

# Queen Marianna Rules the Roundup



ELMER BALSIGER, Queen Trials chairman, presents Queen Marianna with roses in honor of her reign.



QUEEN MARIANNA

## Margy Brown Crowns Pretty New Monarch

By WALLACE MYERS  
So far as rules are concerned, beauty takes a back seat in qualifications for Basin Roundup queens. But again this year, as in other years, the queen is as beautiful as she is talented.

Queen Marianna Hellekson has the exciting habit of rapidly changing her appearance from a sultry pensiveness to a flashing vivacity. She is a 17-year-old brunette with an almost boydenish self-assurance but with enough reserve to show good rearing.

Marianna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hellekson, prominent Langell Valley ranching family. Mrs. Hellekson's father was Frank Grohs, one of the early Langell Valley settlers.

Friends and schoolmates fondly call Marianna "Punkin" but she refused to become "Queen Punkin." She's going to have a lot of fun out of her queenship but she does not intend dulling the dignity of her royal post with a nickname.

Marianna won the high honor of reigning over the Roundup through a combination of fine horsemanship, poise and personality.

At the Queen Trials, June 5, when all the queen candidates were tested on riding ability, Marianna scored with what appeared to be a near-perfect performance. She rode her own horse, Tony, and the horse behaved beautifully.

Although the horsemanship scores were not announced publicly, it was apparent that Marianna would rank high. When she appeared at the Armory last Saturday night for the Queen's Ball and the final phase of judging, on poise and personality, she looked like a good bet to come through and get the crown.

Marianna and her seven princesses add up to a fine court for the Roundup. This reporter is something of an old hand at working with queen selections and he's never seen a better all-around group of girls.

Here are thumbnails of the seven princesses:

Carol Hamilton, 17, was graduated from Klamath Union High School this spring. She is a brunette, the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton, 1715 Siskiyou Street, and Elmer Hamilton, Manila.

Barbara Jean Anderson, 16, is the only California member of the court. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stevenson Jr., of Macdoel. Barbara is an accomplished pianist. She is a senior at Butte Valley High School.

Anne Curry, 16, is already well known to Roundup fans. She has ridden in Roundup events and once had a go at calf riding. She is a brunette, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Curry, Henley. She was a senior at Henley High School this spring.

Sharon Finchum, 16, is Anne's close friend and also hails from Henley. Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Finchum. She has light brown hair and pale blue eyes. She also was a Henley High School senior and plans to study elementary education in college.

Aurelia Patterson, 18, is the spunky and beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Patterson, 524 N. 2nd Street, Klamath Falls. Last year, Aurelia's horse went lame just before the Queen Trials and she lost out when a new mount misbehaved. This year, again rid-

ing an unfamiliar mount, Aurelia failed to score high enough at the Fairgrounds but was (if you'll pardon the vulgarity) a knockout at the Armory. She plan to enter Oregon State this fall and major in animal husbandry.

Pat Nicholson, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. T. R. Nicholson of the famed Fort Klamath ranch carrying the family name. Pat attended Ashland High School last year but makes her summer home at the Fort Klamath ranch. She is an expert on ice skates and that rates as her second hobby, next to horses. She plans to study secretarial science at Oregon State.

Janet Dierdorff, 17, is a favorite of the Roundup fans. She is a Merrill Girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Dierdorff. Janet is a petite brunette with an electrifying smile. She's a real outdoors girl, with fishing and horses occupying most of her leisure time. Because this was her second year in the trials, Janet was rated a queen favorite. But her horse, usually a fine animal, wasn't up to snuff this year and hurt Janet's chances.

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MUSICAL MERRIMENT—When a rain squall craved the Roundup girls indoors at the Klamath Yacht Club, it didn't dampen their high spirits. With Aurelia Patterson at the keyboard, the girls had a long songfest. Standing around the piano (l to r): Marianna Hellekson (1952 queen), Carol Hamilton, Barbara Jean Anders, Sharon Finchum, Margy Brown (1951 queen), Anne Curry, Pat Nicholson and Janet Dierdorff.

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