



COLUMBIA County Rodeo Queen for 1966, Miss Shannon McCleary, receives a sheaf of red roses from returning Queen Kathy Gisi. Princess Kathleen Erickson, far left, and Princess Lorraine Nelson, far right, will serve with Queen Shannon on the Royal Court.

Barracks Names Four Delegates

Vernonia Barracks of World War 1 Veterans and its ladies auxiliary met Monday afternoon at the IOOF hall for a 1 p.m. potluck dinner which was followed by the separate meetings of the two groups.

The Barracks had as guests E. S. (Happy) Thompson and John Miller from Portland. During their meeting they received two new members, Herman Conner and Frank Anderson. They also elected delegates to attend the state department convention in Medford June 1-4. They are Orville Armstrong, Pete Brunzman, George Smith and Reuel Smith. H. L. Russell, commander for the Vernonia Barracks, also plans to attend as will L. E. Stiff, commander for district 1.

In the auxiliary meeting, Mrs. Pete Brunzman and Mrs. Henry Miller were named as delegates and Mrs. Frank Lange and Mrs. George Smith as alternates to the state convention of the auxiliary. Mrs. Stiff will attend in her capacity as district 1 president.

Last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Stiff and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Armstrong were in Portland to meet with Barracks 2000 at St. Johns and complete plans for the district 1 meeting to be held there this Saturday, April 30. It is hoped that a good representation from Vernonia will be able to attend. This will be the final district meeting for Mr. and Mrs. Stiff in their capacity as commander and president for the district 1 groups. Mrs. Carl Davis has been district secretary for the auxiliary, also.

1966 Columbia County Rodeo Court Selected on April 28

Miss Shannon McCleary of Deer Island was named 1966 queen of the Columbia county fair and rodeo at tryouts which were held at the Deer Island fair grounds Sunday, April 24. Chosen to be on the royal court with Queen Shannon were Princesses Kathleen Erickson of Scappoose and Lorraine Nelson of Rainier. In surrendering her reign to Queen Shannon, Kathy Gisi, 1965 queen, crowned the new royalty with a western hat and presented her with a sheaf of red roses. Princesses Kathleen and Lorraine were each presented with red carnation corsages.

Judges for the event were Vivian Walters of the Cowlitz Appaloosa and Pony of America ranch of Castle Rock, Washington; Carroll Cooper of Kelso, Washington and Lowell Bryan, announcer for radio station KBAM Longview and associate of Northwest Realty. Judging was based 50 percent on horsemanship, 20 percent on poise and personality and 30 percent on appearance.

Eight young Columbia county horsewomen turned out to compete for the honor of being selected to the court. The judges were high in their praise of the quality of horsemanship and appearance of the contestants.

Queen Shannon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McCleary of Deer Island. She has brown hair and hazel eyes and is a 16 year old sophomore of St. Helens high school, where she is secretary of GAA and belongs to Girl's League. She lists her hobbies as swimming, sewing, singing and softball. She

rode her buckskin horse, Rancho, in the field tryouts.

Princess Kathleen Erickson is a blonde with blue-gray eyes and is a senior at Scappoose union high school. Kathleen, who is 18, is currently president of GAA, a three year member of the Honor Society, a member of Girl's League, and lists her hobbies as anything that has to do with horses, swimming, sewing and collecting miniature candles. She is a member of the Saddle-ites 4-H club, where she has held the offices of president, treasurer and publicity chairman. She rode her palomino gelding, Reno, in the field tryouts. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Erickson of Scappoose.

Princess Lorraine Nelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson of Rainier. She has brown hair, green eyes, and is a 16 year old sophomore at Rainier high school. She is a member of GAA, Pep Club and Girl's League. Lorraine collects miniatures for her hobby and says she enjoys all school activities. She rode her bay horse, Dusty, for the tryouts.

Announcer for the event was Mary Stennick of Rainier. Mrs. Stennick is a director of the Oregon Quarter Horse association and she and Mr. Stennick raise and show registered quarterhorses at their Rainier ranch.

Each year the contest to select the queen and princesses to represent Columbia county during the annual fair and rodeo is handled by the Columbia Riders Saddle club. Ron Ball, Rainier, president of the club, expressed his appreciation Sunday to all who participated in this year's event.

Following the field try-outs, the Columbia Riders were hosts at a luncheon in the 4-H building, for the contestants and their families. At this time each contestant was given an opportunity to speak to the guests and judges before the final selections were made.

Other contestants at the tryouts included Shannon Priebus, Karen Potts, and Susan McPherson, all of Scappoose; and Janice Kibbe and Christine Leino of Clatskanie.

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Seniors Slate Job Fair Trip

May 5, Thursday of next week, the senior class at Vernonia high school, accompanied by instructors, Mrs. Ora Bolmeier and Gordon Crowston, will travel to Salem to participate in the Oregon Job Fair which will be held May 4 through 6 in the commercial building on the Oregon State fair grounds.

This is the first year for the three-day exposition but plans are to hold it annually henceforth. Over 8,000 students from 150 high schools in Oregon are expected to attend. Each school attends on the one day assigned to them in order for all to be accommodated.

The purpose of the job fair is to bring high school youth together with Oregon employers so they may discuss job qualifications in relation to student post-high school intentions. The fair is also aimed at promoting a closer relationship between school administrators, counselors and the business community for future exchanges of information and job opportunities.

Kenneth Waldroff, Salem, director of the job fair for the division of continuing education, reports that 55 exhibit booths have been reserved for display purposes by businesses, industries and governmental agencies.

Exhibitors in the booths include 23 individual companies, 16 associations representing many business groups, five state agencies, four city agencies and three federal agencies. Waldroff said that between 100 and 150 major job classifications are represented among the exhibitors.

Officials from these firms will confer with the students and school counselors to explain the employment requirements and opportunities for those who plan to enter the job market following high school graduation. The job fair is directed at students who have industrial or technical interests and do not plan to attend college.

Governor Mark Hatfield will officially open the job fair at 10 a.m. on May 4. An open house period will be held the night of May 5 during which parents and the general public may tour the exhibits and talk to the various company representatives. There is no admission charge for job fair visitors, Waldroff said.

Counselors have been provided with a list of exhibitors describing each industry to be displayed at the fair. Students are requested to submit a preferential list of exhibits they would like to visit on a small group basis. Two formal counseling sessions are scheduled in the morning and two sessions in the afternoon with business and industrial representatives. Each counseling session will be approximately 25 minutes in duration.

During the remainder of time, students will be free to visit all the exhibits on an informal basis. The counselors will receive a follow-up list indicating which booths students actually visited for post-counseling sessions.

This feature will insure counselors and business representatives that the students attending the job fair, used their time profitably.

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Whiteman, the fifth person to receive this annual award, is a native of Illinois where he began his education in a one room country school and he completed the first and second grades his first year. At the age of 16 he graduated from high school during the depression in the dust bowl of West Texas in the "dirty thirties." He is a graduate of New Mexico State University and holds M.S. and Ph. D. degrees from Oklahoma State. He was named in the Who's Who in American Colleges at New Mexico University.

He graduated as a second lieutenant in armored infantry in time to help spearhead "Blood and Guts" Pattons drive across France

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where he earned the purple heart, silver star, bronze star, and both the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre. He attained the rank of captain.

He has been on the animal science staff at Oklahoma State University for the past 14 years.

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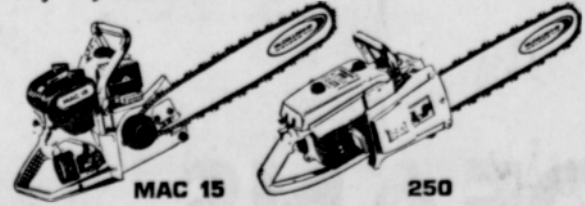
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