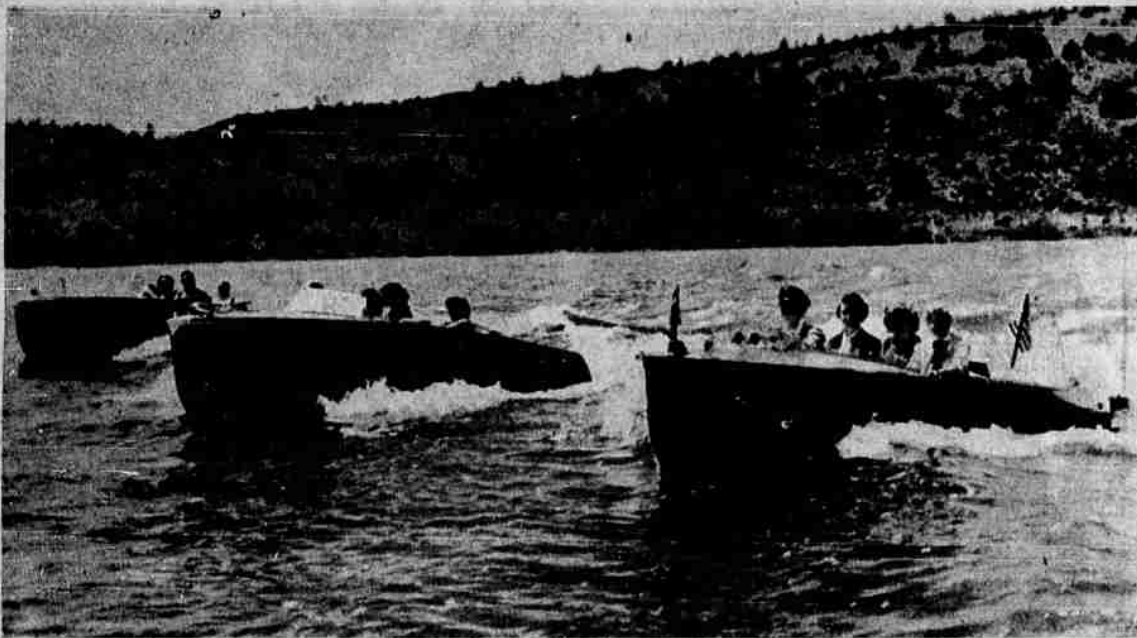


Catherine Dearborn Honored as Roundup Queen



WHEN THIS PICTURE was taken at the Queens Ball, Saturday night, the eight queen candidates were breathlessly awaiting naming of the new queen. The winner, Catherine Dearborn, is second from right. The other girls are (l to r) Betty Scala, Nancy McPherson, Alice Jean Chieslak, Martha McAuliffe, Jane Bowie, Pat Riley, Queen Catherine and Donna Anderson.



AS GUESTS OF THE KLAMATH YACHT CLUB the girls had a relaxing outing on Upper Klamath a few days before the Queens Ball.

Langell Valley Scores 3rd Consecutive Year

By WALLACE MYERS

At Bonanza High School this spring, Catherine Dearborn was elected the school's Yell Leader for the coming school year; but Saturday night when the brunette beauty was crowned queen of the 1953 Klamath Basin Roundup, she was seized with such bubbling happiness she couldn't even talk, let alone yell.

Queen Catherine's joy so overrode her deep modesty that her face flushed a rosy pink in embarrassment. Her soft blue eyes were moist with happiness as she stood with her seven princesses before the applauding crowd and accepted the many valuable gifts which went with the queenship.

Before any more is said about Catherine, tribute must be paid to the seven girls who went through the Queen Trials with Catherine and wound up being her princesses. They wouldn't have been human if they hadn't experienced a twinge of disappointment a "mission" the queenship themselves but they appeared almost as happy as Catherine herself with the outcome. They were the best of sports and proved their right to the Roundup Royalty Court in every sense of the word.

And while we are passing out congratulations we must not overlook Mac who contributed quite a bit to Queen Catherine's selection. Mac is the horse and a close friend of Margy Brown, 1951 Roundup queen.

When Catherine entered as a queen candidate in late May, she decided her personal horse, Scamper, was still a little too spirited for the horsemanship trials. She elected to use another horse, Pepper, and that was her mount for the Queen Candidates Outing at Mrs. Mabel Liske's Lost River Ranch. As Catherine and the other girls rode through the ranch hills overlooking broad Poe Valley, Pepper began to limp and as the lameness grew worse it was apparent the horse wasn't going to be in shape for the Queen Trials Show, only three days away.

Catherine was understandably dejected. She had worked for days with Pepper practicing the figure eights and other maneuvers required in the horsemanship judgment.

Langell Valley people had put two consecutive queens on the Roundup throne, Margy Brown in '51 and Marianna Hellekson in '52, and they wanted to make it three in a row with Catherine. So when word reached Ex-queen Margy that Catherine was without a mount for the Queen Trials, Margy quickly offered her own horse, Mac.

And it was Mac who carried Catherine successfully through the horsemanship maneuvers with a high enough rating to enable her to capture the crown.

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It would be fitting for Mac to have some reward for carrying two girls to victory in the Queen Trials if only a few days of sugar and cream for his oats.

Of course, Catherine needed more than horsemanship for victory. But horsemanship counts for 60 per cent, poise and personality at the Queens Ball only 40 per cent; a horse's misdeed can be very damaging to a girl's chances.

At the ball Saturday night, Catherine must have also scored high in poise and personality; certainly, she did in appearance. This reporter telephoned Ex-queen Margy out of her Sunday morning sleep

to get a woman's description of the trials. Queen Catherine's garb at the ball, Margy said Catherine wore a "light blue, ballerina length with white netting." It was all of that and a darned good looking outfit to boot.

All of the girls were attractively gowned, some of them vibrantly beautiful. When you've worked with a bevy of girls for several weeks without seeing them in anything but riding or play clothes, it is a delightful shock to see them grandly groomed and garbed in delicate, frothy gowns.

Saturday night's crowning of Queen Catherine brought a roaring whoop from the big Langell Valley contingent at the Queens Ball. Three Roundup Queens in as many years is a record that may never be broken. . . . And Langell Valley is already gunning for another victory next year. Margy Brown and Marianna Hellekson, the Langell Valley girls who reigned as queens in 1951 and '52 respectively, told the writer last night that next year's queen candidate from Langell Val-

ley was already being schooled for the trials. "Wait 'til you see her," bragged Margy.

Queen Catherine is an altogether fitting monarch for the Roundup. Besides being a native of the Klamath Country, she is a ranch girl and an already experienced livestock handler despite her tender years. As a 4-H girl she has had many of her calves entered in both 4-H stock shows and the big Pacific International at Portland. And she has taken several ribbons.

Catherine now must pay the price of fame. She and her princesses would like to have a day of swimming and picnic fun before the Roundup rodeos start July 2 but their schedule for the next two weeks is a steady stream of special events. And for Queen Catherine, at least, the demands on her time won't cease with the final rodeo performance July 4. There will probably be many requests for her to grace various events with her presence. And next year,

of course, from the signing of the first queen candidate until she crowns her successor, Catherine will be in almost constant demand.

There were many nice gifts for the new queen. Following the coronation Saturday night, Queen Catherine received: \$100 in cash from the Roundup Association; a diamond studded wrist watch from Ricky's; a letter from Sally and Bill McConnon's Westwear Shop informing Catherine she would be presented with a tailor made outfit made from golden Oregon buckskin (the official queen's costume); a big silver tray which will be engraved from the Roundup Association; a saddle blanket from the Klamath Saddle Club; shirt from the Town Shop; and an armload of roses from the Klamath Flower Shop.

There were gifts for the princesses too. Each girl received an engraved silver bracelet. The bracelets were presented by Renée's, Welsfield's, Rogers and Tupper's.

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