

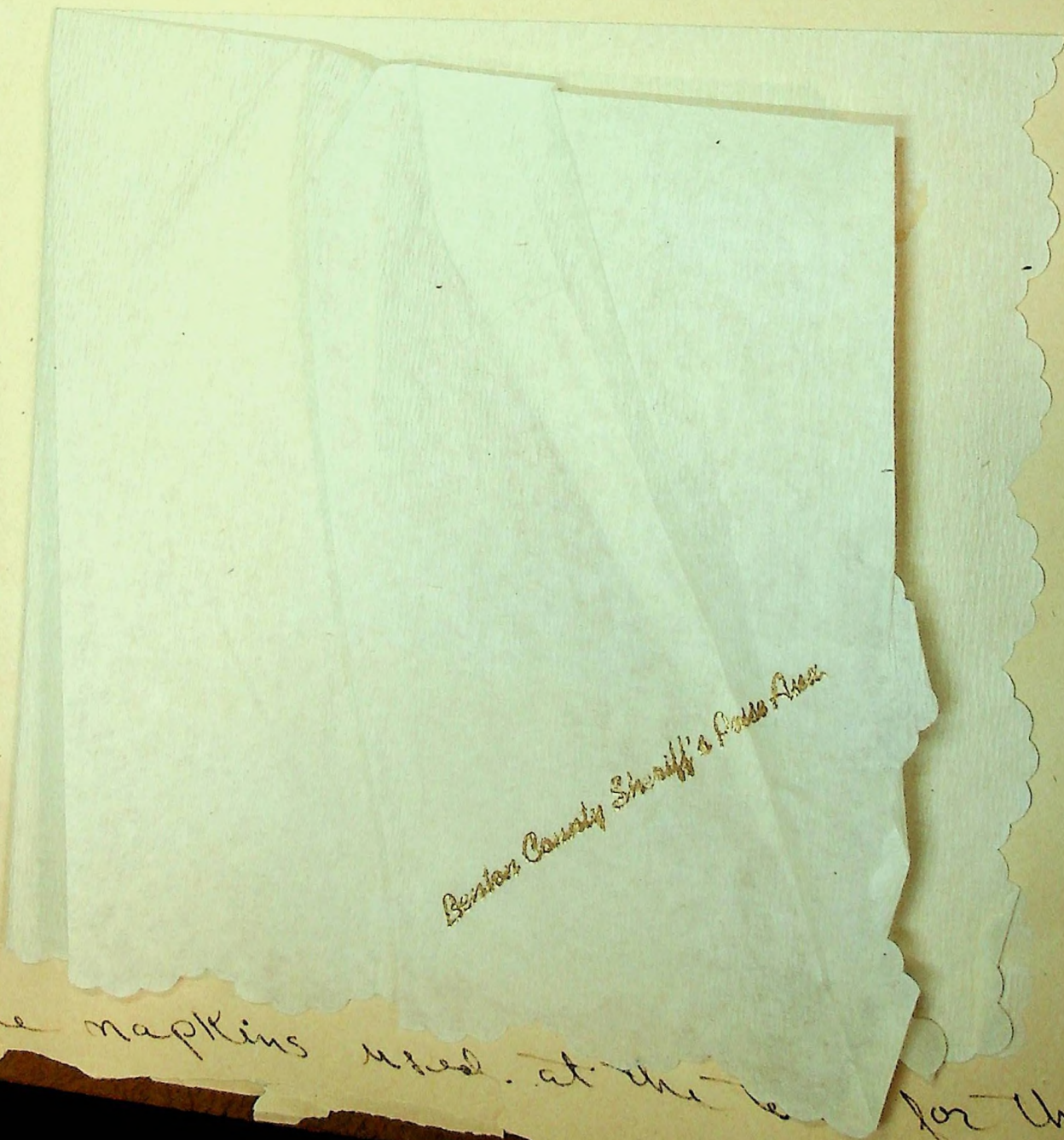
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The number I used when I was chosen Princess



Benton County Sheriff's Office

one of the napkins used at the time for the contest

Queen And Court To Tour, Advertising Fair, Festival; Barbara Wells Wins



QUEEN AND HER COURT OF THE BENTON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO. Queen Barbara Wells, center, and her court who will rule over the three day celebration to be held in Kennewick Aug. 19, 20 and 21. Left to right the girls are Marilyn Oliver, Joi Slusher, Queen Barbara, Jo Ann Bacon and Marilyn Purser. The girls are sponsored by the Benton County Sheriff's Posse auxiliary.

A few hours after a queen for the Benton County Fair and Festival had been selected, fair and festival officials this week announced that the queen and her court would go on an advertising tour of the central and eastern regions of the state.

Miss Barbara Wells, the girl with flowing brown tresses, from Richland, walked off with the honors Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds and will reign as fair and festival queen.

Miss Wells, 20, medium height, with green eyes and a definite plan to attend Whitman college in Walla Walla in the fall, will take her four princesses with her in a tour that will extend from Walla Walla to Toppenish and probably farther before the fair dates—August 19, 20 and 21, roll around.

Princesses selected for the tour are Joy Slusher of 1601 Jadwin street, Richland; Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser; Marilyn Purser, Mest; and Marilyn Oliver, 401 First street, Kennewick.

Following the contest Sunday, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Leila Owens, 204 Howard street.

Miss Wells was a happy girl yesterday when she talked about plans for the future. She was one of the group of girls who placed in the finals on horsemanship at the fair grounds in a riding demonstration in front of three judges and a small crowd of people. She works in the 100 Area at Richland, was born at Ft. Wayne, Ind., attended Kirkwood, Mo., high school, and lived in Galveston, Texas, a year before coming to Richland a little less than a year ago. She works in the 100 Area in Hanford as a laboratory assistant. Her father is an engineer for General Electric there.

Barbara's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wells, were away from home when Barbara went into the contest. Her winning was a complete surprise. When they arrived home Sunday night, Barbara had not returned from

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Queen To Tour

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Kennewick. Mr. Wells turned on the radio shortly after arriving and the first statement was that winners in the contest to select a queen for the fair and festival would be announced.

"We were so thrilled when Barbara's name was announced as winner, of course," said Wells.

Judges were three out of town men. Two of these were colleagues of fair secretary C. C. Miller's in the house of representatives—Arthur Bergevin of Lowden, Wash., and Perry Woodall of Toppenish. The other was August Beltzner of Joliet, Ill., who was here visiting his son. One of the questions thrust against each contestant by the other two judges when they interviewed the girls at the home of Mrs. Owens was: What can you say to convince our friends from Illinois that he should remain here for the fair and festival? The girls didn't hesitate. Their replies included that he should remain because the fair was going to be outstanding that the rodeo feature of the fair would be wonderful, and that he should stay and see the grapes get ripe.

The area where a race track is to be laid out has been cleared at the fairgrounds. There will be a quarter a mile oval track and a quarter mile straightaway.



"Star," owned by Mrs. Tom O. Crawford, looks as bright as his name. Shown by Mrs. Crawford in the forthcoming horse show to be held at Bridlewood, he will be a contender for prizes and trophies. After the Sunday show there will be a dinner, followed by dancing. A large attendance is expected on both Saturday and Sunday.

Fair's Royal Court Feted

The royal court for the Benton county fair and rodeo were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stromme at their beautiful ranch home west of Pasco. Queen Barbara Wells and Princesses Joi Slusher, Marilyn Purser, Jo Ann Bacon and Marilyn Oliver comprise the court.

The queen and her court members of the Benton and Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary enjoyed an afternoon summer riding, pole bending and ing. Capt. Orin Lande, the Elmer Smith of the rural se were present to instruct in the drill work.

Pat Owens, rodeo star and his daughter Barbara, who is a member in the Benton Round-Up queen, were among guests.

Extra horses rented for the afternoon were from these: P. Miller, Jim Mitchell and Art. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Stromme, Elmer Smith, chairman of the fair, and her court assisted by Mrs. Volun.

Queen Barbara And Her Court Ride

Queen Barbara Wells, of Richland, Princess Joi Slusher, Richland, Princess Marilyn Purser, Ringold, Princess Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser, and Princess Marilyn Oliver of Kennewick, members of the Royal Court of the Benton fair and rodeo, to be held in Kennewick August 19, 20 and 21, were guests of the Richland Riders' club Friday evening.

The queen and her court and members of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary enjoyed an evening of drilling. Captain Orin Lande, Lieutenant Elmer Smith of the Sheriff's Posse, President Harvey Simonson, of the Richland Riding club, and Trustees Glen Allen and Roy Butler were present to instruct in the drill work.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bacon and Mrs. Ora Bacon of Prosser; Mr. and Mrs. Art Purser and son, Marco, of Ringold; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Slusher, Bill Nelson, Mr. McAdams, Verne Simpson and Miss Sharon Allen, of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stromme and daughter, Diana, of Pasco; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Buchanan, Orin Lande, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Kennewick were among those present.

Mrs. Stromme and Mrs. Smith are the chaperones for the Royal Court. Queen Barbara and members of her royal court, also members of the Posse and Auxiliary rode in Prosser on the

Fourth, at noon. And at 3 o'clock on the Fourth they rode in the parade at Toppenish. In the evening, they rode again in the Grand Entry of the Toppenish Pow-Wow.



This is my Box seat when I was a guest at the Toppenish Pow Wow

Fair Queen, Princesses Go On Tour

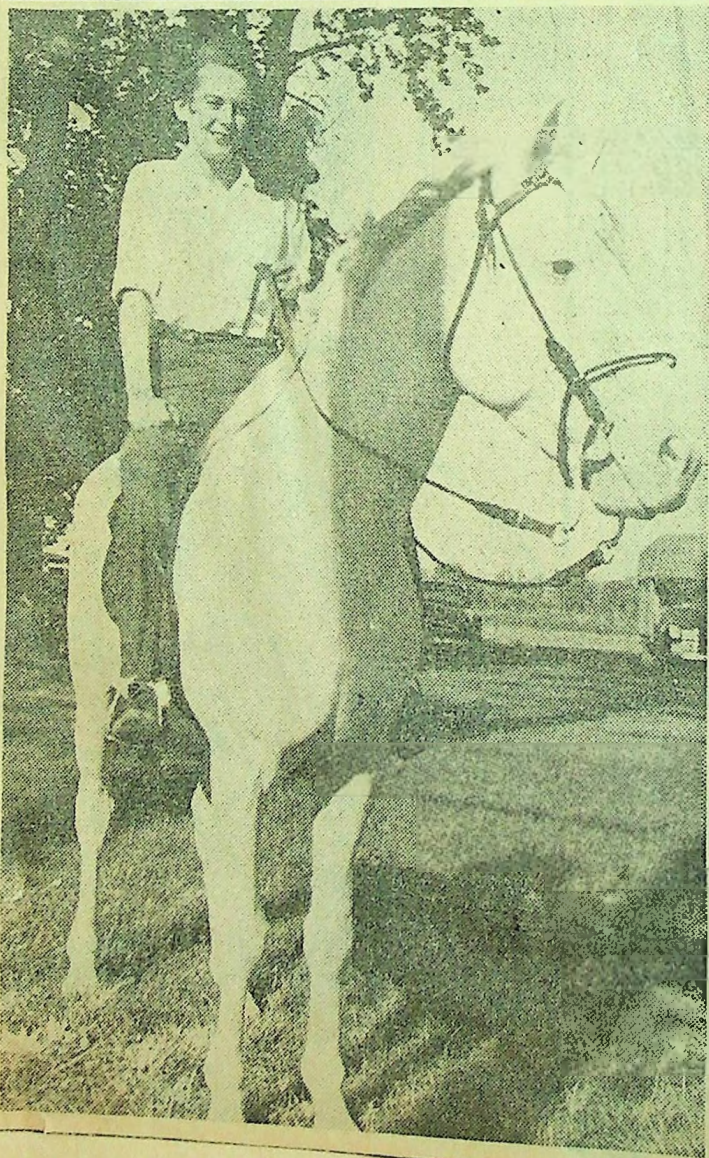
Barbara Wells, queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, and her four princesses, Joi Slusher, Marilyn Oliver, Jo Ann Bacon and Marilyn Purser, made a big swing through the country Monday to publicize their own celebration to be held in Kennewick Aug. 19, 20 and 21.

At noon they paraded through the streets of Prosser followed by the mounted Benton County Sheriff's Posse and auxiliary. Following this parade they went to Toppenish where they were part of the giant parade featuring the Pow-Wow there.

Later the queen and her court took part in the grand entry and they were guests of the Toppenish Pow-Wow during the rodeo which followed.

Friday night the girls were the guests of the Richland Riding club. The posse is headed by Captain Orin Lande and Lt. Elmer Smith. Harvey Simpson is president of the Richland Riding club.

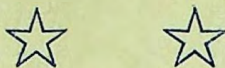
Queen Barbara Wells And Her Royal Court



SEEN MOUNTED on her white stallion, Sir Gallahad, is Miss Barbara Wells, daughter of W. Wells of Richland, who will reign as queen of the Benton county rodeo and fair, August 19 through 21. Seated on the corral fence are the queen and her four princesses. They are, left to right, Miss Joi Slusher, Miss Jo Ann Bacon, Miss Wells, Miss Marilyn Purser and Miss Marilyn Oliver. Charles Brewer photo.

This picture was taken when we were practicing at Richland.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM



39th ANNUAL

Alder Creek Pioneer Picnic

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TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1949.

— at —

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In other words, watch where you throw your match or cigarette.

Fair Court In Bickleton

Queen Barbara Wells and her court of honor went to Bickleton Monday to publicize the Benton County Fair and Rodeo.

The queen and her court, Joi Slusher, Jo Ann Bacon, Marilyn Purser and Marilyn Oliver, rode in the parade which started the 39th annual Pioneer picnic.

The girls were accompanied to Bickleton by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stromme and Buchanan.

Richland Girl Selected As Fair Queen

Barbara Wells, 1946 Davison, Richland, was named yesterday to rule as Queen of the 1949 Benton County Fair. Miss Wells was picked following a contest which also named four princesses to rule as her court attendants.

The four princesses are Joi Slusher, 1601 Jadwin, Richland; Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser; Marilyn Purser, Ringold and Marilyn Oliver, 401 First avenue, Kennewick. The girls were judged on their horsemanship, personality and general appearance.

Barbara is a 20-year-old green-eyed beauty with long lustrous brown hair that she wears shoulder length. She was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and moved to Richland with her family from Calveston a year ago. She works in the 100 area as a laboratory assistant.

The girls were all measured yesterday for the special riding habits they will wear while touring neighboring cities to publicize the fair. The princesses will wear outfits of contrasting shades of blue and the queen will wear a solid color riding habit. The entourage will visit cities between Walla Walla and Toppenish.

Judging the contest were August Beltzner, Joliet, Ill., and two state representatives. Arthur Bergervin, Lowden and Harry Woodall, Toppenish. Woodall is also president of the Yakima county fair.

this was my first public
appearance as princess of
the Fair. We didn't have
our uniforms at this time.

This is the first
note up concerning
the Queen and her
Court:

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Starts 10 a.m. Sharp

Band Selections Sunnyside H. S. Band
Star Spangled Banner Audience and Band
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Memorial Service Mrs. Chloe Walling
Group of Songs Stanley Lebens
Yakima, Washington.
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Coleman, J. I. Wherry.

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Band sponsored by Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.

CHORUS:

Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

39th ANNUAL PIONEER PICNIC

Official Sports Program

Cleveland Park 4 Miles West of Bickleton

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1949.

SPORTS PROGRAM BEGINS AT 1:30 P. M.

INDIAN PARADE

GRAND MOUNTED PARADE FOR ALL (Boys under 16, prize 50c).

ONCE AROUND RACE—Open to all, fee \$5.00; first \$50.00; second
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ONCE AROUND COWBOY RACE— No fee; first \$5; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1;
(ridden with stock saddles)

TWICE AROUND RACE— open to all, fee \$7.50; first, \$75; 2nd,
takes entrance fees.

TRICK RIDING AND ROPING—Peggy Minor.

THREE TIMES AROUND RACE—Open to all, entrance fee \$10; 1st
\$100; 2nd, takes entrance fees.

COW RIDING—Purse of \$25, plus \$1 fee each, split three ways, 50,
30, 20 per cent.

CALF ROPING— Purse \$75.00, plus \$7.50 fee each, split three ways,
50, 30, 20 per cent.

BRONC RIDING—Purse of \$75, plus \$7.50 fee each, split three ways,
50, 30, 20, per cent.

3/8 MILE TRACK

Entries Close at 11:00 a. m. Sharp.

Committee's Decision In All Matters Is Final.

DANCE— 8 p. m., TO 2 a. m.

Judges selected by committee.

COMMITTEE: Roy Van Nostern, Delmar Shattuck, L. D. Naught,
Delmar Allbritton, Earl Lasley, Randal Ferguson, Verne
Looney, Vernon Van Nostern.

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this was my first public



A beautiful setting for a horse show surrounds "Bridlewood" on the Inland Empire highway, where the Spokane Riding and Driving association is holding the 1948 civic horse show May 29 and 30. Taking part are Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur C. Duncan. Mrs. Duncan is mounted on "Traveler." Mr. Duncan will ride "Morocco."

Ponder, Calumet's Latest Wonder Horse, Wins Kentucky Derby



Another Ben Jones-trained, Calumet farm-owned 3-year-old flashed under the wire in the classic Kentucky derby yesterday to give the combination its fourth win in the 'Run for the Roses.' Conceded only an "outside chance" to sneak in for place or

show money behind Olympia, Ponder nipped Capot in the stretch run after Olympia faded badly in the last quarter. A 16-to-1 shot, Ponder showed three solid lengths of daylight ahead of the fading Capot. (Ap wirephoto.)



A PALOMINO MARE AND HER COLT MEET STANDARD OF BREEDERS: A COAT THE COLOR OF NEWLY MINTED GOLD. THIS MOTHER PALOMINO IS WORTH \$3,500

GOLDEN HORSES

Breeders are trying to produce
true strain of valued palominos

The ancient tales about golden horses were long regarded as nothing but pleasant fables. But truth has been restored to the legends with the return of horses which shine like pure gold, the American palominos. Golden horses are freaks which can be born to any breed. But some of the American palominos are descendants of the gold-colored Spanish stallions which were lost in the desert long ago by the early ranchers. In the past 30 years breeders have tried to create a true strain of palominos

and have had some success, as shown by the picture above of the one-day-old colt which was born on the Fisher Farm in Pennsylvania, the country's biggest palomino ranch. Even if perfectly mated, palominos do not always breed true, are likely to produce horses of any color. The beauty of the palominos makes them especially valuable as show horses, and prices for them run up into the thousands. The most valuable of all is the palomino with a coat of pure gold and a long pure-white tail.

FORCED LANDING



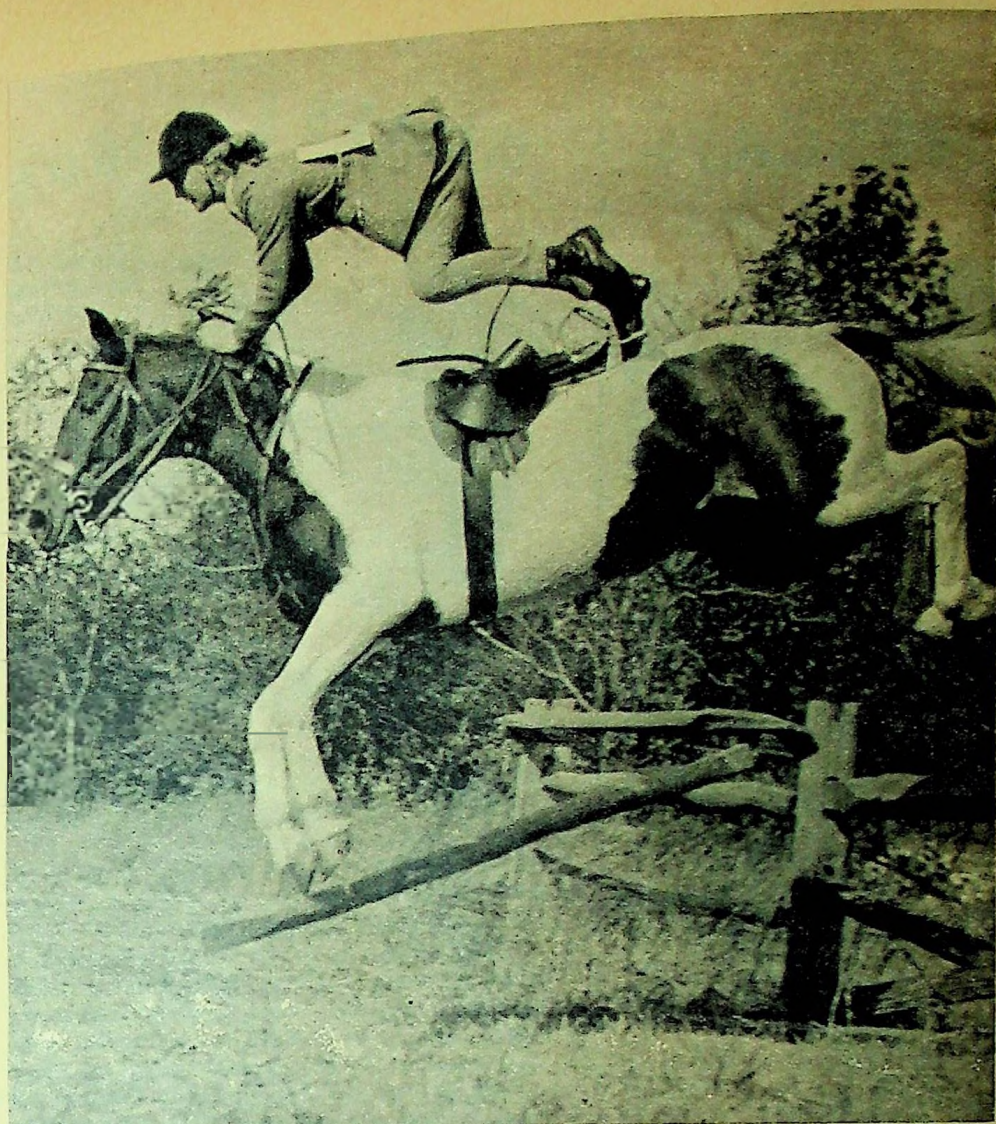
IN CASE you think horse-jumping is strictly for sissies, take a look at the pictures on these pages. Four ambitious riders are getting set to hit terra firma in as many different ways. Falls like these are a dime a dozen at horse shows, and they're full of danger, too. The riders shown here were lucky — they walked away.

SURE SPILL. She'd like to be somewhere else—anywhere else



*Photographs by
Carl Klein*

LAST-MINUTE DECISION by a fickle horse prompted this procedure



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This wasn't an official visit but Pat Owens had to go over there so he thought maybe Barbara and I could be introduced. When we got there Pat got two of the cowboys horses for us to ride in the Grand Entry. I rode a 3,500 quarter horse stud and could it run.

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July 31, 1949

Sunday Morning



Horse Back Riding

There never has been a girl or a grown-up woman who didn't like horse back riding . . . And who didn't yearn to own a beautiful riding horse of her own.

Or who didn't envy the proud owner of a beautiful mount. Time was when women rode horseback because it was the only means of locomotion for man or woman.

Today Milady rides . . . perhaps because it is the vogue, but fundamentally, we think, because she loves horses.

Kennewick's annual Rodeo is giving the trained woman riders of the two counties a wonderful chance for a lot of riding and today

we see pictured some of the really good riders of Franklin county and Benton county. Upper left Marilyn Purser, Ringold, whose smile indicates her love of her mount; center Barbara Wells, Richland, who is Queen of the Rodeo, and right, Joi Schlusser, also of Richland. Lower left is Marilyn Oliver, Kennewick and right Jo Ann Bacon of Prosser.

Evening . . . horse back on a desert trail . . . sagebrush . . . lavender hills.

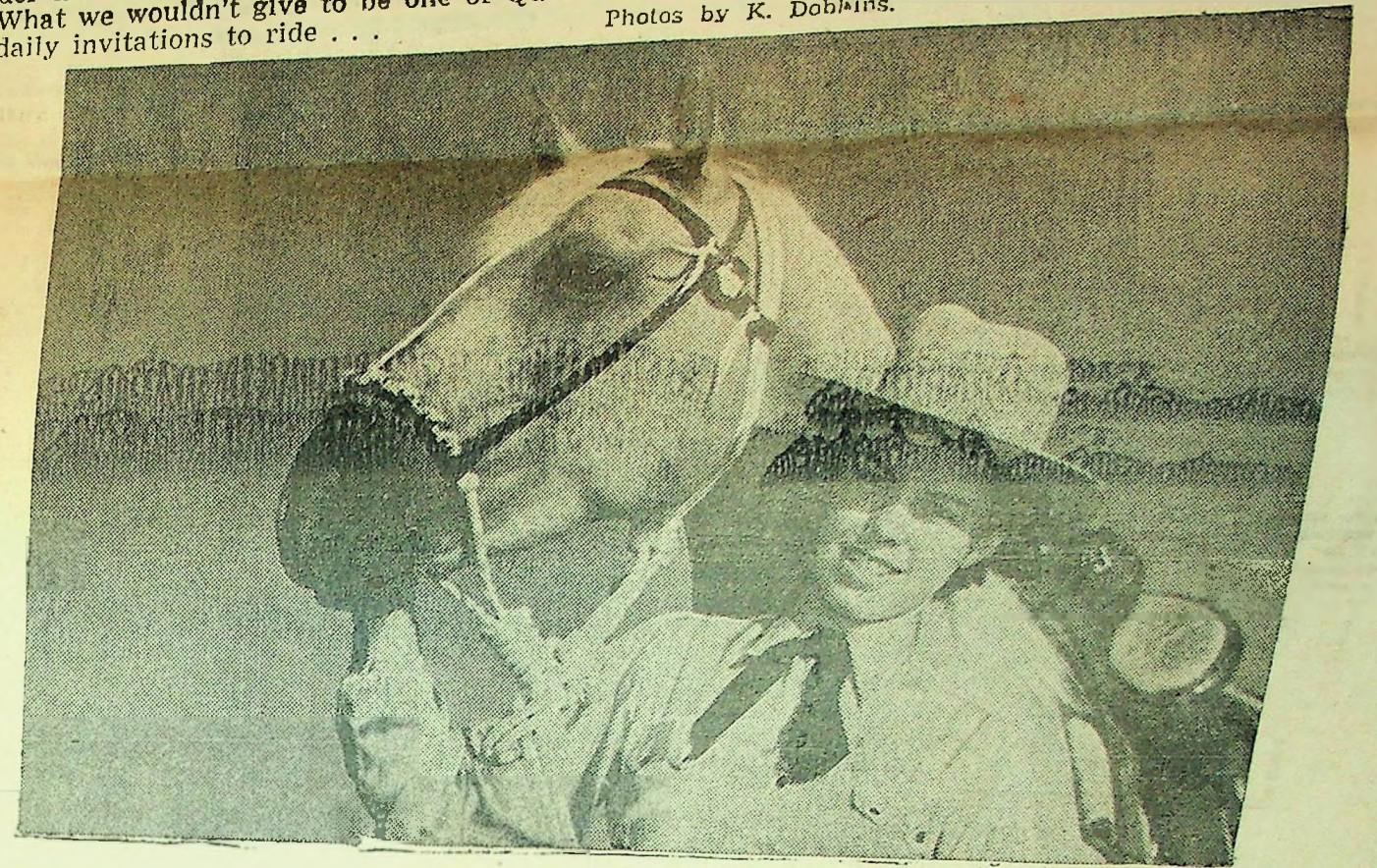
What we wouldn't give to be one of Queen Barbara's court . . . with daily invitations to ride . . .

Photos by K. Dobbins.

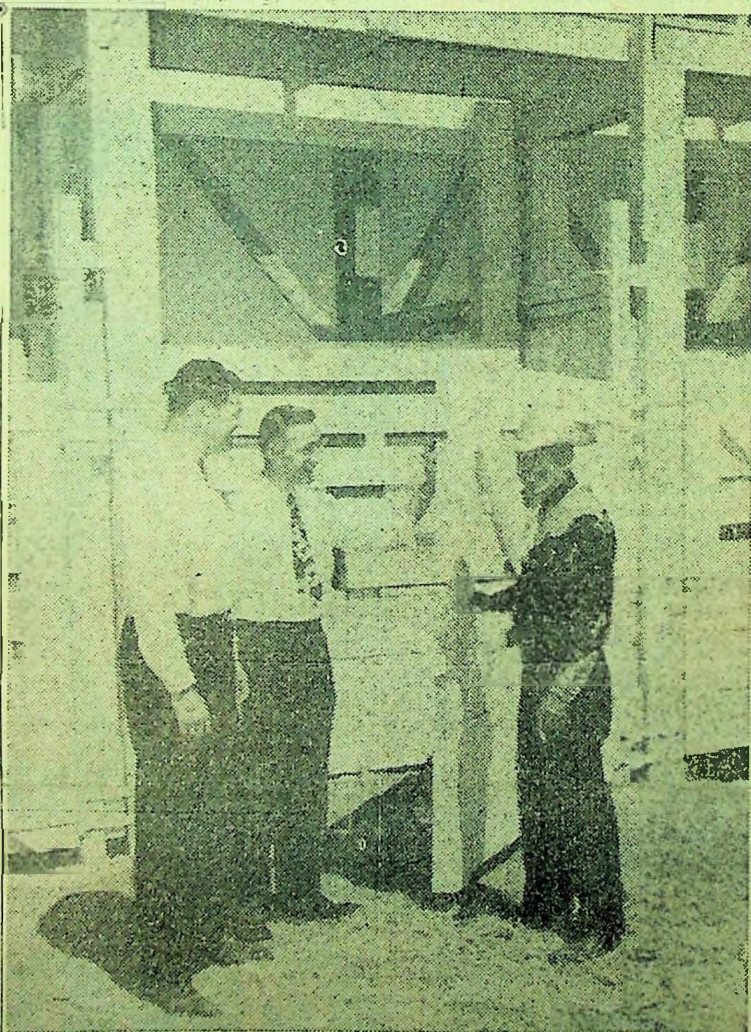
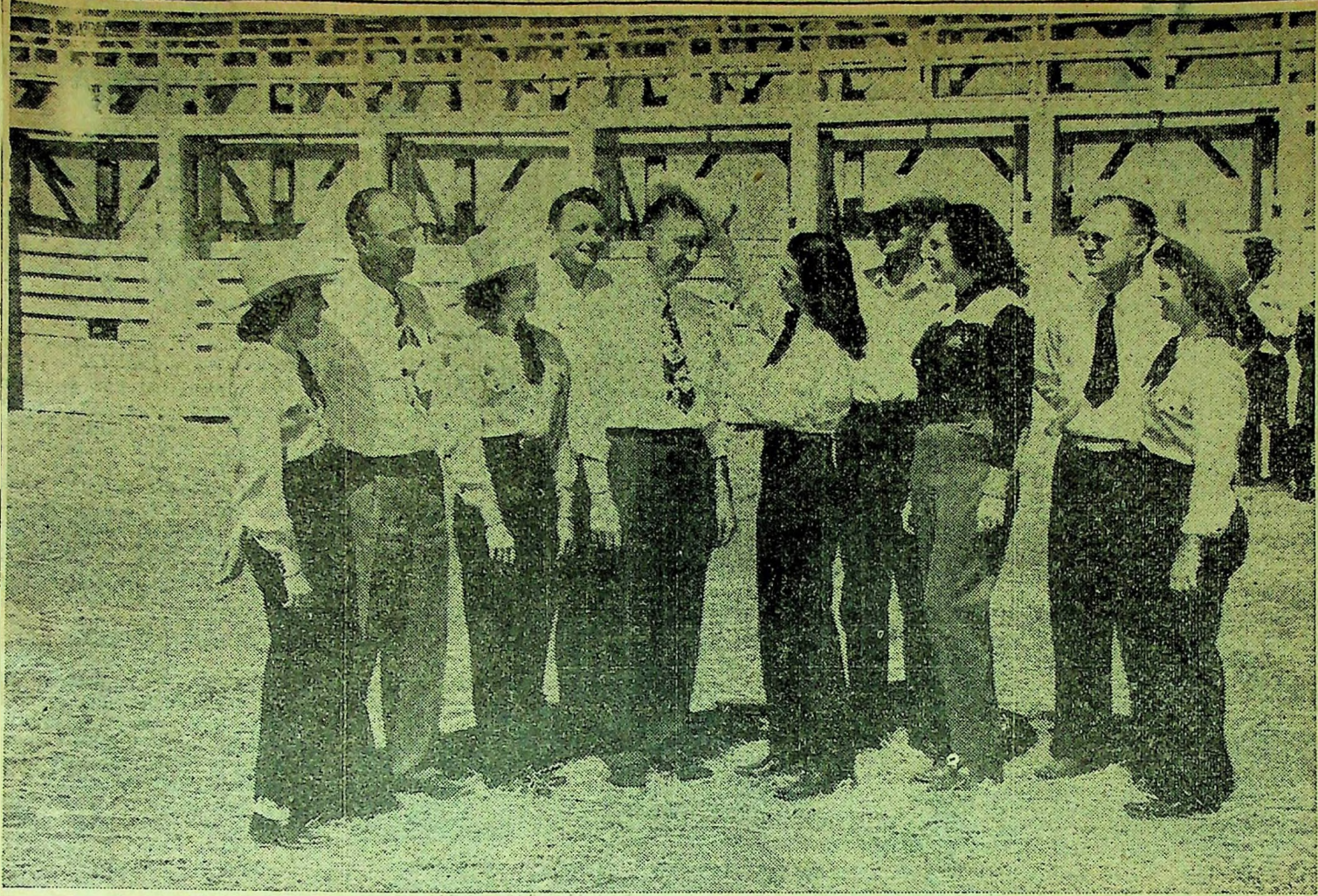


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Kennewick Gets Set For Big Rodeo

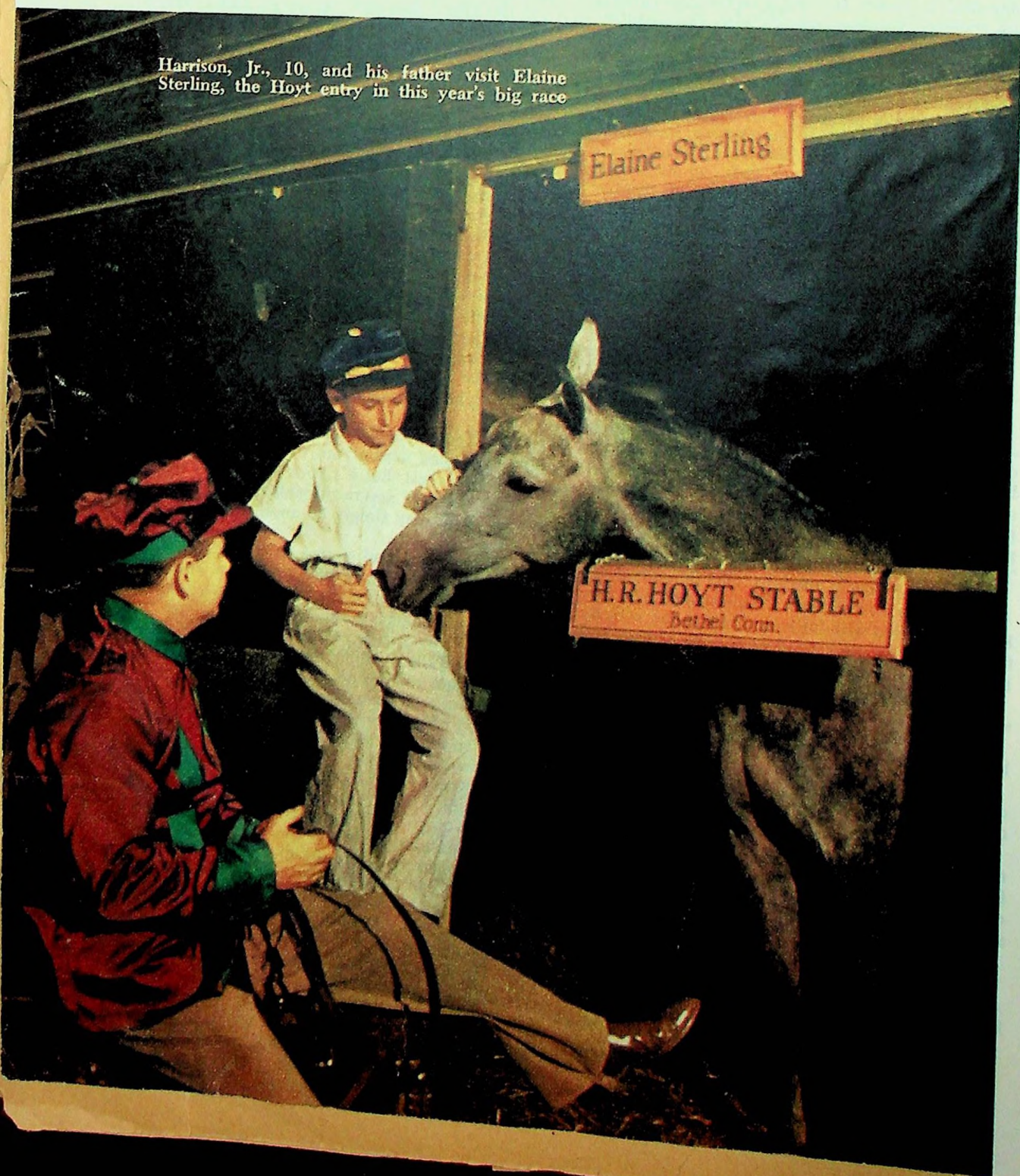


"Try My Hat for Size"—That's what Queen Barbara Wells of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo is telling Mayor Urban Keolker. Keolker, and other city dignitaries, was out at the rodeo grounds near the Twin City airport watching progress. He was pleasantly surprised. From left to right, Princess Jo Slusher, Gene Spaulding, president of the Kennewick Chamber; Princess Marilyn Purser; Ross Frank, manager of the chamber; Keolker and Queen Barbara; Alfred Amon, president of the Fair board; Princess JoAnn Bacon; Kenneth Serier, city attorney; and Princess Marilyn Oliver. Immediately above, Pat Owens, right, is showing Glenn Sherman, left, and Keolker the new bucking chutes which the Sheriff's Posse has erected.

(Photos by K. Dobbins. Herald engraving.)



Harrison Hoyt (maroon and green) wins the first heat of the 1948 Hambletonian with Demon Hanover



Harrison, Jr., 10, and his father visit Elaine Sterling, the Hoyt entry in this year's big race

HOYT

By DAN PARKER

FOR years it was a commonly accepted fallacy in the harness-racing world that only after a lifetime of training, when *rigor mortis* was setting in, was a man competent to sit in a sulky and handle the reins of a fast-stepping trotter or pacer. This hoary hunk of hokum was exploded like a loaded stogie in August of last year at Goshen, New York, at the \$60,000 Hambletonian Trot, the Kentucky Derby of harness racing. It was burst by a thirty-eight-year-old amateur named Harrison R. Hoyt of Bethel, Connecticut. With a scant four years' driving experience behind him, Hoyt showed up the pick of the country's trotters, drivers and trainers by winning the classic in straight heats behind Demon Hanover, a trotter he had bought as a yearling for \$2,600 and trained himself.

Harrison Hoyt is the third of his line to manufacture hats in Bethel, birthplace of P. T. Barnum, but he's the first Hoyt ever to pull a golden horse out of a fedora. His victory in the Hambletonian marked the first time an amateur driver had ever won the Hayseed Derby. The week of August 8th the Mad Hatter of Bethel will be pitting his best three-year-old trotter against the favored Guy Ambassador, a contest which will have an added interest because both horses are the offspring of former Hambletonian winners.

Elaine Sterling, the gray filly that Hoyt will be driving in the Goshen classic, was sired by Bill Gallon, one of the great trotters of this era, who won

Collier's for August 6, 1949



of the Hambletonian

A mad young hatter won 1948's Hambletonian, upsetting the tradition that only old sulky drivers can win. Now he's out to make it two in a row

the Hambletonian in 1941. Her dam is Fay Sterling, a mare sired by the great Volomite. Elaine Sterling, who won six of her 14 dashes last season and finished out of the money only twice, shaped up so well in her efforts in the early part of this season that she dropped from 25-to-1 to 12-to-1 in the winter book. Should Hoyt come through again in this year's Hambletonian, next year he would be in a position to go after the hat trick—three in a row—and what more could a hatter ask?

Everyone in the trotting world was surprised when Hoyt, the greenhorn driver, won the Hambletonian last year—everyone, that is, except Hoyt himself and the home folk back in Bethel, a typical, sleepy New England village, little changed by the passing years. Veterans of the harness-racing sport shook their heads sadly at the thought of a sure thing being ruined by a young whippersnapper who thought he could drive.

Some of Hoyt's critics didn't spare his feelings as they bluntly demanded to know why he didn't hire an experienced driver instead of messing up things by trying to drive, himself. But every Bethelite who could scrape up a few extra bucks pridefully tossed them into the home-town pool to be bet on Demon Hanover. The home folk had blind faith in the man they had watched ever since, as a kid in knee breeches, he had upset his father's horse-drawn sleigh while trying to defy centrifugal force on a sharp turn at full speed and was pitched head first into a snowbank.

There's a heap of David Harum in Harrison Hoyt and more than a dash of Peter Pan. Those who haven't had dealings with the old-time New England Yankee type are likely to sell Hoyt short. He doesn't talk big or try to create an impression, but one senses that the piercing dark eyes of this boyish-looking, chunky man of thirty-nine are boring right through you and reading your mind.

Hoyt definitely has a way with horses. They have been part of his life since he was twelve when his hat-manufacturing father bought him an old, gray sway-back to drive around hitched to a buggy. The Yankee-Doodle boy, combining business with pleasure, formed a partnership with a lad of his own age named Arthur Culhane, who also owned a horse. Hitching the ill-matched pair to a box wagon, the two youngsters went into business as ash removers. For a dollar a load they would cart away the accumulated ashes of Bethel householders. One day a shrewd housewife demanded a contract price instead of the usual rate.

"Here's where I outsmart her," said young Harrison, the business end of the firm. So, sizing up the ash pile quickly and estimating that it contained three loads, he said, "We'll be glad to remove the pile for \$5, ma'am." The alacrity with which she accepted the offer caused Hoyt some misgivings.

By noontime of that long Saturday, when they were removing the 17th wagonload, the reason for her eager acceptance was all too obvious. Tall grass had grown over the (Continued on page 45)



Hoyt, the Demon, and the Hambletonian cup they won

The new-style winner of the trotting classic sits between former champs Tom Berry and Ben White, a four-timer



accumulated pile of ashes, causing the scheming youngster to miscalculate badly. But Hoyt and Culhane stuck to their bad bargain until the 29th and the last load was removed late that afternoon.

Probably the first competitive test of horsemanship in which Hoyt handled the reins was run down a long hill outside Bethel during his school days. Hoyt's gray sway-back had a sprung front knee, and his father warned him never to let the horse run downhill. But while he was out for a buggy ride with the plug one autumn afternoon, the lad overtook an elderly farmer jogging along in his rig. Hoyt tried to pass, but the wrinkled hay tosser, sizing up the old plug, challenged in true Yankee fashion: "I'll race you for a gallon of cider."

"It's a go," said Harrison, forgetting his father's injunction and touching up the gray nag's flanks with his whip.

Autumn Inspires an Old Plug

Downhill the two contraptions rattled, lickety-split, threatening to fall apart with each revolution of the squeaking wheels. The gray plug, inspired by Nature's autumnal glories, summoned up enough of his lost youth to deliver Harrison and his buggy safely at the bottom of the long grade ahead of the elderly rustic. Elated over his victory, the boy didn't stop to demand his reward. He was always an amateur at heart.

Several days later, Harrison's father came home bearing a large bottle of cider, and asked his son if he knew anything about it. The jug was the signal to Harrison that the jig was up, so he told his father all about the race, run in defiance of his orders. For that, Papa Harrison locked the gray horse in the barn for two weeks while Harrison, Jr., rode around on shanks' mare, letting the lesson of obedience sink in.

As the scion of a well-to-do Connecticut family, Harrison, in the natural course of events, should have gone from high school to Yale. But the love of horses was so deeply ingrained in him that instead he chose the University of Wyoming, in Laramie, where men are men and horses are broncos. If some of the veteran harness-racing drivers who doubted Hoyt's ability to tackle anything as big as the Hambletonian had inquired into his background, they might have learned from an incident that took place during his college years that this boy was made of rugged stuff.

One fall day he and a school friend started on foot from Laramie to visit another school friend who lived 60 miles away, over a bleak mountain. The 60-mile hike over a mountain peak didn't strike them as a hardship and it mightn't have been, by their standards, if a raging blizzard hadn't come whistling down out of the north after they had covered about 30 miles of the route. The country was desolate for miles around. Less stout-hearted lads would have perished in the blinding snow and numbing temperature, but Harrison and his pal trudged onward until, after dark, they came to an abandoned schoolhouse.

Staggering half frozen into the little frame building, they ripped desks and seats from the floor, broke them into kindling and soon had a roaring fire going in the potbellied stove. Next morning, with the storm still raging, they started back for Laramie, making painfully slow progress because of deep drifts.

When nightfall arrived again, a half-ruined homesteader's cabin loomed up ahead. Again they treated themselves to the luxury of a fire, but there was nothing to eat and they hadn't had a

morsel of food since they had set out from Laramie two days previously. The temperature dropped to 25 below zero that night and their fire was scant protection against the marrow-congealing winds that howled through the cabin.

Next morning they were glad enough to get going to keep from freezing to death. Late in the afternoon, more dead than alive, they staggered into a ranch house and sat down to their first meal in over 72 hours. Thus fortified, the rest of the homeward journey was easy for them. Three miles out of Laramie they came upon a caravan of three automobiles that was starting out with a search party to look for them.

Harrison's first real venture as a horseman came several years after he had finished college, married and settled down to a career as a hat manufacturer. Buying three carloads of Western horses from a friend in Wyoming, he had them shipped to Bethel. Soon the countryside was alive with bucking broncos. Harrison learned more about the rockiness of his native Connecticut soil during that period than from any other in his career. His wife, Ruth, always had a bottle of arnica and a supply of splints and bandages handy. She tried to keep him away from horses, fearing he'd get killed, but her efforts were in vain.

When Hoyt sold his string of broncos, he kept one for his own use, which proved to be a bit of lucky foresight, because not long after this it was roundup time in Bethel. Wartime restrictions on the sale of meat caused the enterprising hatter to look around for a means of helping the townfolk get their customary supply of beefsteak. Buying three carloads of prime steers, he had them shipped by rail to Bethel.

When the first consignment arrived, Hoyt and a few helpers decided to drive them from the freight yards through the village to a corral he had built. It was a bum steer! The animals stampeded and ran through cornfields, flower gardens and lawns for the next 24 hours. Mrs. Hoyt's posy patch came in for special attention, and long before the galloping beef had been herded into the corral, Harrison was in the doghouse.

Hoyt retained his equable disposition throughout this trying experience; but when a Pathe newsreel man, who had read about it in the New York papers, arrived next day with his camera and suggested that the Mad Hatter stage it all over again with the second carload, Hoyt showed him the way to go home. Then he started settling claims for damages submitted by irate villagers, and making peace offerings to Mrs. Hoyt.

Three No-Good Trotters

"There was more fun than money in the bronco and steer deals," Harrison recalls. "But buying the broncos was really responsible for starting me off in the trotting business. The Wyoming friend who sold them to me had suggested that I buy a few trotters and race them for fun. I invested in three at \$200 apiece but found they weren't any good so I disposed of them. Then I read a newspaper advertisement stating that a standard-bred horse was for sale in New Milford, a dozen miles north of Bethel. I thought such an animal would be ideal for my purposes, because I could use him both as a saddle horse and for driving, so I bought him for \$300. The owner tossed in \$75 worth of harness and a jogging cart valued at \$75, which meant that the horse really stood me only \$150."

Louis Cobb was the name of the six-year-old trotter Harrison brought home to his barns. Hoping to appease his wife, who looked with disdain on the

transaction because of the broncobusting and other equine episodes, he hitched the trotter and his fiery Western horse to a Glens Falls wagon (a three-seated surrey) and invited Ruth and one of her female friends for a ride.

As a means of winning friends and influencing people this wasn't exactly the procedure that Mr. Carnegie would have recommended. First the bronco started acting up. Then the trotter caught the jitters, and the next thing Hoyt knew, he was hanging onto the reins for his life, his two women passengers were clinging to each other, screaming, in the back seat, and the Glens Falls wagon was swaying, bouncing and careening along one of the rockiest roads in Bethel, like a stagecoach in a cowboy picture.

When Harrison finally regained control of his ill-matched team, or let's put it, when they finally exhausted themselves, his womenfolk jumped out and refused to get back into the contraption. They walked home, and before Harrison dared follow he had to fortify himself with flowers, candy and other mollifiers.

The adventure convinced Harrison that he had a trotter who could step, even if the animal had never raced.

Bargain Horse Shows Promise

To test him, Hoyt loaded him and a sulky onto a horse trailer and drove to the Danbury Fair Grounds, where there is an old trotting track, seldom used nowadays. Several New Milford friends of his who owned trotters and sulkies followed, and every evening the group had impromptu racing meets. At first the other trotters always beat Louis Cobb. But under Hoyt's handling and training, the six-year-old soon began to outstrip the others. The bargain horse did so well, in fact, that Hoyt decided to try him out in races for money, and entered him at Freehold, New Jersey.

It was a broiling August day when Hoyt, green as the lawns back in Bethel, arrived in Freehold for his debut as a driver. Around noontime, noticing that the other drivers were putting their trotters through brisk workouts, he asked a groom why they were killing themselves and their horses out there in the scorching sun. When informed they were warming up for the race, Hoyt naively remarked, "My horse is soaked with sweat just standing there in that hot stable. I won't have to warm him up."

The groom, suppressing a laugh until he could repeat the story to others, patiently explained to the tyro that a certain warmup routine was necessary before each race to keep trotters from breaking (galloping instead of trotting) during the race. The formula consisted of one jog around the track the wrong way, then, after turning, a mile in three minutes, a half-hour rest, a 2:30 mile, another half-hour rest, and a 2:20 mile.

Hoyt had no stop watch and admits he wouldn't have known then how to use one if he had, so he hitched Louis Cobb to his gig and sent him through three sizzling workouts that took everything out of the animal. Then he went back to the barn, put on his racing colors and strolled around the grounds to wait for post time.

The first official heat Hoyt ever drove in, his trotter broke and finished fifth. But the shrewd Yankee watched the other drivers starting and caught onto the trade secret of how to beat the gun by turning around and heading toward the starting line at the very instant the starter was telling them not to turn until ordered. It worked beautifully. He got Louis Cobb off second, and second is where he stayed for the entire race. Mrs. Hoyt didn't know whether to be glad or

to greet him, but the sight of three horses on a stake for Hanover Farm "if properly handled." Poor Hoyt! Nobody had faith in him except his trotter and his wife. "I did," replied Hoyt. "Hurrumph!" snorted

sad over this turn of events. This horse business had her in a quandary.

Next, Hoyt raced at Roosevelt Raceway and Saratoga with Louis Cobb and succeeded in winning four races with the \$150 bargain before the 1944 season was over. Then one night at Roosevelt Raceway, where the "bearcat" drivers abound, he was out in front with Louis Cobb, when he felt the fetid breath of the horse behind him on the back of his neck.

"Get out of the way, young whipper-snapper, or I'll ride right through you!" roared the hard-bitten veteran who held the reins on the second horse. That, of course, was the wrong way to put it to a Connecticut Yankee. Young Hoyt kept his position and won the heat. He has since learned that the horse and driver behind him would have suffered, not he, had the "bearcat" tried to run him down. When a driver cuts down the entry in front of him, he is subject to a fine or a suspension—or both.

Nice Guys—Except in a Race

By keeping his eyes and ears open and his mouth shut, Hoyt quickly picked up most of the tricks of the trade and also found out that the drivers, on the whole, were a fine, helpful lot—except during a race. Then it was a case of dog eat dog.

One day before the Hambletonian last year, he was giving Demon Hanover a tune-up trot at the half-mile Goshen track, when the horse broke getting away and went into another break in the backstretch. With the big race only a few days off, Hoyt was heartsick at the strange behavior of his trotter. Then he remembered that the Demon had held his head in a funny position during the first heat. So, while he was "scoring" (maneuvering) for the start of the second heat, he asked Del Miller, a driver who was alongside him, if Demon Hanover had his tongue over his bit.

"Not now," replied Miller, "but he did in the first heat. I saw it but I wasn't going to tell you until after the race."

That's the code of the harness track, just as in love and war.

From the time Hoyt paid \$300 for Louis Cobb and his trappings until he bought Demon Hanover as a yearling in 1946 for \$2,600, he didn't have to put any fresh money into his side line. His steppers more than earned their keep. In the interim he had bought and sold probably a dozen trotters and pacers, usually racing a string of three or four.

On some of his deals he lost a few hundred dollars and on others he made enough profit to wipe out the losses and leave him with a nice margin for oats, et cetera. Even so, Mrs. Hoyt still felt that Harrison was spending too much time with his horses and not enough with his hats, so, when he left to attend the Harrisburg sales in 1946, taking along three horses to sell and leaving only "the founding father" Louis Cobb in his stables, his spouse was pleased no end.

"Now I won't have to worry about him getting killed in that crazy business!" she sighed with relief.

But when he got to the sale, Hoyt took one look at the head of a yearling colt that was being offered and asked what the price was. When told it was ticketed at \$2,600, he said, "Sold!" without even looking at the colt's body. That's how he came to acquire Demon Hanover.

He also bought a full sister of Louis Cobb for \$300 to pair up with Louis for driving purposes at home. And finally he paid \$1,600 for another colt.

Breaking this news to Mrs. Hoyt when he arrived back in Bethel was going to be a worse ordeal than fighting out that Wyoming blizzard. When Mrs. Hoyt saw Harrison drive up with his horse and trailer hitched behind his car, she ran out to greet him, but the sight of three horses in the trailer stopped her in her tracks.

"I thought you were going to sell the three horses," she said, crestfallen.

"That's right," replied Harrison, "but I bought three more."

"How much did you pay for them?" she demanded, still undecided as to how she should react.

"Well, I paid \$300 for this little mare—she's Louis Cobb's full sister. She'll team up with him nicely for the Glens Falls wagon," he said, saving the bad news for last.

"Yes? And how about the other two?"

"Well, this one stood me \$1,600," said Harrison, timidly, watching out of the corner of his eye to see what effect the words would have.

"A fine way to waste money!"

"And"—now Harrison's voice was just above a whisper—"this little fellow here cost \$2,600."

Words failed Mrs. Hoyt. She turned on her heel and slammed the door in Harrison's face. That evening he went to the Elks Club.

The following year, 1947, Hoyt bought some building lots across from his home and hired a bulldozer and steam shovel to level off the grounds for a fifth-of-a-mile track, complete with stables, so he could quarter and train his trotters near home. The first rainstorm that came along washed the new track onto the street, closing it to traffic for several

from last place in the final quarter mile. (When a horse breaks, the driver must pull him up immediately and put him back into his gait.)

A week later, Hoyt started Demon again, this time taking him away slowly to avoid a break. From fifth place at the third quarter, he came on with a burst of speed that outdistanced all the older trotters and he won going away by five lengths in 2:05½. A horseman offered \$20,000 for Demon Hanover after the race, but Harrison just laughed.

At the Harrisburg sales that fall, Hoyt turned down an offer of \$50,000 for the Demon, made by Lawrence Sheppard of Hanover Shoe Farms, who already foresaw the little flier as the winner of the 1948 Hambletonian. A foreign bidder also offered \$50,000.

Instead of selling the Demon, Hoyt bought Elaine Sterling, the filly he's driving in this year's Hambletonian, and another yearling, Spencer Mite, for \$2,600 each. When Mr. Sheppard saw he couldn't induce Hoyt to sell the Demon, he pleaded with him to leave the champ at Hanover Farms to be trained by one of the experts connected with that noted breeding establishment. The Mad Hatter bluntly refused. It was a rugged winter in the foothills of the Berkshires that

By the time the Hambletonian rolled around, Demon Hanover had beaten all the top three-year-olds except Rollo, the winter-book favorite, driven by Tom Berry; Madison Hanover, driven by Ben White, the four-time Hambletonian winner; and Egan Hanover, driven by Ralph Baldwin.

Was Hoyt afraid of these three? He wasn't afraid of anything, because, as he dryly explains it, "By this time I felt better qualified to drive the race than any of the veterans—I had had more advice than all the others put together. Everyone from my two sons to grooms, drivers and owners told me how I should drive the Demon. I must admit Ruth didn't offer me any counsel, but when I mentioned the \$75,000 offer for the Demon, she demanded sharply, 'You're not going to sell him, are you?' That's when I knew I had finally won her over to the trotting game."

Winning the Hambletonian was really an anticlimax for Hoyt. He drew fourth position for the first heat and Rollo was in the No. 2 spot. Hoyt's only plan was to get away in front of the three horses between him and the rail and let one of the outside horses go into the lead. The best positions in the early stages of a race are second, third or fourth, on the rail. A horse in front gives the others something to race against.

To Hoyt's surprise, after he beat the inside three to the rail, none of the others made any effort to get out in front, even when he slowed down at the first eighth pole.

Worst Going Is Out Front

"I would have let at least two horses go by if they had tried; I didn't want to race in front all the way," he explains. "I was expecting trouble from those three colts I had never raced against, but all the way around, I stayed in front. In the second heat, I had the pole position. Having decided that the other horses couldn't beat Demon, I sent him out in front and kept him there. The toughest thing about harness racing is being out in front in a big race. But this time it was easy."

Most of Hoyt's employees were in the grandstand cheering. He had given them the day off and promised them full pay if he won. He not only won but so did they—a haful of dough for every glad hatter. A holiday had been proclaimed in Bethel by the first selectman, and those who couldn't get to Goshen listened to the broadcast.

In the winner's circle after the race, Mrs. Hoyt and her two fine lads, Harrison, Jr., nine, and Billy, seven, were waiting for the most important man in the world—the one those veteran drivers had said couldn't drive a red-hot spike into a snowdrift. Now these same men were gathering around to congratulate him and tell him he could "durned well drive as good as the best of them." Harrison was busy collecting cups and other trophies for ten minutes. As he prepared to leave the ring with his brood, his son Billy, a real Connecticut Yankee, tugged at his sleeve and whispered, "Daddy, don't forget the check!"

The check, incidentally, was for \$32,500.15, which swelled Demon Hanover's winnings to \$57,247.11. This year Hoyt has his \$2,600 bargain entered in \$200,000 worth of stakes.

On the way home, the Hoyts' car developed a steaming radiator, and Harrison pulled up at a roadside gas station to take on some water.

"Wuz yuh tuh the race?" asked the attendant casually.

"Yes," replied the conquering hero.

"Who won it?" pursued the gas man, to make conversation.

"I did," replied Hoyt.

"Hurrumph!" snorted the attendant, screwing on the radiator cap, "a wise guy, eh!"

THE END



"Only one thing wrong with this place"

TED KEY

days and requiring Hoyt to install a 30-inch drainpipe to carry away the surface water. The course of the draining ditch ran straight through the middle of Mrs. Hoyt's flower garden, causing another severance of diplomatic relations for several trying days, during which the unearthly din of a steam shovel and bulldozer didn't exactly act as oil on the troubled waters.

Harrison tried to smooth matters by assuring his irate helpmeet that if he won the Hambletonian, the expense of building the track would be only small change. Ruth said something about pipe dreams and let it go at that.

First Lessons for the Demon

The new track was good only for winter jogging but it was there that Demon Hanover was broken to harness and put through his first lessons in trotting. Usually he took his workouts hitched to a sleigh. When Hoyt finally moved to Mineola for spring training, most of the other two-year-old trotters were going pretty fast after weeks of conditioning. Demon trotted his first mile on a regular track in three minutes flat. Thereafter, he bettered his time whenever asked, in each succeeding workout.

In his first start at Saratoga, the Demon finished second. Then he reeled off 11 stunning victories in succession, and Hoyt knew he had an outstanding trotter. That fall he took the Demon to Lexington, Kentucky, to try him on a one-mile track. In his first race against 12 older horses, Demon broke going away and finished fourth, coming up

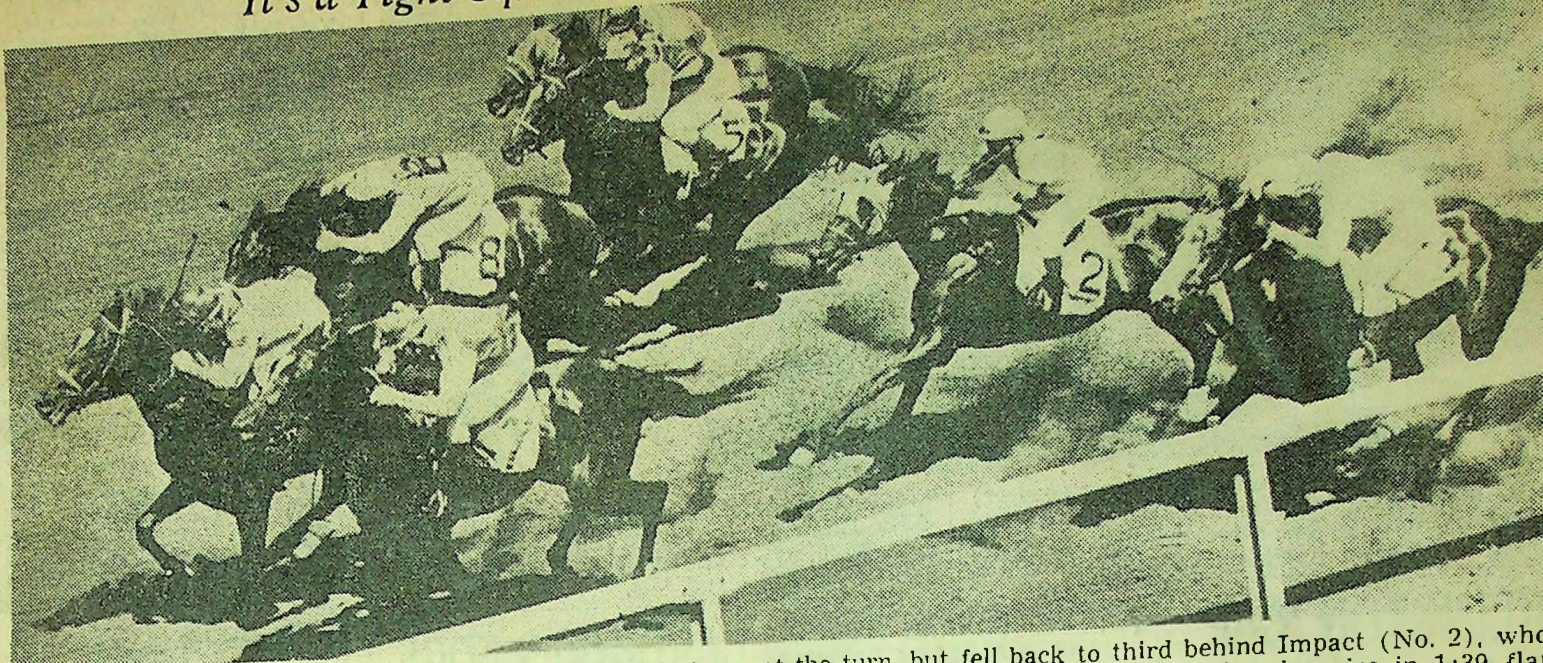
year, and Demon Hanover spent a lot of time jogging on the snow. It must have done him good for he came through in fine shape.

Hoyt didn't start training him until March 20th, 60 to 90 days after the other three-year-olds had settled down to business. That made it a Mad Hatter and March Hare combination if there ever was one. After a spell at Freehold, New Jersey, the Demon was shipped to Roosevelt Raceway in Westbury, Long Island. There, in his first start as a three-year-old, he ran into the sulky of the horse in front of him and finished last. The next day, as Hoyt was coming out of the Bethel post office, he met a neighbor who looked at him reproachfully and inquired, "Has anyone spoken to you yet?" It seems that Bethel had shot the works on Demon Hanover the night before and was in hock for fair.

But the Demon was back on the beam the following week, when he lowered the season's record for age and gait to 2:07½. Then he wrapped up the \$10,000 Matron Stakes for Hoyt. He became the favorite for the Hambletonian in his next race when he finished second against Dutch Harbor, an older trotter, although he had to run second from the rail all the way around the track.

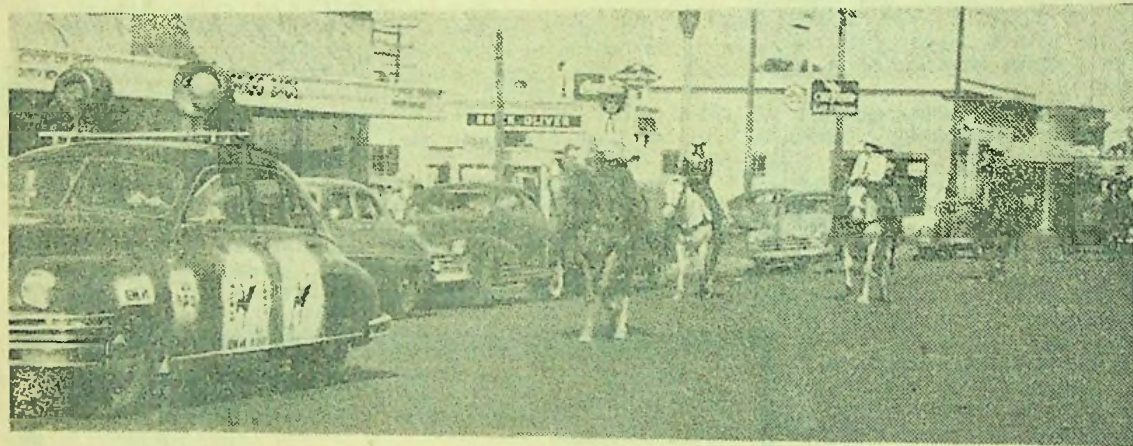
Just before the Hambletonian, Sheppard increased his bid to \$75,000. He still wanted to turn Demon Hanover over to a veteran driver, confident that the homebred trotter would win the stake for Hanover Farm "if properly handled." Poor Hoyt! Nobody had faith in him except his trotters and his fellow townsmen!

It's a Tight Squeeze as the Horses Bank Into Turn



The first turn is a heavily populated area in this race at Arlington Park, and as is so often the case, the first-turn leader couldn't maintain the pace. Rasco (left) is leading by a neck

at the turn, but fell back to third behind Impact (No. 2), who closed in on the inside to breeze under the wire in 1:39 flat over the mile course. Brezno (No. 5) was second. (AP.)



COME TO THE FAIR—This parade at Kennewick Wednesday was staged to launch a campaign in behalf of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, August 19, 20 and 21. A sound car led the procession in which horsemen of the Benton county mounted posse rode to the strains of western music. (Staff photo, Davison engraving)

Western Dance Rodeo Feature

One of the first events of the Benton county rodeo, a western dress-up dance, will be held at Playland Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be by Merle Windler and his D-1 Ranch Hands.

Tickets for the dance were pushed Wednesday afternoon by posse and auxiliary members who roamed up and down Kennewick avenue on horseback. Princess Marian Oliver led the procession with Posse Captain Oren Lande, Mrs. O. P. Miller, Miss Marie Smith, Elmer Smith, Jim Moekler, Orman Gage and M. K. Kahl also riding.

Headquarters for rodeo affairs have been set up in the Lincoln-Mercury showroom at S and J Motors on the corner of Benton and Kennewick. Someone will be there every day except Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. to handle all questions and ticket sales.

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What Gives, Sir?



Aroused from his siesta by a meddling photographer, Vencedor, a well-known Playfair campaigner, looks up with a soulful expression. Vencedor will be one of approximately 700 thoroughbreds which will race at the 33-day Playfair meeting opening September 2.

*This is my ticket that was given
me for the dance that were were
advertising in that picture.*

**HOTEL
MARCUS WHITMAN**



MAID

Please have this room made
up as soon as possible.

*This is a souvenir of our trip to
Spokane for chess people days.
We stayed at the Marcus Whitman
on our way over there after attending
the Daseo Water Sallies.*

*This is a souvenir of our luck at the Kennewick Kiwanis
Club. We were also entertained in Kiwanis Clubs in three other
towns.*

Playfair Favorite to Return to Local Racing Scene



Lighted Way, one of the leading stake winners the last two years at Playfair, will campaign at the Sprague avenue oval again this fall. The Cecil Jolly favorite, now racing at Longacres, is shown here with Mrs. Jolly. At the left is young Gale

Parker, the leading apprentice jockey at Longacres. Eugene Gifford, a close second to Parker, is at the right. Both are expected to ride at Playfair for the 33-day meeting which gets underway September 2.

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Next Tuesday, we expect Colonel William Whipple and some of his staff of engineers to tell us the innermost secrets of our future. He will give us the latest dope on the plans for diking the river here and the plans for the development of the local port district. Everyone will want to gather this information first hand, so plan to be present next Tuesday, sure.

The boys last week tried to "pin something on somebody." Watch Kennewick grow! It means more business for the editor's profession.

Didn't you like the way Fred presented the hospital situation? It was something different from a shop-worn talk that is hard to get away from.

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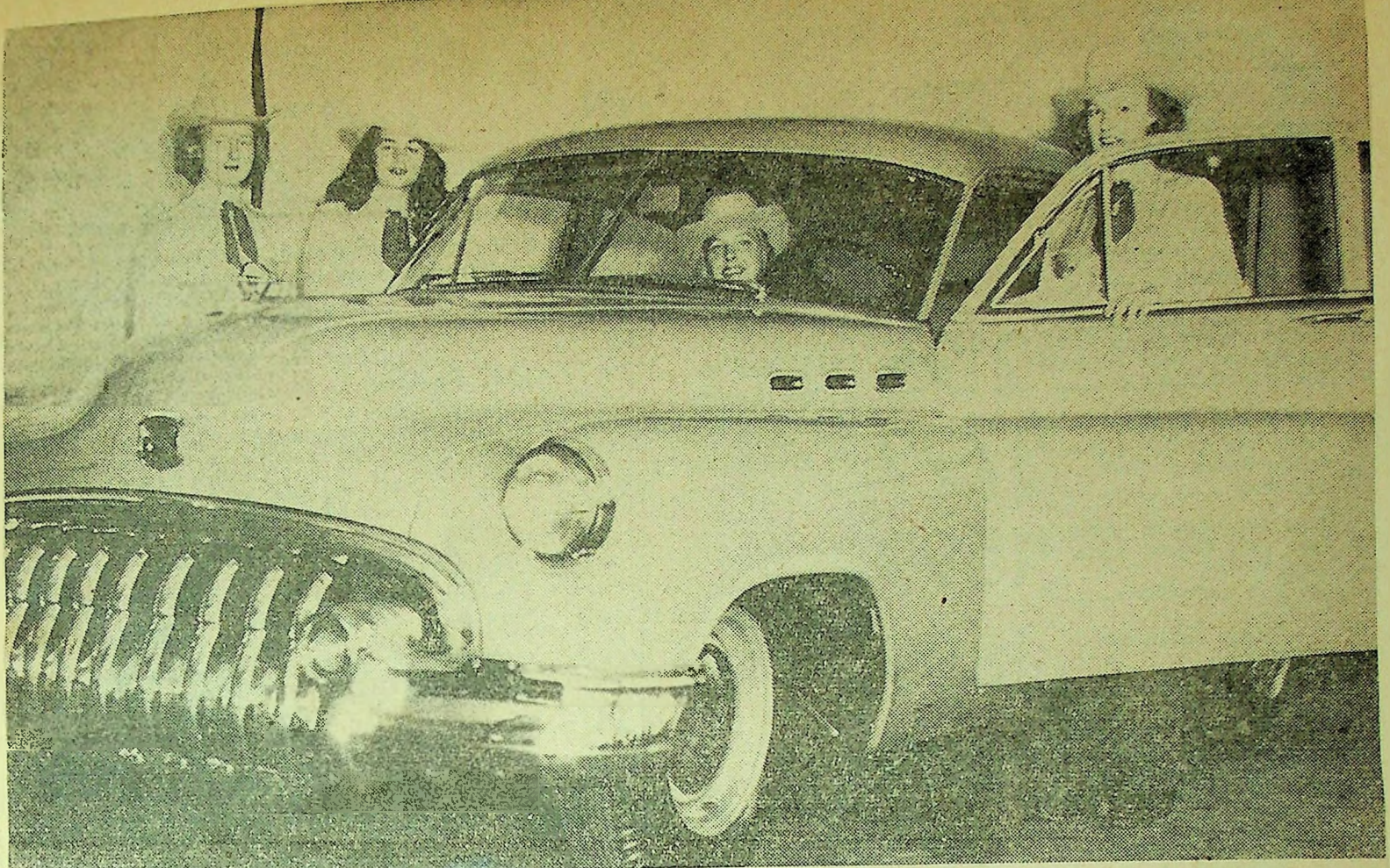
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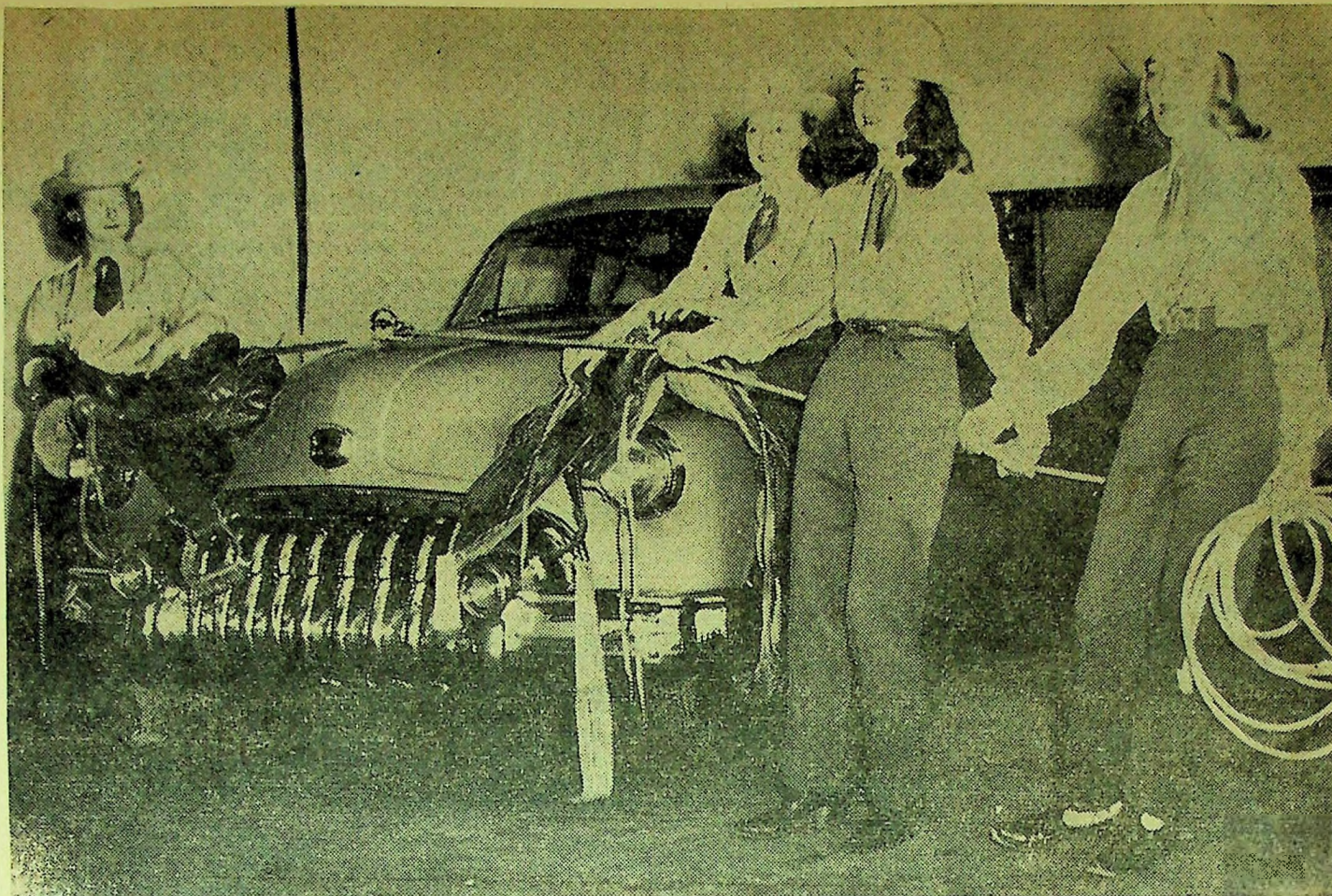


When Real Beauties Meet! Here Queen Barbara and her Royal Companions, look over the new Buick Special unveiled at Seaberg Buick Company, in Pasco, last week. (Left to right) Princess Marilyn Oliver, Queen Barbara, Princess Joi Schlusser and Princess Marilyn Purser.

These are pictures that were in a full page ad we used to advertise the new '50 Buick Special and the Fair and Rodeo of course.



In a recent whirlwind pasear to Pasco to publicize the big Benton County Fair and Days of '49 Rodeo, Queen Barbara Wells and three of her Princesses visited the Seaberg Buick company for the unveiling of the new Buick Special. Here is a bevy of beauties (left to right) Princess Marilyn Purser, Princess Joi Schlusser, Queen Barbara, and Princess Marilyn Oliver.

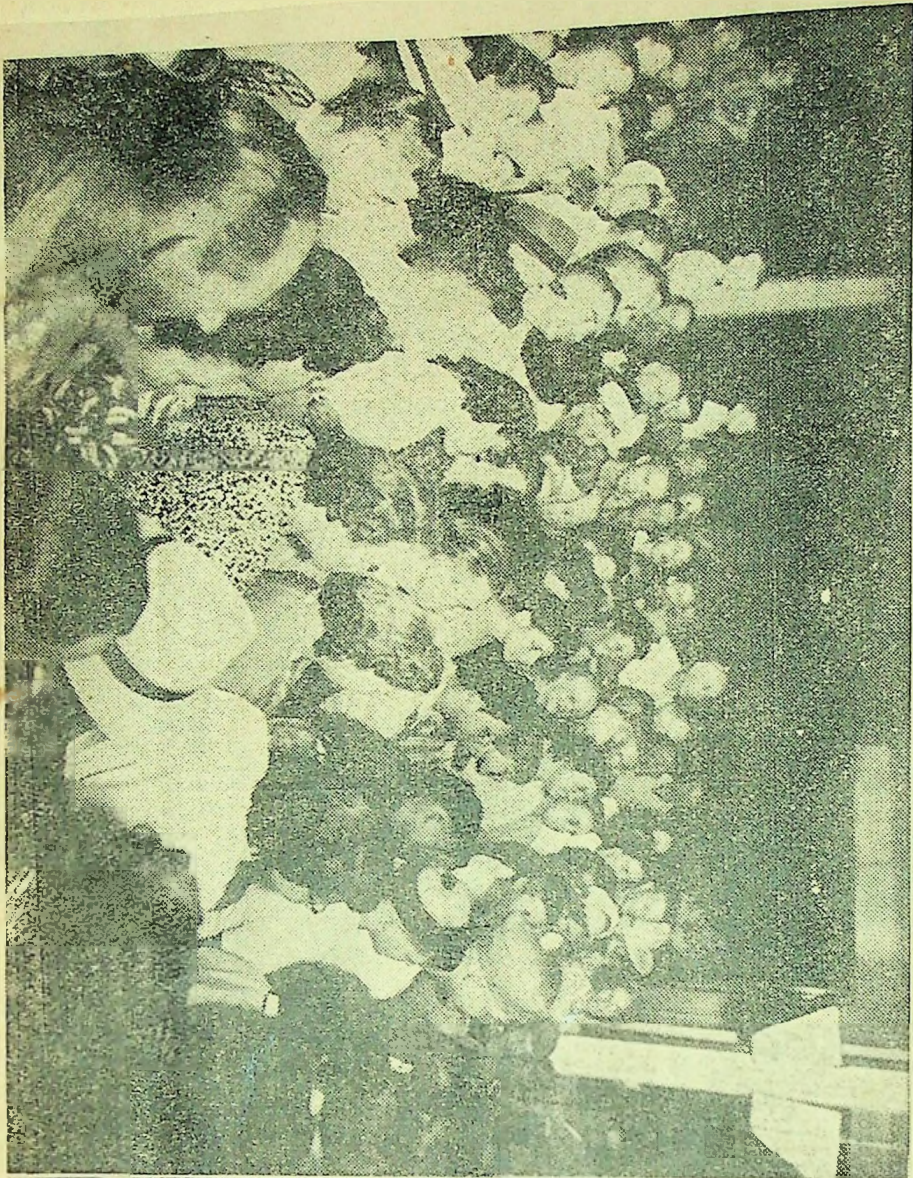


Hold 'er Dynal Benton County Fair and Rodeo Queen Barbara Wells and her Princesses toss their throw ropes on the new Dyna-Flow Buick Special at the Seaberg Buick company in Pasco. The Royal Court descended on Pasco last week to extend an invitation to folk of the neighboring city to visit the Fair and Rodeo, August 19, 20 and 21. Holding their ropes on the "critter," are Queen Barbara and Princess Joi Schlusser while Princesses Marilyn Oliver and Marilyn Purser stand ready to lend a hand.

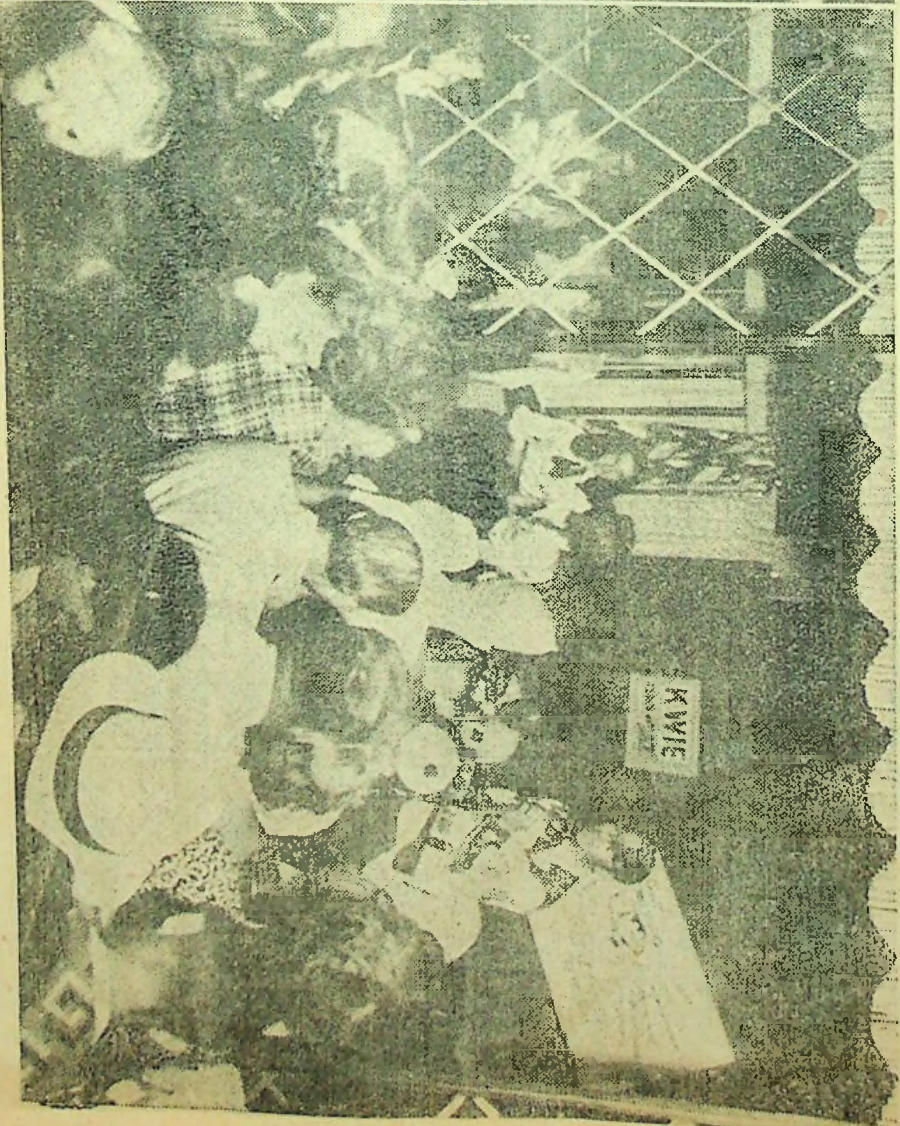


"Visit the Benton County Fair and Days of '49 Rodeo" is the invitation of Queen Barbara and a portion of her Royal Court as the beauties rode into Pasco this week. Here they are, snapped at the Seaberg Buick company where they were present at the unveiling of the new Buick Special. Top (left to right) Princess Marilyn Purser, Chaperone Mrs. Elmer Smith, Queen Barbara. Lower (left to right) Princesses Joi Schlusser and Marilyn Purser.

Here is a scene at the opening of Bud Alden's Talkathon for the benefit of the Kennewick Hospital Fund drive. This photo was taken outside the window of Washington Hardware and Furniture company, where Alden is doing his stint of "talking till he drops." The crowd overflowed into the street, and many had to be content with listening to the show



over the public address system. Alden is at the microphone and the Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo is seen waiting to be interviewed. Alden's talkathon is being staged for the benefit of the Kennewick Hospital Fund drive. (D. K. Randall photo. Herald engraving)



JULY 28, 1949

NOTICE:-(a) Do not remove or change music in folder.
(b) Please return all music at end of concert. Thank you.
Mac

- 1) Star Spangled Banner (Celestial 6)
- 2) March - Invictus
- 3) March - INDIANA STATE
- 4) Three Sacred Themes:-(Celestial 1)
A) Come Thou Almighty King
B) Holy, Holy, Holy
C) My Faith Looks Up To Thee
- 5) March - New Colonial
- 6) Song Fest:-
a) Home, Home On the Range
b) Moonlight & Roses
c) In the Good Old Summer Time
d) I Walk In the Garden Alone
e) When I Get Too Old To Dream
f) Down By The Old Mill Stream
g) Cruising Down the River
- 7) March - King Henry
- 8) Solitude
- 9) Storm King
- 10) America The Beautiful (Celestial 6)

Let me thank sincerely all who are helping to make the Tri-City Concert Band a true success.--Yours, "Mac"

These are souvenirs of
the time we had to
make speeches at the
Band. Concert at
Richland.



Hi-Spot Club
ADULT GUEST CARD

This card certifies that:

Has attended our meeting as a guest

Cecil Morrison
Hi-Spot Club President

This was given me at that
time

FOURTH PRINCESS:-- The Benton County Fair will be carried on as usual this year only in a different location with much better facilities. All exhibits will be under cover. New building is being ^{made} ~~done~~ to take care of Commercial exhibits and permanent roofed sheds will be available for livestock. There is \$2,500 available this year for prize money. Of this amount \$950.00 has been allotted for the 4-H and F.F.A. Division, \$350.00 has been given to the Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture Division, \$400.00 to the Adult Home Economics Division and \$800.00 to the Adult Livestock entries. All Adult Livestock prizes will be paid on a straight dollar and cents basis. The prizes in the other classifications will be given according to the Danish system of judging. As yet the entire evening program has not been fully planned but you will be hearing more about that later, and we shall look forward to seeing you and others from your community at our fair.

Program

Days of '49 Rodeo



August 20-21, 1949

Sponsored by
BENTON COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE

Kennewick -- Washington

This is a copy of the speech that was given to make at the luncheon we attended. I never gave this speech but made up my own of this information giving a different one each time.

**POSSE RODEO QUEEN'S BALL
PLAYLAND---KENNEWICK**

GRAND MARCH at 10 p. m.
Featuring Merle Winder and his D-1 Ranch Hands

Saturday, Aug. 13
Dancing 9 to 12 p. m.

ESTABLISHED PRICE	\$1.00
FEDERAL TAX	.20
COUNTY TAX	.05
TOTAL	\$1.25

This is my couple ticket to the Queen's Ball. Both Rodeo dancers were a couple success.

In the Valley They Liked So Well

Saturday, August 20

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

JUDGES:
IKE FERNANDEZ
FRANCIS WASH

(RCA and IRA RULES APPLY)

ANNOUNCER:
LARRY DANIELS

GRAND ENTRY—Introduction of Guestss. Officials and Contestants.

1. OPENING EVENT—Bareback Riding Exhibition. Horses Coming out of Chutes.
HUGH EDMO CHUCK McGINNIS PETE RICHARDS FROSTY FRAME

2. CALF ROPING—(First Section) Entrance Fee \$25. Purse \$150 Each Day Plus One-half of Entrance Fees. Balance of Entrance Fees in Final Money. Loop Must Pass Over Head of Animal. Tie Any Three Feet. Calf Must Remain Tied Until Flag Drops.

NO. OF ROPER	ROPER'S NAME	NO. OF ROPER	ROPER'S NAME
11.	Bill Hancock	14.	George Pambrum
48.	D. Bergevin	49.	Curtis Tarwater
29.	Chuck Shephard	9.	Bill Hartman
42.	David Wolf	50.	Chuck Erwin
3.	B. L. Smith	27.	Don Lowe
35.	Oral Zumwalt	21.	J. B. McMeans
46.	Larry Frazier	82.	Larry Daniels

3. SADDLE HORSE RACE—Purse \$15 - \$10 - \$5. Quarter Mile. Stock Saddles and Cowboy Regalia.

4. BRONC RIDING—(First Section) Entrance Fee \$20. Total Purse \$300. Day Money \$150 Plus One-half of Entrance Fees. Must Leave Chute with Spurs in Shoulder of Mount and Rake for 10 Seconds. Decision of Judges Final.

NO. OF RIDER	NAME OF RIDER	NO. OF HORSE	NAME OF HORSE
10.	Sam Spahan	26.	Nobody's Darling
85.	George Lowe	24.	Powder Puff
25.	Cecil Bedford	20.	Old Quaker
36.	Glen Miller	22.	Happy Valley
29.	Chuck Sheppard	50.	Reflex
7.	Jack Spurling	83.	High Ridge
24.	Don Mock	33.	Rough Going
55.	John Tubbs	9.	Scar Face

5. CALF ROPING—(Second Section)

NO. OF ROPER	ROPER'S NAME	NO. OF ROPER	ROPER'S NAME
38.	Claude Goff	84.	Jim White
41.	Vic Williams	30.	Ned Dick
12.	Pud Adair	81.	Oscar Linkus
6.	Elliott Calhoun	26.	Clark Maddox
25.	Cecil Bedford	51.	Jim Faught
52.	Howard Barnes	83.	Oran Fore
47.	Dewey Drumheller	60.	Tom Martin

6. BRONC RIDING—(Second Section)

NO. OF RIDER	NAME OF RIDER	NO. OF HORSE	NAME OF HORSE
44.	Jerry Martin	200	Chile Red
58.	Del Kinman	201	Journey On
5.	Laurel Ives	5.	Playmate
32.	Deb Copenhaver	40.	Standby
22.	Asa Lughlin	16.	Detour
18.	Mose Sam	15.	Hart Mountain
33.	Kenny Madland	3.	Hot Seat
11.	Bill Hancock	29.	O-U-Tex
59.	Lee Pennell	57.	Vacancy

69. Red Roses

RE-RIDE HORSES
202. Haphazard

145. Lunatic

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24.	Don Mock	81.	Oscar Linkus
45.	Joe Cary	4.	Dwight Maddux
39.	Ed Reynolds		

8. POSSE RELAY—Organized Riding Groups Only.

9. TRICK RIDING EXHIBITION—On Track.

Francis Stiller, Walla Walla, Wash.

"Button" Woods, Redmond, Ore.

10. BULLDOGGING—(Second Section)

NO. OF ENTRANT	ENTRANT'S NAME	NO. OF ENTRANT	ENTRANT'S NAME
29.	Shuck Sheppard	2.	Jiggs Lael
54.	Ed Burlingame	9.	Bill Hartman
6.	Elliott Calhoun	38.	Claude Goff
31.	Harold Eggers	35.	Oral Zumwalt
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8.	Sam Jory	38.	Claude Goff

12. BRAHMA BULL RIDING—Entrance Fee \$20. Day Money \$150 Plus One-half Entrance Fees. Balance of Entrance Fees in Final Money. One Hand on Loose Rope. Eight Second Ride.

RIDER'S NO.	NAME OF RIDER	NO. OF BULL	NAME OF BULL
20.	Smoky Etherton	5.	High Brow
33.	Ken Madland	29.	Blue Beard
7.	Jack Spurling	33.	Cream Puff
2.	Jiggs Lael	11.	Amos
23.	Harold Olson	16.	King Kong
82.	Larry Daniels	77.	Mousy
56.	Al Coyle	13.	Alkali
17.	Troy Shockley	6.	U. S.
77.	Chuck McGinnis	30.	Tagerag
57.	Bob Maynard	32.	Double Trouble
32.	Deb Copenhaver	59.	Trader Horn

Mr. Scott brings the Kiwanis return program from Richland today. It is a rare privilege to have this outstanding, thought provoking presentation. ***

Next Tuesday, we expect Colonel William Whipple and some of his staff of engineers to tell us the innermost secrets of our future. He will give us the latest dope on the plans for diking the river here and the plans for the development of the local port district. Everyone will want to gather this information first hand, so plan to be present next Tuesday, sure. ***

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BENTON COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY: The coming weekend will bring the girls shown above into the spotlight at Kennewick where the Benton county fair will be held in connection with a two-day rodeo. Third girl from left is Queen Barbara Wells of Richland. Princesses, left to right, are: Marilyn Oliver, Kennewick; Joi Slusher, Richland; Marilyn Purser, Ringold; and Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser.—K. Dobbins, photo, Davison engraving)



Miss Marilyn Oliver
401 1st Ave.
Kennewick, Wash.

"Daily Double" at Longacres



One of the features at Longacres this season is this Albert Forshaw pair—Ab Jr., winner of the Longacres derby trial, and another Ab Jr., the 7-year-old son of the owner.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON



In the Valley They Liked So Well They Named It Twice

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WALLA WALLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

23 August 1949

Miss Marilyn Oliver
401 1st Ave.
Kennewick, Wash.

Dear Miss Oliver:

As a part of the program for the 1949 Southeastern Washington Silver Jubilee Fair, the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Fair Association is pleased to invite you to be its guest for the Hiyu Wawa program on Friday night, September 2, and the parade on Saturday morning, September 3. The invitation is extended to you as a Princess of the Benton County Fair.

Enclosed is a statement outlining the program for guests who accept this invitation. We would like to hear from you not later than on August 31 as to whether or not you can accept this invitation.

If you accept the invitation, we should know (1) whether or not you will remain overnight on Friday, (2) whether or not you will take part in the Parade on Saturday and will be riding your own horse or will want to ride in an open car furnished by us.

We hope you can accept this invitation and shall do our utmost to make it a pleasant occasion so you will enjoy yourself in Walla Walla.

Sincerely,

W. E. Berney

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President
Chamber of Commerce

M. R. Loney

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President
Fair Association

Note: Address reply to Dorothe Blackman, Chamber of Commerce, Walla Walla. Thank you.

Done

The Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the South-eastern Washington Fair is inviting queens and princesses of the following community events to be guests in Walla Walla for the Hiya Wawa show and other Fair features Friday and Saturday, September 2 and 3:

Pomeroy Downs	Pasco Water Follies
Dayton Days	Umatilla County Fair
Waitsburg Days of Real Sport	Chief Joseph Days
Milton-Freewater Pea Festival	Pendleton Round-Up
Elgin Stampede	Benton County Fair
Eastern Oregon Livestock Show	

The girls will take part in the Friday evening program as the visiting court for the crowning of the queen, and will remain over for the Saturday morning parade and attend the Saturday afternoon and evening programs if they wish.

The program of events will be as follows:

Friday, September 2

- 3:30 P.M. Register with committee at Marcus Whitman Hotel, assignment of hotel rooms for Friday night accommodations.
- 4:00 P.M. Rehearsal at the Fair Grounds. Transportation from hotel to Fair Grounds by bus.
- 5:30 P.M. Return to Marcus Whitman Hotel.
- 6:00 P.M. Reception with Fairest Farmerette Carol Cox and others to be attended by visiting queens and princesses, Walla Walla host couples and officials. Dinner will be at Marcus Whitman Hotel. Visiting girls are to wear long formal dresses, color and style of their own choice, to the dinner and the evening show.
- 7:45 P.M. To the Fair Grounds by car and participation in the Hiya Wawa show.
- Midnight: Lights out.

Saturday, September 3

- ~~11:00~~ 10:30 A.M. Parade. Queens and princesses who want to ride with their own groups should have horses furnished by their own group and those should be at the Fair Grounds by 10 A.M. Others will ride in open cars. Girls riding in cars should again wear formal dresses.

After the parade, visiting girls are free to go as they wish. They may either return home or attend either the afternoon performance or the night rodeo for which tickets will be provided upon request.

INFORMATION FOR QUEENS AND PRINCESSES

INVITED TO THE S. E. WASH. FAIR

CLOTHING:

Girls should wear skirts, slacks, jeans or something informal when reporting in Friday afternoon for rehearsal at the Fair Grounds. Other clothing should include the formal dresses and something informal to wear Saturday afternoon and evening, if remaining for the Fair.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Friday evening introductions. Each group will be introduced as a group, the communities being listed alphabetically.

CHAPERONES OR PARENTS

The Chamber of Commerce would welcome one official chaperone with each group as such is desired and would like to have that individual as a guest for the Friday evening dinner, reception and show. The proper official of the particular community event should notify the Chamber of Commerce office in Walla Walla as to any choice made in this connection. If such individual or individuals care to remain over night it would be entirely at their option. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winn will be in charge of chaperones including those who will be over night guests at the hotel on Friday.

LENGTH OF STAY:

It is entirely optional with any invited guests as to whether or not they remain over Friday night and attend any portion of Saturday's program.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Dorothe Blackman, Chamber of Commerce office in Walla Walla, telephone 242.



