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Rodeo Queen Tryouts Set For June 20

This is queen season and Thursday rules for the queen of the 1948 rodeo sponsored by the Klamath Basin Rodeo association, were made known. Riding tryouts for queen contestants will be held Sunday, June 20, at the Klamath county fairgrounds and contestants from over the entire basin area are invited to participate. They may sign up immediately at The Town Shop.

The Klamath Saddle club is assisting the association in putting on the tryouts at which time girls will be marked as follows: appointment, 10 per cent; riding, 40 per cent.

At the queen's ball, contestants will be judged on popularity and poise, each counting 15 per cent. Contestants are invited from the following communities, Klamath Falls; Merrill, Malin and Henley; Bly, Bonanza and Langell Valley; Tulelake; Dorris and Madcoot; Fort Klamath and Chilcoquin; Kentest; in the finals, one girl will be chosen to represent each community. The queen's ball, June 26, will see the crowning of the queen with the other six contestant members of her court to reign over festivities July 3, 4 and 5.

Following are rules to be observed by those entering the riding tryouts: Riders (contestants) will parade single file in front of the grandstand, line up in back of the arena and wait to be called out to ride off the contest according to number. Positions will be drawn previously. All girls will be judged on western seat, lightness of hands, control of horse, mounting and dismounting. Figure-eight horse in a gallop. Run out at good speed, set square, and turn at mark designated by judge. Ride at good speed to the other end of arena, set square. Run to center of arena, set square in front of judges, hesitate a moment, horse to stand flat footed. Back horse about 10 or 15 feet, advance with quick forward spring. Stop and dismount, remove reins over horse's head. Face grandstand and mount again. Gallop over to position with rest of contestants.

The second girl will then perform and so on, until all have ridden before the three judges who will be named later.

All riders are to show with western equipment using one hand, the rules stated.



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thieves are to be found in the opposition.

Nobody ever believes anything that is said in a keynote speech, shortly after it is delivered. It is forgotten. But it is a useful device for killing some time while the party bosses get their steam rollers piled up, their delegates lined up and their bandwagons shined up. The keynote speech is fully reported by press and radio. The deals of the party bosses are reported to what- ever extent they can be learned and exposed.

Next important business is for the permanent chairman to take over. He also makes a speech that nobody pays attention to, and then wields the gavel for the rest of the convention, standing front and center on the platform with the national committee, the party big shots and distinguished guests behind him, the press at benches on each side of him and the delegates out front on the floor.

The permanent chairman is a really important part. He is hand-picked by the party bosses. They want somebody who is safe—somebody who can be relied on to do the right thing at the right time and not let the situation on the floor get out of hand. For the republicans the permanent chairman this year is Rep. Joseph W. Martin, speaker of the house and himself a dark-horse hopeful. For the democrats, the Hon. Sam Rayburn, of Texas, former speaker and now minority leader of the house.

Many Committees

There are various committees. The national committee is of course tops. It consists of one man and one woman—the party chairman and vice chairman for each state, territory, possession and the District of Columbia.

Election of the national chairman for each party is the principal function of the national committee—that and raising money and handling patronage and trying to keep the party alive between conventions, for which they are general committees on arrangements national committee, however, are the party big wigs who really pull the strings and have the control.

Bryan, at the 1912 convention of the democrats, charged that the convention was controlled by the national committee, that the national committee was controlled by a sub-committee of 16, that the 16 were dominated by eight, and the eight by Boss Murphy, and Boss Murphy by Thomas Fortune Ryan.

Rich Easterners

The so-called bosses of the 1948 conventions are the rich easterners who are said to control republican national committeemen from New

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York, Pennsylvania and the heads of the big state delegations. For the democrats it's the bosses of the New York, Chicago and other big city machines. All the candidates and their managers play a part, plus the party leaders in congress. It is this play of forces which really makes important convention decisions.

Functioning for the convention alone there are several important committees made up of one or two delegates from each state.

The committee on credentials has the job of seeing that only duly elected delegates and alternates are seated and entitled to vote. If a contest arises within any state delegation, over whether one group of delegates should be seated or another, the credentials committee must settle it. A common solution is to seat both delegations and split the vote between them.

Write Platform

Then there is the resolutions committee. Its job is to write the party platform. Membership of this committee is usually announced in advance of the convention so that it can meet, hold hearings, allow interested pressure groups to testify on what they want in or out of the platform, and so do a real job of preparing what should be an important document.

The first party platform was written in 1840. It was only a few hundred words long. Today platforms run 5000 to 10,000 words. In practice, the platform is usually a wishy-washy document aimed to please everybody, but really satisfying nobody. Like the keynote speech, it is usually forgotten as soon as written, and it is a perfectly meaningless document.

There have been five times when the platform committee has not been acceptable to the convention or the winning candidate.

Demo Fight

In 1924 the democrats had a fight over whether or not to denounce the Ku Klux Klan by name. The vote was 542 7/20 for name it, 543 3/20 for not naming it. In the campaign, however, Candidate John W. Davis denounced the Klan by name, so the fight was all for nothing.

In 1920 the republicans had a similar fight over endorsing or condemning the League of Nations. It was solved by a compromise which meant nothing because in the campaign Warren G. Harding came out openly against the league.

The theory is that the platform must be written and adopted before the candidate is named, and it usually works that way.

Tomorrow: Electing the candidate.

SP Puts In \$25 Million Engine Order

One of the nation's largest railroad equipment purchase projects, involving approximately \$25,000,000 for 95 new diesel-electric freight locomotives of various types, was announced Wednesday by President A. T. Mercier of the Southern Pacific.

Bids are being requested on 30 new 6000-horsepower main line freight locomotives, and 65 diesel switch engines ranging in horsepower from 600 to 1500, Mercier said. He pointed out that the purchase will include 15 "road switch engines" of 1500 horsepower each, a new type locomotive so flexible that it may be used either for main line or yard service. Delivery of the new locomotives is expected to begin early in the second quarter of next year.

Acquisition of this new freight motive power will raise the company's postwar investments in new cars and locomotives to a total of about \$209,000,000, it was stated.

Judge Takes Melhase Case

The Gus Melhase gift contest trial which lasted six days in circuit court was concluded Wednesday afternoon and Circuit Judge Charles H. Combs of Lakeview took the proceedings under advisement.

Any decision will not be forthcoming probably for at least 45 days.

Both sides in the equity suit, the administrators of the estate of the late Gus Melhase, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cleghorn, have 30 days in which to file briefs of their cases, and then another 15 days for replies to the briefs.

The suit involved a gift of half interest in the Withrow-Melhase corporation from Gus Melhase to Mr. and Mrs. Cleghorn in 1944. The Melhase heirs are contesting the gift on allegations that Melhase was under undue influence when he gave his property away.

H. T. Williams Named In Suit

H. T. (Mike) Williams of Fort Klamath, is named defendant in a damage suit for a total of \$6000 for allegedly misrepresenting some pasture land he rented to J. A. Carpenter of Altura.

Carpenter's complaint says that he rented the summer pasture for \$1000, intending to keep 200 head of cattle on the pasture from March until September.

The land was represented to him as well-fenced and adequate for 200 head of cattle, the complaint continues, but the representation was false. Carpenter claims that because his cattle were not properly cared for he had to sell them early and lose about \$5000 on the sale.

His suit is for \$5000 allegedly lost on the sale and recovery of the \$1000 rental.

U. S. Balentine of Klamath Falls and Georgia Wilson of Altura are attorneys for Carpenter.

School Over, But One More Session

OMAK, Wash., June 11 (AP)—Omak high school seniors were graduated last night, but they were to hold one more class session today—to exchange diplomas.

As principal David Ellis reached for the diplomas, lightning struck a power line between nearby Okanogan and Brewster. In the darkness which followed, Ellis distributed the sheepskins from the wrong end of the alphabet.

AWOL Sailors In County Jail

Two AWOL sailors are held in the county jail for a return to their ship at San Francisco.

The youths, Marvin Raymond Willis, 18, and Richard Eugene Baller, 19, were taken into custody Wednesday by Vernon Chitwood, local navy recruiter.

They are attached to the LST 1138, docked at San Francisco.

OPERATION

Carol Guderian, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Guderian, is recovering satisfactorily at a family home on California avenue following a tonsillectomy Wednesday at Hillside hospital. Carol is a student at Conger school.

Pour waste fat into the fat salvage can. You can sell every pound you save for cash at your butchers.

Phone Rate May Go Up Over Oregon

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Thursday filed schedules for a proposed rate increase in Oregon, including the Klamath Falls exchange, it was reported today by Charles Seavey, local manager for the company.

Seavey said the filing was with the public utilities commissioner, and will become effective in 30 days unless suspended by the PUC. In that case, the PUC will hold hearings and issue an order within six months.

In Klamath Falls, rates would be affected as follows, with the present rate and the proposed rate given in that order:

One-party business telephone—\$6.50 to \$9.

Two-party business—\$5.25 to \$7.25.

One-party residence—\$3.75 to \$4.75.

Two-party residence—\$3 to \$3.75.

Four-party residence—\$2.50 to \$3.

The proposed rate boosts, Seavey said, are based on public demand for telephone service that can only be furnished if the company gets price relief. Between now and the end of 1949 the company should spend \$26,500,000 to enlarge and improve the telephone system in Oregon, Seavey asserted.

Company officials said the proposed rate boosts would bring in annually \$5,500,000 more, which would net the company, after taxes, \$3,311,000.

Airport Goes Under, Rich Area Floods

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The South Kelso district, from which 3000 previously fled.

Refugees from these areas joined some 60,000 persons already driven from their homes by three weeks of floods that have taken 33 known victims and run damage into untold figures beyond \$100,000,000.

The Red Cross said it still has not found a trace of 59 persons since the Memorial Bay flooding of Vancouver, a housing city of 18,700 near Portland. The number on this "critical list" was 121 yesterday but the others checked in, one family from as far away as New Jersey. Vancouver's known death toll remained four.

Thousands of troops and civilian volunteers kept up their ceaseless battle to hold the dikes. For the most part they were holding their own, in spots even making the soft levees firmer.

Big Storm

A heavy thunderstorm hit Portland last night. In minutes streets were awash and gutters overflowing. It was not expected that local storms would make the river situation much worse, but general rain would.

Rehabilitation efforts brought hope to both the U. S. and Canada.

In Washington, congress approved a \$10,000,000 appropriation for emergency housing yesterday and the bill was rushed westward in the hope President Truman could sign it today when he arrived in Portland to survey the flood zone.

In Ottawa, it was announced last night that a \$12,000,000 dike reconstruction program for the Fraser valley will be initiated "as soon as possible."

Strip Tease Artist Pictures Held Legal In Long And Almost Poetic Ruling By Ohio Common Pleas Jurist

CINCINNATI, June 11 (AP)—A strip tease artist swaying through her take-em-off routine isn't obscene, she's one of God's children, says Judge Stanley Struble.

In a long and almost poetic ruling, the common pleas jurist declared unconstitutional yesterday an Ohio statute dealing with obscene literature.

"There can not be any obscenity in 'God's own handiwork,'" Judge Struble said.

He acquitted Oscar Lerner, Cincinnati news dealer, who was charged with possessing and selling obscene literature. He declared unconstitutional a 1943 amendment to the obscene literature law.

"Obscene literature statutes," said the judge, "are shackles on the brains of men, which is as bad if not worse than shackles on the limbs of men."

Of a strip-tease series in a magazine, he commented: "These front views, as well as the other views, are of God's own children as He made them in His own image. There can be no obscenity in God's own handiwork."

"There is nothing unchaste or shameful in a woman disrobing—they do disrobe . . ."

"Sure, normal sex ideas are all right. All mankind have sex ideas. Nature is aflame with sex ideas—the host of the owl, the coo of the dove, the blossoms of the flowers, plants and trees, the spawning of fish. 'Sex,' said the jurist, 'is the why and wherefore of life and living.'"

Indian School Fund Set Up

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) said Thursday the house has earmarked \$40,000 in the interior department appropriation bill for next year to pay the tuition of Indian children attending Klamath county schools.

The Indian schools on the Klamath reservation were closed in 1927 and since then Indian children have attended the county's public schools and that the federal government is \$445,000 in arrears on paying the school district for their tuition.

He said that to get tuition on a current basis the school district has offered to cancel back debts if the

government will keep up the payments henceforth.

Stockman predicted the senate would approve the appropriation.

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Inflation Is Biggest Foe Of Householder

PULLMAN, Wash., June 11 (AP)—Inflation is the No. 1 family problem in Washington state homes, a survey by the Washington public opinion laboratory indicated today.

The laboratory, recently created jointly by Washington State college and the University of Washington, announced that inflation was in a class by itself as a cause of worry in the state.

The 95 trained interviewers conducting the poll asked, "What do you think will be some of the important problems facing you and your family during the next 12 months?"

The answer tabulation showed: inflation 37 per cent; housing 15.5 per cent; employment 15 per cent; personal and finances 13 per cent each; war 8 per cent; health 6 per cent; draft and universal military training 5 per cent; miscellaneous 14 per cent; don't know 13 per cent, and no reply 4 per cent.

Asked what they considered the greatest single problem concerning them, 23 per cent listed inflation. Personal problems were cited by 9 per cent; housing by 8.5 per cent; employment by 7.5 per cent; finances by 7 per cent and war by 5 per cent.

Engineer Visits Cut-Off Project

J. G. Toole, Oregon state highway morning to spend the day on the Chillicoquin cut-off job which is to be completed by late summer.

Work is progressing on the Diamond lake junction widening job with the last of the gravel being laid this week, it is understood.

Wanted: One Yank

MOSCOW, (AP)—The only American jazz band in Russia has diminished to a trio—and not a very loud one at that. Organized in 1944 by George F. Kennan, then minister counselor at the United States embassy, the orchestra consisted of nine loud and flashy pieces. Kennan, now chief of Secretary Marshall's planning section, and an old college guitar player, manned the same instrument in the Moscow outfit.

Kennan left Moscow shortly after the band was organized but his place was taken by Navy Radio Operator Harry Sedgley, of Trenton, N. J. Then one by one the members got transferred back home or to other places in the world.

Alarmed over the situation United States Ambassador Walter B. Smith is seeking to do something about it. "I've told them in Washington that when they send us someone new he'd better be able to play something," he says.

A soft custard, cooked on top of the range, makes a delightful sauce for any of the berries that are in season—raspberries, blackberries, blueberries.

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Sprague Road Fund Slated

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) says the interior department bill now before a senate appropriations subcommittee contains \$150,000 for the Sprague River road on the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon.

The committee put the amount in the bill, he said, on agreement of the state to match the amount. The road would run from Cave mountain to the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway.

Stockman said he also had persuaded the house to earmark \$350,000 in the bill for the Ochoco dam, a part of the Deschutes project for which the bill contains \$380,000.

Stockman said the condition of the old dam threatens Prineville, Ore.

Both have to be approved by the senate.

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