m., when he failed to come to the house for lunch.

Medford Man Accepted At Northrop Institute

M. Jarold Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Christensen, 178 Winema way, Medford, has been accepted by Northrop Aeronautical Institute, Ingleswood, Calif., for enrollment in the aeronautical engineering course.

He is a graduate of Rogue River academy, and was enrolled in Walla Walla college, Walla Walla, Wash., prior to going to Ingleswood.

Waterville, Me. — Police here had to improvise when the regular police cruiser and patrol wagon were tied up for repairs. The department hired a taxicab to patrol the city streets.

An Easter Message

Although the story of the death and ascension of Christ has been retold for many centuries, it is always an enlightening and uplifting story that gives mankind the very highest standards by which to guide his life.

The faith of the masses has ever been strengthened year after year, in times of recession and oppression or disaster and death, by this story of a miraculous life after death.

On this Easter day, we joyfully join the millions in remembrance of the story of that morning when He arose to give the world a promise of eternal life . . .

. . . and on the lighter side of this Day, we are happy to see our youngsters romp and play on the lawns, hunting Easter eggs and enjoying the health provided by good, wholesome diets supplemented by God's most perfect gift in food—MILK.

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Narcotics Head To Leave Bureau

Portland — Jack M. Merrill, former head of the Federal Narcotics bureau here has resigned from his post in Seattle where he was transferred from Portland a year ago.

The Oregon Journal said Merrill revealed in a court disposition that he had once borrowed money from James B. Elkins, key figure in the Portland vice controversy.

Merrill said the loan was made "many years ago" and that it did not affect his work as a narcotics agent. He declined further comment, saying it was best that his deposition be aired in court before he issued a further statement.

The deposition taken from Merrill in connection with a libel suit filed by the Portland City Commissioner Stanley Earl against the Hearst Publishing company.

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Rolling Log Kills Weyerhaeuser Loader

Oakland, Ore. — A loader for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company was killed Friday 30 miles east of here at a Weyerhaeuser site when a log became dislodged from a stack and rolled over him.

The victim was identified as Keith Krewson of Sutherlin. Douglas county coroner L. L. Powers said the accident occurred about 10:30 a.m.

Of the total area of Illinois, about 67 per cent is underlain with coal.