

ROUNDUP ROYALTY girls are real cowgirls. Above, two members of this year's court have roped a calf for branding.

There's Nothing Phony About Roundup Queens

By WALLACE MYERS

At a big annual water carnival in Florida a few years ago, the blonde and beautiful Water Queen almost drowned when a playful celebrant toppled her into the shallow end of a swimming pool.

The lovely lass had been proclaimed long and loud as queen of the water. Turned out she was scared to death of water and couldn't swim a lick.

She was just another in the long list of phony queens foisted on the public.

One thing you may be certain of: the queen of the Klamath Basin Roundup is no phony. She is an expert horsewoman with the added attributes of pleasant poise and personality.

Roundup queens are selected as fairly as possible. There's no such thing as faking the judging with the queen decided before the trials are ever held. That's not uncommon in naming queens for many festive occasions.

Here's how the Roundup queen is selected: Judging is on two categories.

horsemanship and poise and personality, the latter two grouped as one unit. Horsemanship is the big test... that counts for 60 per cent, poise and personality counts for the remaining 40 per cent.

The horsemanship judging is done before a big crowd at the Queen's Trials. The queen candidates are not identified for the judging. Each girl wears a different colored ribbon during the trials and judges score on ribbon colors rather than girl's names. Each judge makes out a score sheet, grading each girl.

Individual horsemanship scores are a secret.

Six days later, the Queen's Ball is held. Judges for this event are kept secret so that the girls do not know whom is looking them over. The judges again score only on colors, each girl wears a colored wristlet the same color as her horsemanship ribbon.

For some two hours, the poise and personality judges watch the queen candidates compete themselves at the ball. As the time nears 11 p.m., the judges retire

quietly and each scores the candidates.

The horsemanship scores are then added to the poise and personality scores. The girl with the highest total is, of course, the new queen.

All this totaling is done behind the scenes. Other than the Roundup official totaling the two sets of scores, no one has an idea who the new queen is to be.

While the totaling is in progress, the queen candidates are lined in a row across the big Armory stage. In the wings, the previous year's queen waits with crown in hand. Finally, the official who has totaled the scores, steps quietly up to the waiting queen and whispers the name of the new queen.

The retiring queen then walks quietly behind the row of candi-

dates on stage and sets the crown on the new queen.

It is a dramatic moment. Suspense has risen steadily since the candidates were entered in the contest weeks before. At the Queen's Ball, the suspense becomes electric... And when the moment of crowning comes, there is a moment of almost dead silence until the new queen is known then bedlam breaks loose.

The moment the crown is placed on the new queen's head, the other finalists become Roundup princesses.

For the duration of the Roundup, the queen and her princesses are feted and honored at all Roundup events. The following year, the queen continues to reign until the new queen is chosen.

Duke Confined To Quarters

LONDON (AP) — Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday the Duke of Edinburgh has jaundice.

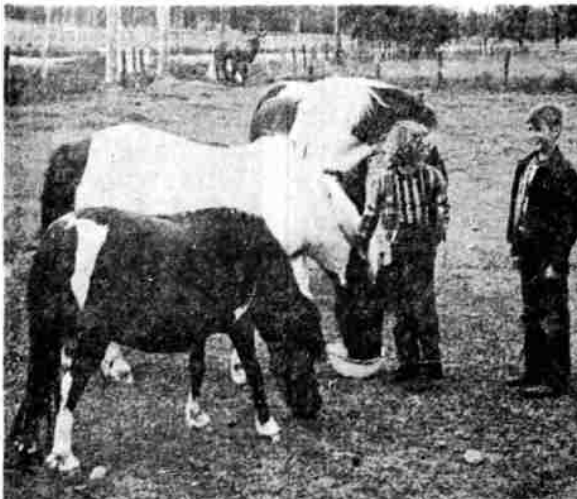
The Queen's 31-year-old husband has been advised by his doctors to cancel all immediate engagements. They said he would have to remain in his room for "some days."

The Duke had planned to accompany Queen Elizabeth II Tuesday night on a trip to Edinburgh, where the court will go into residence for six days at the palace of Holyrood.

The official announcement said the Queen will travel alone while her husband remains at Buckingham Palace.



GREER DREW, Roundup Association director, propped himself on a corral for a gabfest with two Roundup fans during the Queen Candidates Outing.



YOUNGSTERS and their ponies make a cheerful scene. The youngsters are (l to r) Bobby and Richard Nicholson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson, Fort Klamath.

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